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DAILY MARKET NEWS



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Domestic Market Developments

The Kenya Shilling remained steady versus the U.S dollar in Thursday's trading. Foreign currency demand and supply remained well-matched during the session, leaving the USDKES pair unchanged from its opening levels.

We anticipate the home unit to trade within its recent range ahead of the weekend, with price direction largely driven by supply and demand conditions in the absence of other significant catalysts.

International News

US market.

The dollar index fell 0.53% on Thursday, with upbeat U.S GDP and jobs data failing to prop the American currency, as markets sustained prospects Fed easing rates. U.S Bureau of Economic Analysis revealed Q3 2025 Gross Domestic Product figures rose by 4.4% year on year, exceeding expectations of 4.3% and up from 3.8% in Q2. Core PCE inflation rose 0.2% month on month in November, in line with expectations and unchanged from October, while Initial Jobless Claims data showed that fewer Americans filed for unemployment benefits last week.

Eurozone & UK markets

The EUR/USD currency pair rallied as risk appetite improved following U.S President Donald Trump's remarks on ditching tariffs threats on Europe. European Central Bank monetary policy accounts indicated that there was reduced urgency for policymakers to adjust interest rates, as officials noted that the inflation indicators remained within the central bank's 2% medium-term goal.

The Pound Sterling traded higher as a de-escalation of the trade-war between the US and Europe improved market sentiment. Attention now turns to UK Retail Sales data for December.

Japan market

The yen continued softening against the dollar, following the release of Japanese inflation data in Friday's early Asian session. Printed data by the Japan Statistics Bureau indicated Japan's National Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 2.1% year on year in December, compared to the previous reading of 2.9%. The Bank of Japan remained optimistic, raising economic and inflation forecasts, and reiterating a pledge to continue tightening policy. Investors now await further cues from Governor Kazuo Ueda's press conference regarding the expected timing of the BoJ's next rate hike.

Short-end market Rates

Country				
91 Day T-Bill	7.73%	11.50%	7.49%	7.44%
182 Day T-bill	7.79%	13.50%	8.47%	7.58%
364 Day T-bill	9.20%	14.90%	8.91%	8.43%
Inflation Rate	4.49%	3.20%	3.20%	7.10%
Interbank	8.98%	9.78%	5.92%	6.85%

Quotes on the major currencies.

	Buy	Sell
USD	125.00	133.50
EUR	141.68	161.56
GBP	165.28	183.78
CHF	153.38	171.77
JPY	75.49	86.71
ZAR	6.28	10.78
CAD	88.00	100.69
UGX	0.0284	0.0570
TZS	0.0438	0.0662
AED	30.62	41.80
RWF	0.0514	0.1299

Indicative Deposit rates

Amounts > KES 20 million		Amounts > 100,000	
Tenor	KES	USD	GBP
Call	3.15%	0.85%	0.0%
1 month	4.60%	2.10%	0.05%
3 months	4.60%	2.10%	0.05%
6 months	4.60%	2.00%	0.00%

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