

TREASURY MARKET UPDATE 1ST AUGUST 2022

DOMESTIC NEWS

Kenya shilling edged down on Friday due to increased importer dollar demand especially from oil marketing companies. Commercial banks quoted the shillings at 118.80/90 per dollar compared to Thursday close of 118.70/90.

In other local news, Kenyan manufacturers are quietly downsizing their packages and product sizes without lowering prices as they embrace shrinkflation in the wake of sharp rice in cost of production.

Business Daily research has found that the phenomenon - borrowed from elsewhere in the world - is quickly catching up across almost all product categories from toilet paper, yoghurt, bread to confectionary.

Experts said last week shrinkflation is not a new phenomenon. The practice becomes more common during periods of high inflation, as businesses struggle to keep up with rising expenses for ingredients, packaging, labour, and transportation (Business daily)

Indicative Forex Rates

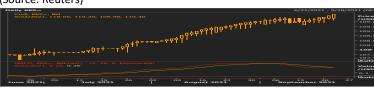
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	115.60	126.10	115.10	126.60
GBP/KES	141.12	155.62	140.32	155.12
EUR/KES	117.37	137.27	117.17	135.77
AED/KES	30.92	36.92	30.42	37.92

Money Market	Current	Previous	Change	
Rates				
Interbank Rate	5.350%	5.470%	0.120	
91-Day T-bill	8.399%	8.322%	0.077	
182-Day T-Bill	9.392%	9.393%	0.001	
364-Day T-Bill	9.946%	9.968%	0.022	
Inflation	7.910%	7.080%	0.830	
CBR RATE	7.500%	7.500%	0.000	
Source: Central Bank of Kenya)				

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LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP
6 Months	3.32986	0.04330	2.45970
12 months	3.70729	-	-

(Source: Reuters)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar dropped to a three-week low in choppy trading on Friday, as investor concerns about recession outweighed inflation worries, for now, amid a mixed batch of economic data.

There was also a lot of month-end position-squaring, analysts said. Earlier, U.S. economic numbers showed that inflation continued its red-hot rise in June, keeping the Federal Reserve on track to raise interest rates as aggressively as it deems necessary.

The dollar initially rose on the inflation numbers, but gains fizzled amid the final University of Michigan report showing consumers' inflation expectations slipped in July.

In afternoon trading, the dollar index, a measure of its value against six major currencies, slid 0.3% to 105.89. Earlier, it slid to a three-week trough of 105.53.

Oil prices dropped on Monday, as weak manufacturing data from China and Japan for July weighed on the outlook for demand, while investors braced for this week's meeting of officials from OPEC and other top producers on supply adjustments.

Brent crude futures were down \$1.19, or 1.1%, at \$102.78 a barrel at 0212 GMT. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude was at \$97.19 a barrel, down \$1.43, or 1.5%.

Copper prices sank on Monday after weak Chinese factory data pointed to slowing demand for the metal, while gold prices steadied around three-week highs.

As of 09:13 pm ET (0113 GMT), Copper Futures fell 1.2% to \$3.5503 a pound- near their lowest level in over one year.

Chinese factory output unexpectedly shrank in July as fresh curbs in the wake of rising COVID-19 cases dented economic activity. The official purchasing managers index (PMI) came in at 49 for July, below expectations of 50.4, and June's reading of 50.2.

Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits

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Amounts > 10 million		Amounts >100,000		
KES		USD		
2 Weeks	6.00%	0.35%		
1 Month	6.55%	0.55%		
3 Months	7.00%	0.80%		
6 Months	7.50%	1.25%		
1 year	8.00%	1.75%		
Indicative Cross Rates				
Bid		Offer		
EUR/USD	1.0120	1.0525		
GBP/USD	1.1079	1.2429		
USD/AED	3.6528	3.6931		
USD/JPY	134.50	138.30		

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