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## RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

### Economic Growth

The economy grew by 4.9 percent in the third quarter of 2025 (Q3 2025), compared to 4.2 percent in Q3 2024. The industrial sector continued to rebound strongly in Q3 2025 expanding by 4.8 percent compared to a contraction of -0.4 percent in the same quarter of 2024. Services sector maintained robust growth of 5.5 percent, supported by strong growth in accommodation and food services, real estate, finance and insurance, and transport and storage sectors. Agriculture sector grew by 3.2 percent compared to 4.0 percent Q3 2024, on account of increase in milk production and exports of cut flowers (**Table 1**).

### Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending January 8, 2026. It exchanged at KSh 128.99 per U.S. dollar on January 8, compared to 129.01 per U.S. dollar on December 31 (**Table 2**).

### Foreign Exchange Reserves

The foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 12,384 million (5.3 months of import cover) as of January 8. This meets CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover (**Table 3**).

### Money Market

The money market remained liquid during the week ending January 8, 2026, with open market operations remaining active. Commercial banks' excess reserves averaged KSh 13.8 billion above the 3.25 percent Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement. The Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average Rate (KESONIA) remained relatively stable at 8.97 percent on January 8, 2026 compared with 8.99 percent on December 31. During the week, the average number of interbank transactions declined to 10 from 14 in the previous week while the average value traded declined to KSh 7.5 billion from KSh 9.4 billion (**Table 4**).

### Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of January 8 received bids totalling KSh 31.3 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 130.3 percent. Interest rate on the 182-day Treasury bill remained stable while interest rate on the 91-day and 364-day Treasury bills declined marginally (**Table 5**).

During the Treasury bond auction of January 7, the reopened 20-year and 25-year treasury bonds received bids totaling KSh 71.5 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 60.0 billion, representing a performance of 119.2 percent (**Table 6**).

### Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices increased by 2.95 percent, 3.29 percent and 2.62 percent, respectively, during the week ending January 8. Market capitalization, total shares traded, and equity turnover increased by 2.95 percent, 145.9 percent and 186.0 percent, respectively (**Table 7**).

### Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market increased by 77.1 percent during the week ending January 8 (**Table 7**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds increased by an average of 24.3 basis points. The yield on the 10- Year Eurobonds for Angola and Côte d'Ivoire also increased (**Chart 2**).

### Global Trends

Inflation concerns in advanced economies eased with headline inflation in the Euro area falling to 2.0 percent in December from 2.1 percent in November due to moderation in energy prices. Core inflation also fell to 2.3 percent from 2.4 percent. The U.S. Dollar Index strengthened by 0.62 percent during the week ending January 8, 2026, largely due to safe-haven demand and thin market liquidity, as investors favoured the dollar amid subdued end-year trading conditions.

International oil prices declined during the week. Murban crude oil traded at USD 61 per barrel on January 8, from USD 62.51 per barrel on December 31, due to easing supply-demand pressures, as global supply remained adequate while demand softened following the end-year period.

