



Central Bank of Kenya

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## RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

### Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending January 23. It exchanged at KSh 129.28 per US dollar on January 23, 2025, compared to KSh 129.54 per US dollar on January 16, 2025 (**Table 1**).

### Foreign Exchange Reserves

The usable foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 8,652 million (4.4 months of import cover) as of January 23, 2025. This meets the CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover (**Table 2**).

### Money Market

Liquidity in the money market remained adequate during the week ending January 23 supported by open-market operations. Commercial banks' excess reserves stood at KSh 21.6 billion in relation to the 4.25 percent cash reserves requirement (CRR). The average interbank rate was at 11.29 percent on January 23 compared to 11.33 on January 16. During the week, the average number of interbank deals declined to 38 from 55 the previous week, while the average value traded declined to KSh 24.3 billion from KSh 34.4 billion in the previous week (**Table 3**).

### Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of January 23 received bids totalling KSh 32.8 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 136.7 percent. Interest rate on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills declined (**Table 4**).

### Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices increased by 1.5 percent, 2.8 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively, during the week ending January 23, 2025. Market capitalisation, equity turnover and total shares increased by 1.5 percent, 15.6 percent and 17.1 percent, respectively (**Table 6**).

### Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market increased by 17.8 percent during the week ending January 23, 2025 (**Table 6**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds on average increased by 15.8 basis points. The yield on Eurobond for Angola increased while the yield on Eurobond for Ivory Coast decreased (**Chart 2**).

### Global Trends

The IMF's January 2025 World Economic Outlook projected global growth at 3.3 percent for 2025 and 2026, with advanced economies expected to meet inflation targets sooner than emerging markets. US growth is forecasted to remain stong at 2.7 percent in 2025 and 2.1 percent in 2026. The US Dollar Index weakened by 0.8 percent during the week.

International oil prices declined, with Murban oil falling to USD 81.03 per barrel on January 23, down from USD 82.5 per barrel on January 16, 2025, amid calls by the new US administration for OPEC to lower prices.

**Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates**

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
10-Jan-25	129.49	159.14	133.27	81.74	28.58	19.38	10.66	22.84
13-Jan-25	129.48	157.24	132.26	82.23	28.55	19.44	10.73	22.85
14-Jan-25	129.51	158.15	132.79	82.22	28.56	19.23	10.66	22.84
15-Jan-25	129.47	158.02	133.40	82.29	28.55	19.42	10.67	22.85
16-Jan-25	129.54	159.22	133.90	82.91	28.52	19.42	10.67	22.84
<b>Jan 10-16</b>	<b>129.50</b>	<b>158.35</b>	<b>133.12</b>	<b>82.28</b>	<b>28.55</b>	<b>19.38</b>	<b>10.68</b>	<b>22.84</b>
17-Jan-25	129.57	158.32	133.34	83.30	28.46	19.49	10.67	22.83
20-Jan-25	129.56	158.14	133.49	83.03	28.40	19.53	10.72	22.84
21-Jan-25	129.56	159.23	134.55	83.48	28.35	19.41	10.68	22.84
22-Jan-25	129.42	159.64	134.74	82.99	28.39	19.51	10.69	22.86
23-Jan-25	129.28	159.44	134.67	82.84	28.47	19.40	10.85	22.89
<b>Jan 17-23</b>	<b>129.48</b>	<b>158.95</b>	<b>134.16</b>	<b>83.13</b>	<b>28.41</b>	<b>19.47</b>	<b>10.72</b>	<b>22.85</b>

\*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 2: Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)**

	24-Dec-24	2-Jan-25	9-Jan-25	16-Jan-25	23-Jan-25
1. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	9,201	9,198	9,178	9,143	8,652
2. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.4

