

## TREASURY MARKET UPDATE 16TH DECEMBER 2021

## **DOMESTIC NEWS**

Kenya's shilling was under pressure against the dollar on Wednesday as importer dollar demand exceeded limited supplies. According to the traders the shilling will remain under pressure and the levels of imports surge with the approaching festivities.

Commercial banks quoted the shilling at 112.90/113.10 to the dollar compared with Monday's close of 112.85/113.05.

In other news fuel prices will remain unchanged the monthly review to January 14, offering motorists and households a reprieve ahead of the Christmas and New Year festivities.

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra) Tuesday evening retained pump prices at Sh129.72 and Sh110.60 per litre of super and diesel respectively in Nairobi. Kerosene to retail at Sh103.54.

On commodities locally Maize millers have written to the Ministry of Agriculture warning of an impending price increase of flour following a fall in available maize stocks in the market that has pushed up the cost of a 90-kilo bag of the grain.

## **Indicative Forex Rates**

	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	109.40	116.40	110.90	115.90
GBP/KES	145.55	153.55	145.25	153.95
EUR/KES	123.02	130.92	123.82	131.32
AED/KES	29.24	32.34	28.74	32.74

Money Market	Current	Previous	Change
Rates			
Interbank Rate	4.370%	4.350%	-0.020
91-Day T-bill	7.280%	7.232%	0.048
182-Day T-Bill	7.984%	7.854%	0.130
364-Day T-Bill	9.091%	9.016%	0.075
Inflation	5.800%	6.450%	-0.650
CBR RATE	7.000%	7.000%	0.000

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

LIBOR Rates	USD	EUR	GBP
6 Months	0.27625	-0.56157	0.26900
12 months	0.46550	-0.49686	0.62663

(Source: Reuters)



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## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

The U.S. dollar rose on Wednesday after the U.S. Federal Reserve said it would end its pandemic-era bond purchases in March and paved the way for three quarter-percentage-point interest rate increases in 2022.

The dollar index was up 0.2% for the day to 96.737 shortly after the announcement.

Fed officials also forecast that inflation would run at 2.6% next year, compared to the 2.2% projected as of September.

The move in the index against major currencies came at the expense of the euro, the Japanese yen and British pound, among others. Before the announcement, the dollar had been trading in a narrowly through the day and close to its highest levels in more than a year.

The British pound's early gains fizzled on Wednesday as investors moved to the sidelines before a Federal Reserve statement that might signal a more hawkish policy shift, potentially boosting the dollar.

Some analysts expect the Federal Reserve to announce that it will move more quickly to end its pandemic-era bond purchases, a precursor to raising interest rates. Money markets currently expect the Fed to raise rates at least twice in 2022.

Against a broadly strong dollar, sterling edged 0.1% lower at \$1.3220 after being up as much as 0.4% earlier on higher-than-expected inflation data before a Bank of England policy meeting on Thursday.

Indicative Pro	fit Rates on Deposit	ts		
Amounts > 10 million		Amounts >100,000		
KES		USD		
2 Weeks	6.00%	0.25%		
1 Month	6.25%	0.50%		
3 Months	6.50%	0.75%		
6 Months	6.75%	1.00%		
1 year	7.00%	1.25%		
Indicative Cross Rates				
Bid		Offer		
EUR/USD	1.1123	1.1469		
GBP/USD	1.3135	1.3651		
USD/AED	3.6655	3.6899		
USD/JPY	108.35	116.79		

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