

TREASURY MARKET UPDATE 7TH APRIL 2022

DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya shilling was unchanged on Wednesday, but it was forecast to weaken due to increased dollar demand from the manufacturing and energy. Commercial banks quoted the local currency at 115.05/115.25 per dollar same as Tuesday's session close.

In other market news the Treasury has raised Sh33.1 billion from the sale of the three-year bond, falling below the target of Sh40 billion. The paper was being auctioned alongside a 15-year bond which is still on sale until April 19. The longer-dated paper seeks to raise Sh30 billion.

The Central Bank of Kenya, the government's fiscal agent, had received bids of Sh34 billion on the three-year bond and rejected Sh908 million.

Indicative Forex Rates

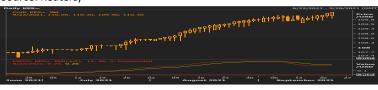
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	111.80	118.80	113.30	118.30
GBP/KES	146.82	154.82	146.52	155.22
EUR/KES	121.44	129.34	122.24	129.74
AED/KES	29.89	32.89	29.39	33.39

Money Market Rates	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate	4.77%	4.79%	-0.020
91-Day T-bill	7.302%	7.283%	0.019
182-Day T-Bill	8.164%	8.134%	0.030
364-Day T-Bill	9.752%	9.767%	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	1.49271	0.04330	1.47610
12 months	2.20143	=	-

(Source: Reuters)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar was down on Thursday morning in Asia but near a two-year high as the U.S. Federal Reserve maintained its hawkish stance in its latest meeting minutes. The U.S. Dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies inched down 0.01% to 99.605 by 11:59 PM ET (3:59 AM GMT). The index hit its highest level since May 2020 overnight at 99.778. The USD/JPY pair inched down 0.07% to 123.7.

In the commodities Markets, Oil prices rose on Thursday from a three-week low touched in the previous session after consuming nations announced a huge release of oil from emergency reserves, with worries over tight supply still clouding the market outlook. Brent crude futures climbed \$1.48 or 1.5%, to \$102.55 a barrel at 0442 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures rose \$1.26, or 1.3%, to \$97.49 a barrel. Both benchmarks plunged more than 5% in the previous session and hit their lowest closing levels since March 16. International Energy Agency member countries on Wednesday agreed to release 60 million barrels on top of a 180-million-barrel release announced by the United States last week to help drive down prices in a tight market following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

On the other hand, Gold prices held steady after Wednesday's release of the minutes of the Federal Reserve meeting in March, as the metal's appeal as a haven and inflation hedge offset an expected 50 basis point rate hike by the U.S. central bank. Spot gold XAU= was little changed at \$1,923.50 per ounce by 3:08 p.m. ET (1908 GMT) and U.S. gold futures settled down 0.2% at \$1,923.10.

Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits				
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 Cross Rates				
Bid		Offer		
EUR/USD	1.0090	1.1352		
GBP/USD	1.2986	1.3330		
USD/AED	3.6126	3.6936		
USD/JPY	117.75	125.83		

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