\*Excludes encumbered reserves

\*\*Based on 36 months average of imports of goods and non –factor services

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 3: Money Market**

Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	Average Interbank Rate (%)
10-Jan-25	61	42,450.00	11.19
13-Jan-25	65	53,570.00	11.27
14-Jan-25	58	31,810.00	11.30
15-Jan-25	46	19,655.00	11.32
16-Jan-25	47	24,377.00	11.33
<b>Jan 10-16</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>34,372.40</b>	<b>11.28</b>
17-Jan-25	48	20,180.00	11.33
20-Jan-25	44	24,677.00	11.33
21-Jan-25	42	39,293.00	11.33
22-Jan-25	34	22,193.00	11.33
23-Jan-25	23	15,000.00	11.29
<b>Jan 17-23</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>24,268.60</b>	<b>11.32</b>

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

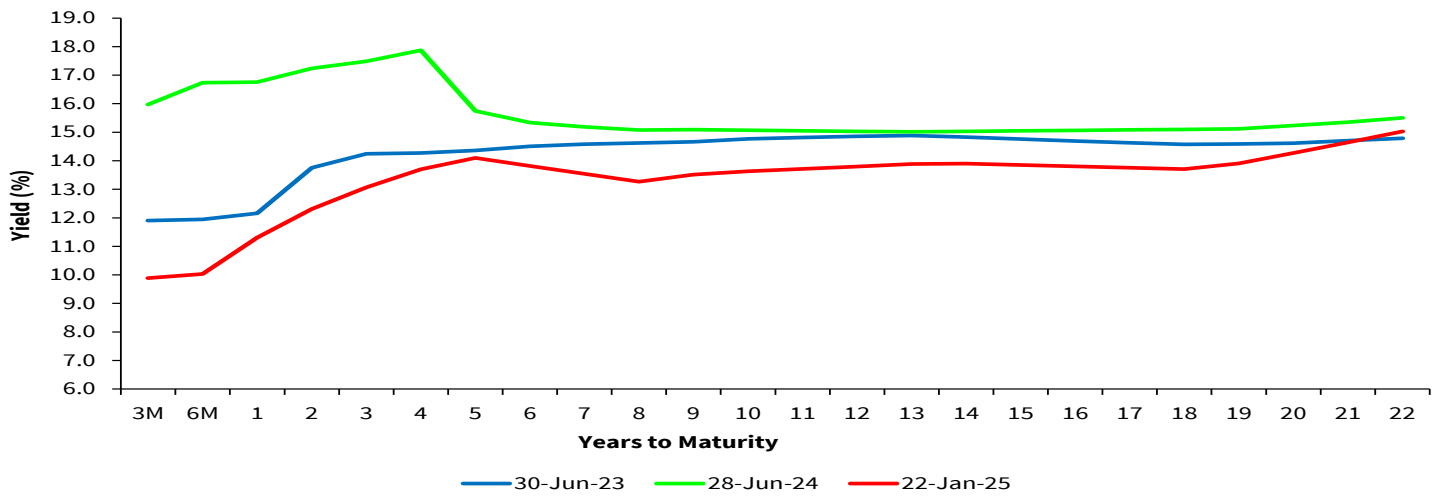
Table 4: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions						
91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-Dec-23	27-Jun-24	28-Nov-24	27-Dec-24	16-Jan-25	23-Jan-25
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	8,516.51	4,361.03	18,817.44	2,242.28	3,382.82	16,790.95
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	6,986.46	2,745.34	15,938.75	2,208.47	2,687.66	16,790.95
Maturities (KSh M)	3,254.55	3,922.10	17,516.75	3,443.00	7,137.75	19,966.75
Average Interest Rate (%)	15.983	15.977	11.250	9.895	9.565	9.525
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-Dec-23	27-Jun-24	28-Nov-24	27-Dec-24	16-Jan-25	23-Jan-25
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	322.85	1,494.42	10,416.04	435.30	5,446.73	3,821.74
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	322.85	1,479.67	4,208.53	435.30	5,442.89	3,819.42
Maturities (KSh M)	1,365.20	293.25	9,724.25	1,534.00	6,558.70	1,712.65
Average Interest Rate (%)	15.967	16.764	11.338	10.022	10.030	10.028
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-Dec-23	27-Jun-24	28-Nov-24	27-Dec-24	16-Jan-25	23-Jan-25
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	1,661.91	1,833.64	21,422.50	2,189.12	10,031.02	12,203.43
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,661.91	1,828.51	14,507.31	2,189.12	9,990.21	12,198.66
Maturities (KSh M)	1,858.45	1,679.00	2,102.30	1,918.60	4,062.80	2,986.55
Average Interest Rate (%)	16.100	16.791	12.490	11.410	11.304	11.295

