

TREASURY MARKET UPDATE 11TH APRIL 2022

DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya shilling was unchanged on Friday, but it was forecast to weaken undermined by increased importer dollar demand and generally stronger dollar on global markets. Commercial banks quoted the shillings at 115.25/45 compared to Thursday's close of 115.20/40.

In other market news Interest rates on fixed deposit accounts rose to an 18month high of 6.61 percent in February, indicating increased demand by commercial banks for funds to expand their lending activities. Data from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) shows the deposit rate rose from 6.47 percent in February 2021.It is the highest since the 6.64 percent recorded in August 2020. The rise follows a drop in the growth rate of the deposits in the three months to December compared to the previous quarter, forcing banks to increase rates to attract.

Indicative Forex Rates

	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	111.85	118.85	113.35	118.35
GBP/KES	146.13	154.13	145.83	154.53
EUR/KES	121.14	129.04	121.94	129.44
AED/KES	29.90	32.90	29.40	33.40

Money Market	Current	Previous	Change
Rates			
Interbank Rate		4.77%	-0.020
91-Day T-bill	7.377%	7.302%	0.019
182-Day T-Bill	8.219%	8.164%	0.030
364-Day T-Bill	9.743%	9.752%	0.015
Inflation	5.560%	5.080%	0.480
CBR RATE	7.000%	7.000%	0.000

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP
6 Months	1.54043	0.04823	1.48210
12 months	2.27157	-	-

(Source: Reuters)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar was up on Monday morning in Asia, with the euro starting the week off strong as incumbent Emmanuel Macron led in the first round of voting in the French presidential election. Other moves were small as investors await central bank policy decisions in Europe, Canada, New Zealand, and South Korea. The U.S. Dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies edged up 0.13% to 99.882 by 11:27 PM ET (3:27 AM GMT).

On the other hand, euro briefly climbed as high as \$1.0955 amid thin trading at the Asian session open, before settling about 0.15% higher than Friday's close at \$1.0890. The single currency also gained against the pound and the yen.

In the Commodities market, Oil prices slipped \$2 a barrel in early Asian trading on Monday, following a second straight weekly decline after world consumers announced plans to release a record volume of crude and oil products from strategic stocks and as China lockdowns continued.

Brent crude fell \$2.04, or 2%, to \$100.74 a barrel at 0139 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude lost \$1.94, or 2%, to \$96.32. Last week, Brent dropped 1.5% while U.S. oil slid 1%. For several weeks, the benchmarks have been at their most volatile since June 2020.

The market has been watching developments in China, where authorities have kept Shanghai, a city of 26 million people, locked down under its "zero tolerance" for COVID-19. China is the world's biggest oil importer.

Amounts > 10 million		Amounts >100,000
	KES	USD
2 Weeks	6.55%	0.35%
1 Month	6.75%	0.55%
3 Months	7.00%	0.80%
6 Months	7.50%	1.25%
1 year	8.00%	1.75%
Indicative Cros	s Rates	
	Bid	Offer
EUR/USD	1.0105	1.1452
GBP/USD	1.2986	1.3337
USD/AED	3.6129	3.6939
USD/JPY	117.75	125.98

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