

DOMESTIC NEWS

It was another nonchalant session yesterday, that saw the USDKES pair stuck within now familiar ranges.

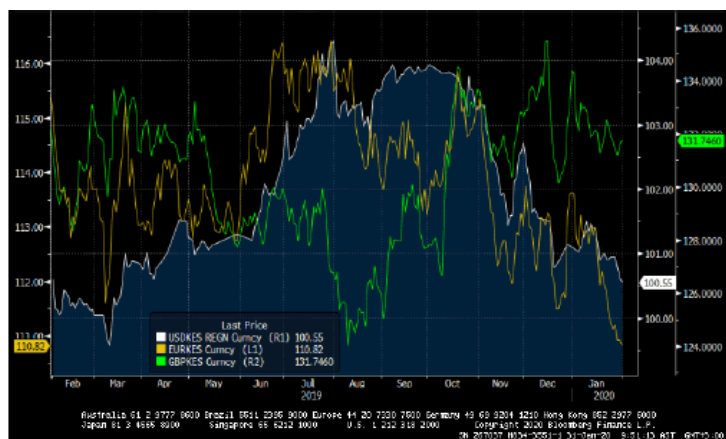
Market remained calm throughout the day with little activity reported on both the demand and supply counters. An uptick in foreign currency demand in late afternoon trading saw the home unit close the session a mere 5cents lower than the previous day.

Expectations remain largely for the home currency to trade within the present channel for the remainder of the week, barring any fresh factors coming into play.

Amounts "100,000"	Today's Opening	
	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	105.45	119.05
GBP/KES	142.20	159.70
EUR/KES	122.30	143.10
JPY/KES	99.00	117.80

Forward Rate(USD)(1 month)	
BUY	105.65
SELL	118.85
3 Months	
Buy	106.05
SELL	118.95

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change bps
Interbank Rate	4.09%	4.14%	+5.00
91-Day T-bill	6.706%	6.730%	+2.4
182-Day T-bill	7.152%	7.193%	+4.1
364-Day T-bill	8.094%	8.151%	+5.7
Inflation	4.36%	4.20%	-16.00



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The greenback rose for a fourth straight session in Wednesday's session, supported by deterioration in risk sentiment and higher U.S. Treasury yields. However, its gains were tempered by positive vaccine news and prospects of more U.S. fiscal stimulus next year. The U.S. Dollar Index (DXY) closed the day above 91.00, the highest in two days.

The euro dropped to a weekly low against the dollar ahead of the European Central Bank (ECB) meeting later today. Markets stayed jittery amid no breakthrough in the U.K.-E.U. high-level Brexit talks.

The pound posted strong gains against the dollar and shot to a weekly high intraday. The positive momentum followed comments by U.K. Cabinet minister, Michael Gove, who said there could be scope for compromise on fishing rights. German Chancellor Angela Merkel further hinted that the E.U. would be willing to compromise on the level-playing field.

Earlier this morning, the Yen was on the back foot against a resurgent dollar amid deadlocked U.S. fiscal relief negotiations and an elusive Brexit deal agreement.

Indicative Deposit Rates			
Amounts > KES 20 million	Amounts > 100,000		
	KES	USD	EURO
Call	2.75%	0.25%	0.00%
1 month	4.70%	0.25%	0.00%
3 months	5.00%	0.35%	0.00%
6 months	5.25%	0.50%	0.00%

Indicative Cross Rates		
	Buy	Sell
EUR	1.1150	1.2550
GBP	1.2360	1.3760
JPY	99.85	114.8
CHF	0.8250	0.9650

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