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions								
Date of Auction	6-Nov-24		13-Nov-24	4-Dec-24		13-Dec-24	15-Jan-25	
	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN	RE-OPEN	
Tenor	FXD1/ 2023/010	FXD1/ 2022/015	FXD1/ 2024/010	FXD1/ 2023/010	FXD1/ 2018/020	FXD1/ 2024/10	FXD1/ 2018/015	FXD1/ 2022/025
Amount offered (KSh M)	25,000.00		20,000.00	25,000.00		20,000.00	30,000.00	
Bids received (KSh M)	16,331.02	16,717.40	55,575.58	47,395.28	23,922.30	53,628.95	30,576.60	28,421.49
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	10,286.04	15,397.04	30,515.91	34,922.07	18,488.38	43,448.79	23,753.07	24,728.61
Maturities (KSh M)								
Average interest Rate (%)	15.97	16.30	15.86	14.69	15.11	14.69	14.21	15.68

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Chart 1: Government Securities Yield Curve**



Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

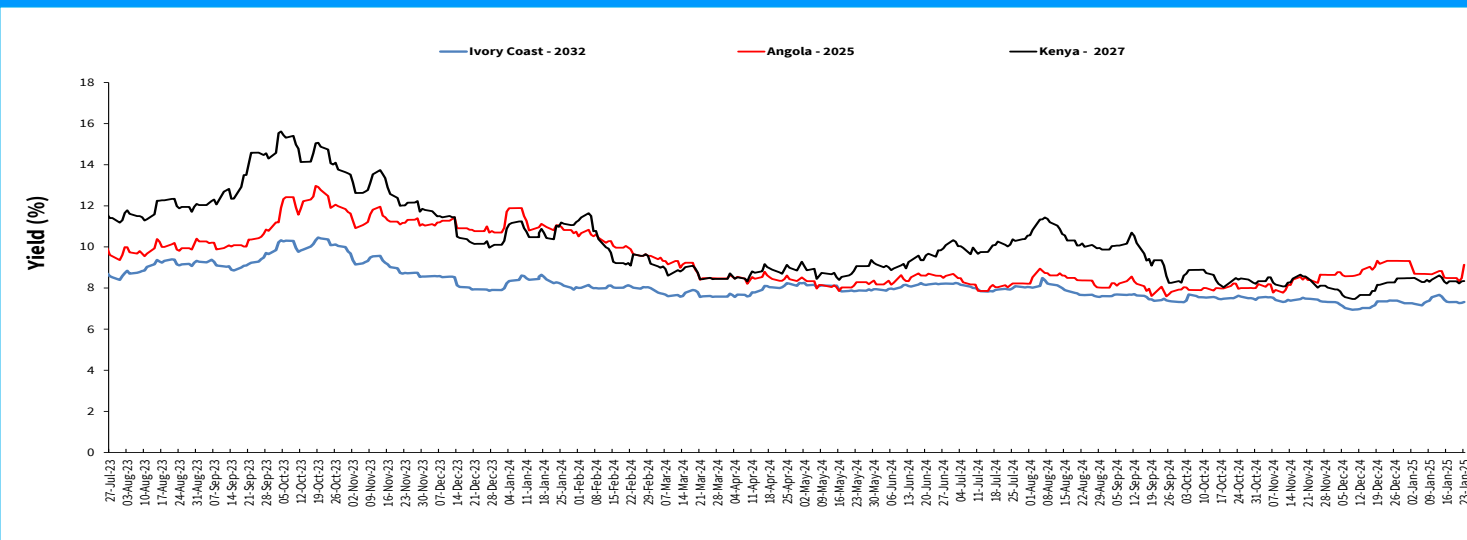
**Table 6: Performance of Key Market Indicators**

INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share Index 100=1996	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded (Mil- lion)	Equity Turnover (KSh Million)	Market Capitaliza- tion (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Million)	Eurobond Yields (%)					
									7-Year 2027	10-Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12-Year 2032	13-Year 2034	30-Year 2048
10-Jan-24	129.64	3,511.33	2,145.27	2,133	29.03	607.55	2036.52	16256.25	8.408	9.024	10.035	9.947	9.973	10.171
13-Jan-24	129.66	3,494.13	2,142.30	2,232	20.51	172.61	2036.81	2511.85	8.617	9.219	10.230	10.180	10.155	10.287
14-Jan-24	129.73	3,492.58	2,156.21	2,167	28.81	242.89	2037.84	8472.10	8.517	9.124	10.198	10.122	10.104	10.287
15-Jan-24	129.47	3,456.68	2,148.56	2,224	24.06	307.80	2033.84	11018.45	8.313	8.836	9.874	9.834	9.874	10.106
16-Jan-24	130.45	3,463.12	2,132.99	2,178	34.02	704.95	2049.23	10112.70	8.219	8.793	9.811	9.780	9.827	10.090
<b>Jan 9 -16</b>	<b>130.45</b>	<b>3,463.12</b>	<b>2,132.99</b>	<b>10,934.00</b>	<b>136.43</b>	<b>2,035.79</b>	<b>2,049.23</b>	<b>48,371.35</b>	<b>8.219</b>	<b>8.793</b>	<b>9.811</b>	<b>9.780</b>	<b>9.827</b>	<b>10.090</b>
17-Jan-24	130.79	3,470.62	2,146.86	2,650.00	23.51	405.51	2054.514	14,891.55	8.326	8.843	9.843	9.780	9.878	10.123
20-Jan-24	131.53	3,491.94	2,170.89	2,753.00	19.04	210.02	2066.113	9,480.75	8.326	8.843	9.843	9.780	9.878	10.123
21-Jan-24	131.73	3,507.54	2,165.73	2,353.00	25.60	432.18	2070.903	9,128.05	8.224	8.748	9.747	9.724	9.778	10.074
22-Jan-24	131.73	3,529.74	2,165.73	2,017.00	46.49	481.89	2069.317	9,075.15	8.331	8.894	9.875	9.810	9.855	10.139
23-Jan-24	132.43	3,560.14	2,186.90	2,548.00	45.09	824.45	2080.355	14,393.15	8.339	8.995	9.973	9.955	9.985	10.222
<b>Jan 17 -23</b>	<b>132.43</b>	<b>3,560.14</b>	<b>2,186.90</b>	<b>12,321.00</b>	<b>159.72</b>	<b>2,354.05</b>	<b>2,080.36</b>	<b>56,968.65</b>	<b>8.339</b>	<b>8.995</b>	<b>9.973</b>	<b>9.955</b>	<b>9.985</b>	<b>10.222</b>
<b>Weekly Changes (%)</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>12.69</b>	<b>17.07</b>	<b>15.63</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>17.77</b>	<b>0.120*</b>	<b>0.202*</b>	<b>0.162*</b>	<b>0.175*</b>	<b>0.158*</b>	<b>0.132*</b>

