

# GLOBAL MARKETS

## DAILY MARKET NEWS



### Wednesday, October 29, 2025

The Kenyan shilling held steady against the U.S. dollar on Tuesday in a quiet start to the trading week, supported by foreign currency inflows that offset moderate demand for dollars from importers. Market activity overall remained subdued.

The shilling is expected to hold steady in the near term, with light trading volumes and balanced market flows keeping the USD/KES pair confined to a narrow range

#### Domestic Market Developments

#### International News

##### US market.

In a volatile session, the U.S. dollar posted modest gains as traders remained cautious ahead of Wednesday's Federal Reserve meeting, where a 25-basis-point rate cut is already fully priced in. Traders will be looking for a commentary from Fed Chair Jerome Powell for further cues on rates.

The Fed's interest rate decision will remain the focus, alongside weekly data releases including MBA Mortgage Applications, Pending Home Sales, and the EIA's report on U.S. crude oil inventories.

##### Eurozone & UK markets

The pound slipped against the dollar and Euro on Tuesday as UK's fiscal backdrop was brought back ahead of a closely-watched budget which is about one month away. There was news that Office for Budget responsibility's plan to cut its productivity forecast by 0.3% which automatically widens the fiscal hole thereby weighing on the Sterling.

The EUR/USD was overall weaker pressured by easing U.S.-China tensions. Market attention remains on the Federal Reserve, which is widely expected to deliver a 25-basis-point rate cut.

##### Japan market

The Japanese yen firmed further, fueled by intervention fears and growing bets on a potential Bank of Japan rate hike. Traders are closely watching Thursday's BoJ policy announcement especially as it grapples with bets on looser Japanese fiscal policy under Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi and following the FOMC decision, for cues on the next directional move.

#### Short-end market Rates

Country				
91 Day T-Bill	7.891%	10.38%	7.49%	6.38%
182 Day T-bill	7.9301%	13.43%	8.47%	6.06%
364 Day T-bill	9.5406%	15.25%	8.91%	7.28%
Inflation Rate	4.58%	3.80%	3.20%	7.30%
Interbank	9.5097%	9.79%	6.31%	6.50%

#### Quotes on the major currencies.

	Buy	Sell
USD	125.00	133.50
EUR	140.98	160.68
GBP	162.94	181.34
CHF	152.89	171.42
JPY	78.28	90.19
ZAR	6.33	9.80
CAD	86.05	99.02
UGX	0.0288	0.0539
TZS	0.0454	0.0684
AED	33.35	38.86
RWF	0.0684	0.1303

#### Indicative Deposit rates

Amounts > KES 20 million		Amounts > 100,000	
Tenor	KES	USD	EUR
Call	3.15%	0.95%	0.0%
1 month	4.70%	2.10%	0.35%
3 months	4.75%	2.10%	0.40%
6 months	4.75%	2.20%	0.40%

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