

## TREASURY MARKET UPDATE 3RD JULY 2018

## **DOMESTIC NEWS**

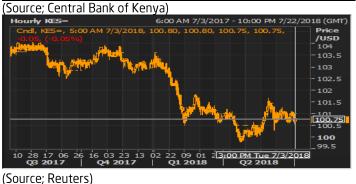
The Kenyan shilling strengthened marginally against the US dollar on Monday due to tight liquidity in the local money markets and reduced demand for the greenback from oil importers and manufacturers. The local unit traded at 100.75/95, compared to Friday's close of 100.80/101.00. We expect the shilling to remain relatively stable in the short term with muted demand for the dollar from importers being matched by health inflows from the horticulture sector.

Meanwhile, Kenya's economy expanded at an annualized rate of 5.7% in the first quarter of this year, compared with 4.8% in the same period of last year. The significant acceleration in growth was mainly attributable to improved weather conditions and a boost in business and consumer confidence after the conclusion of general elections in 2017. The agriculture sector expanded by 5.2%, compared to 1% in the same period last year. The finance ministry expects growth to rebound to 5.8% this year after 4.9% in 2017.

## **Indicative Forex rates**

	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	97.35	104.35	98.35	103.35
GBP/KES	128.45	136.45	128.95	135.95
EUR/KES	113.80	120.80	114.30	120.30
AED/KES	25.95	28.95	25.95	28.95

Money Market Rates	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate	6.5895%	6.5337%	0.056
91-Day T-bill	7.733%	7.725%	0.008
182-Day T-Bill	9.607%	9.666%	-0.059
364-Day T-Bill	10.488%	10.537%	-0.049
Inflation	4.28%	3.95%	0.330
CBR RATE	9.50%	10.00%	-0.500



## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

The US dollar started the third quarter on a positive note on Monday, benefiting from mounting global trade tensions and political developments in Europe, as investors scooped up the greenback as a safe-haven bet. Tension is growing ahead of a July 6 deadline when Washington is due to impose \$34 billion of tariffs on Chinese exports, with two surveys of Chinese manufacturing out in the last few days showing a softening in activity, partly due to softness in exports

The dollar index, which measures the dollar against six major global currencies, rose 0.3% to close at 94.90.

The euro fell 0.4% to close at \$1.1630 as rising concerns over an escalation in the trade dispute between the United States and it's partners sapped demand. The single currency also received a setback after German Chancellor Angela Merkel was dealt a fresh blow when her interior minister offered to quit in an escalating row over migration policy.

The sterling pound also fell toward an eight-month low against the dollar on Monday after stronger-than-expected manufacturing sector data failed to temper investors' concerns about a Brexit cabinet meeting later in the week. The pound has slumped recently because of weakness in the economy, a resurgent U.S. dollar and fears that Prime Minister Theresa May will run out of time to agree a deal with the European Union for life after Britain leaves the bloc next year. The British currency was down 0.7% against the dollar to close at \$1.3130.

Elsewhere, global oil prices fell on Monday as supplies from Saudi Arabia and Russia rose while economic growth stumbled in Asia amid escalating trade disputes with the United States. Brent crude, the international benchmark for oil prices, fell \$0.70 from the previous session to settle at \$77.70 a barrel.

Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits						
Amounts > 10 N	1illion	Amounts >100,000				
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Call	7.00%	2.00%				
1 Month	8.50%	2.25%				
3 Months	9.25%	2.75%				
6 Months	9.50%	3.25%				
1 year	10.00%	3.50%				
Indicative Cross Rates						
Bid		Offer				
EUR/USD	1.1580	1.1680				
GBP/USD	1.3080	1.3180				
USD/AED	3.6675	3.6785				
USD/JPY 110.35		111.35				

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