\* Percentage points

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and Thomson Reuters

**Chart 2: Yields on 10-Year Eurobonds for Selected Countries**



Source: London Stock Exchange

**Table 7: Government Domestic Debt (KSh Billion)**

	30-Jun-23	29-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	30-Sep-24	29-Nov-24	24-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	14-Jan-25	22-Jan-25
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	614.73	546.90	615.89	712.45	834.73	848.09	846.10	844.84	846.51
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	<b>13.28</b>	<b>11.35</b>	<b>11.75</b>	<b>12.96</b>	<b>14.71</b>	<b>14.80</b>	<b>14.77</b>	<b>14.75</b>	<b>14.64</b>
2. Treasury Bonds	4,013.89	4,271.82	4,627.12	4,785.63	4,840.35	4,884.05	4,884.05	4,884.05	4,936.77
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	<b>86.72</b>	<b>88.65</b>	<b>88.25</b>	<b>87.04</b>	<b>85.29</b>	<b>85.20</b>	<b>85.23</b>	<b>85.25</b>	<b>85.36</b>
3. Total Securities (1+2)	4,628.62	4,818.72	5,243.01	5,498.08	5,675.08	5,732.14	5,730.15	5,728.88	5,783.28
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	76.46	94.13	61.02	0.00	31.77	34.87	37.48	61.00	86.89
5. Other Domestic debt*	127.04	137.26	106.25	103.64	101.95	101.15	101.15	100.45	100.66
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	95.52	104.24	83.54	82.63	81.08	80.29	80.29	79.58	79.58
<b>6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)</b>	<b>4,832.11</b>	<b>5,050.11</b>	<b>5,410.28</b>	<b>5,601.71</b>	<b>5,808.80</b>	<b>5,868.15</b>	<b>5,868.77</b>	<b>5,890.33</b>	<b>5,970.83</b>

\* Other domestic debt includes clearing items in transit, advances from commercial banks and Pre-1997 Government Overdraft.

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 8: Composition of Government Domestic Debt by Instrument (Percent)**

	30-Jun-23	29-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	30-Sep-24	29-Nov-24	24-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	14-Jan-25	22-Jan-25
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	12.72	10.83	11.38	12.72	14.37	14.45	14.42	14.34	14.18
Treasury bonds	83.07	84.59	85.52	85.43	83.33	83.23	83.22	82.92	82.68
Overdraft at Central Bank	1.58	1.86	1.13	0.00	0.55	0.59	0.64	1.04	1.46
Other domestic debt	2.63	2.72	1.96	1.85	1.76	1.72	1.72	1.71	1.69
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.98	2.06	1.54	1.48	1.40	1.37	1.37	1.35	1.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 9: Government Domestic Debt by Holder (Percent)**

	30-Jun-23	29-Dec-23	28-Jun-24	30-Sep-24	30-Oct-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	14-Jan-25	22-Jan-25
Banking Institutions	46.17	46.07	45.12	44.38	45.09	45.36	45.05	45.15	45.41
Insurance Companies	7.31	7.23	7.23	7.22	7.20	7.15	7.32	7.29	7.27
Parastatals	5.98	5.47	5.13	5.35	5.45	5.43	5.60	5.69	5.63
Pension Funds*	33.42	29.93	29.60	29.44	29.16	28.94	28.88	28.76	28.62
Other Investors	7.13	11.30	12.92	13.60	13.11	13.13	13.16	13.11	13.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* Includes pension funds and custodial/ Nominee Accounts

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 10: Public Debt**

	Jun-22	Dec-22	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24*
Domestic debt (KSh Bn)	4,288.33	4,472.84	4,832.11	4,917.47	5,050.11	5,235.19	5,410.28	5,453.00	5,558.35	5,601.71
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD Bn)	36.58	37.88	38.76	38.27	38.92	39.18	39.77	39.74	40.07	40.16
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (KSh Bn)	4,290.73	4,673.14	5,446.56	5,667.80	6,089.58	5,163.42	5,150.84	5,162.85	5,176.10	5,188.37
<b>Public debt (KSh Bn)</b>	<b>8,579.06</b>	<b>9,145.98</b>	<b>10,278.67</b>	<b>10,585.27</b>	<b>11,139.69</b>	<b>10,398.61</b>	<b>10,561.12</b>	<b>10,615.85</b>	<b>10,734.45</b>	<b>10,790.08</b>

\* Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya