

## DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya shilling edged higher against the U.S. dollar in Wednesday's session on account of sustained foreign currency supply.

The home unit continued its bullish trajectory in early trading as dollar inflows from corporate players inundated the market, where it consolidated to close 25 cents stronger versus the greenback at the closing bell.

We see the home unit trading within recent ranges albeit with a bullish tinge as foreign currency inflows continue to feed feeble demand for the dollar.

Amounts "100,000"	Today's Opening		Forward Rate(USD)(1 month)	
	Buy TT	Sell TT	BUY	SELL
USD/KES	100.90	109.80		102.10
GBP/KES	140.90	153.40		111.25
EUR/KES	118.65	131.75	<b>3 Months</b>	
JPY/KES	92.90	102.55	Buy	103.05
			SELL	113.55

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change bps
Interbank Rate	4.76%	4.53%	-23.00
91-Day T-bill	7.115%	7.139%	+ 2.40
182-Day T-bill	7.925%	7.989%	+ 6.40
364-Day T-bill	9.460%	9.474%	+1.40
Inflation	4.67%	5.90%	+12.00



Source: Bloomberg

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. dollar rose against other major currencies on Wednesday amid signs that the American economy is recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic. April U.S. ADP Employment Change rose to 742 thousand from 565 thousand the previous month, while ISM non-manufacturing PMI dipped to 62.7 in April from an all-time high of 63.7, but was still a strong showing overall.

The euro struggled against the greenback despite a robust Eurozone PMI composite figure for April, which beat forecasts and rose to 53.8, a confidence boost in the Eurozone's economy as key countries begin to ease lockdown measures. However, market remains cautious, as the E.U. has suffered several spikes of Covid-19 this year.

Cable remained supported by economic optimism surrounding the U.K.'s recovery from coronavirus. The next stage of lockdown easing on 17 May will see indoor hospitality, including bars and restaurants, reopen.

Earlier today, Japan reopened its markets after a 5-day holiday, where the yen traded within a range against the dollar despite a jump in Asian shares.

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	1.1205	1.2805
GBP	1.3105	1.4705
JPY	104.35	114.35
CHF	0.8340	0.9940

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