Table 1: Real GDP Growth by Sector (Percent)									
	Annual		2024				2025		
	2023	2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
Agriculture	6.6	4.6	5.6	4.5	4.0	4.3	6.0	4.4	3.2
2. Non-Agriculture (o/w)	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.3	5.3	4.7	5.1	5.2
2.1 Industry	2.0	0.8	0.4	0.2	-0.4	3.1	3.0	4.0	4.8
Mining & Quarrying	-6.5	-9.2	-16.1	-5.5	-12.2	-2.3	10.8	15.3	16.6
Manufacturing	2.2	2.8	1.9	3.2	2.3	3.9	2.1	1.0	2.5
Electricity & water supply	3.2	1.9	2.8	1.2	0.9	2.7	3.6	5.7	3.6
Construction	3.0	-0.7	0.4	-3.7	-2.6	2.9	3.0	5.7	6.7
2.2 Services	7.0	6.0	6.4	6.1	5.4	6.1	5.0	5.7	5.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3.3	3.8	3.6	2.5	2.6	6.4	5.4	4.0	4.8
Accommodation & Food Services	33.6	25.7	38.1	35.0	22.9	10.9	4.1	7.8	17.7
Transport & Storage	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.4	4.6	5.6	3.8	5.4	5.2
Information & Communication	10.3	7.0	9.2	6.7	6.9	5.6	5.8	6.0	4.5
Financial & Insurance	10.1	7.6	9.6	8.0	7.3	6.0	5.1	6.6	5.4
Public administration	5.0	8.2	7.5	9.0	7.3	9.2	6.5	6.0	5.1
Professional, Administration & Support Services	9.9	6.2	9.4	6.7	4.5	4.7	4.6	8.5	6.1
Real estate	7.3	5.3	6.9	5.9	4.8	3.6	5.3	5.5	5.7
Education	2.9	3.9	2.4	3.2	4.8	5.4	2.9	3.2	3.4
Health	4.5	6.3	5.4	8.1	6.2	5.6	4.8	6.8	4.1
Other services	4.3	4.7	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.0	2.8	1.4	6.2
FISIM	2.7	9.0	15.4	10.3	11.0	0.7	1.9	1.4	3.6
2.3 Taxes on products	3.2	4.4	2.9	3.8	6.3	4.5	5.7	3.3	3.7
Real GDP Growth	5.7	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.2	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9

Source: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Table 2: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates								
	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
26-Dec-25	Public Holiday							
29-Dec-25	128.99	173.97	151.67	82.50	27.99	19.07	11.29	22.93
30-Dec-25	129.00	174.34	151.92	82.65	28.04	19.17	11.29	22.93
31-Dec-25	129.01	173.65	151.43	82.39	28.06	19.03	11.29	22.93
01-Jan-26	Public Holiday							
Dec 26, 25 - Jan 01, 26	129.00	173.99	151.67	82.51	28.03	19.09	11.29	22.93
02-Jan-26	129.05	173.95	151.73	82.29	28.05	19.18	11.29	22.92
05-Jan-26	129.00	173.26	150.74	82.09	28.05	19.18	11.30	22.96
06-Jan-26	129.03	173.62	150.70	82.31	28.07	19.18	11.30	22.93
07-Jan-26	129.00	174.38	151.01	82.47	28.08	19.19	11.29	22.94
08-Jan-26	128.99	174.04	150.84	82.47	27.93	19.19	11.30	22.94
Jan 02-08, 26	129.01	173.85	151.00	82.32	28.04	19.18	11.30	22.94

\*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 3: Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)**

	10-Dec-25	18-Dec-25	23-Dec-25	31-Dec-25	08-Jan-26
1. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)	12,065	12,133	12,168	12,394	12,384
2. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)*	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3

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

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 4: Money Market**

Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	KESONIA (%)*
26-Dec-25	Public Holiday		
29-Dec-25	24	11,770.00	8.99
30-Dec-25	10	10,600.00	9.00
31-Dec-25	9	5,800.00	8.99
1-Jan-26	Public Holiday		
<b>Dec 26, 25 -Jan 1, 26</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9,390.00</b>	<b>8.99</b>
2-Jan-26	6	5,800.00	9.00
5-Jan-26	17	14,050.00	8.99
6-Jan-26	10	8,950.00	8.98
7-Jan-26	11	4,050.00	8.97
8-Jan-26	7	4,620.00	8.97
<b>Jan 2-8, 26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7,494.00</b>	<b>8.98</b>

\* The overnight interbank rate has been officially named Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average (KESONIA) from September 1, 2025

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

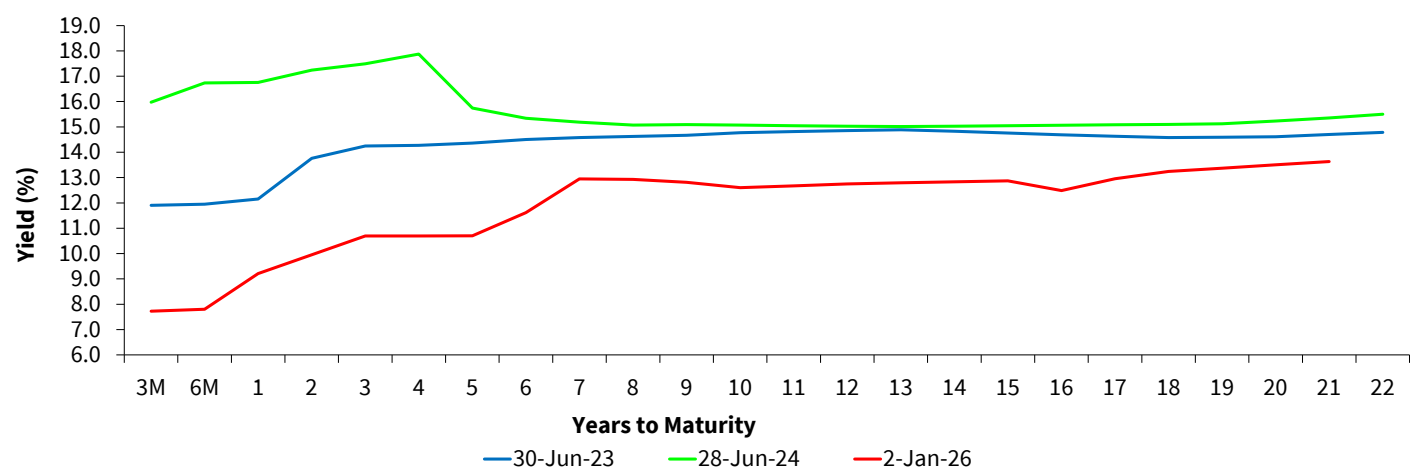
Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions						
91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	27-Mar-25	26-Jun-25	27-Nov-25	31-Dec-25	08-Jan-26
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	2,242.28	2,790.24	1,449.26	17,943.16	6,327.87	4,340.08
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,208.47	2,704.14	1,442.77	17,938.26	6,327.87	4,316.54
Maturities (KSh M)	3,443.00	2,191.25	2,682.00	20,191.65	1,596.50	3,613.10
Average Interest Rate (%)	9.895	8.791	8.139	7.779	7.729	7.728
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	27-Mar-25	26-Jun-25	27-Nov-25	31-Dec-25	08-Jan-26
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)	435.30	1,706.31	1,200.39	515.21	11,290.24	9,605.47
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	435.30	1,701.35	1,198.53	515.21	11,290.24	9,605.47
Maturities (KSh M)	1,534.00	3,580.40	321.35	9,095.80	11,531.30	9,272.30
Average Interest Rate (%)	10.022	9.058	8.461	7.800	7.800	7.800
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	27-Mar-25	26-Jun-25	27-Nov-25	31-Dec-25	08-Jan-26
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)	2,189.12	10,249.39	11,839.57	26,354.15	8,299.70	17,321.17
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,189.12	10,104.04	11,798.48	26,350.23	8,291.31	12,236.49
Maturities (KSh M)	1,918.60	8,813.10	2,094.10	16,207.70	1,750.20	5,896.60
Average Interest Rate (%)	11.410	10.412	9.722	9.376	9.210	9.205

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 6: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions								
Date of Auction	05-Nov-25		19-Nov-25		03-Dec-25		07-Jan-26	
	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN	
Tenor	FXD1/ 2012/020	FXD1/ 2022/015	FXD3/ 2019/015	FXD1/ 2022/025	SDB1/ 2011/030	FXD1/ 2021/025	FXD1/ 2019/020	FXD1/ 2022/025
Amount offered (KSh M)	40,000.00		40,000.00		40,000.00		60,000.00	
Bids received (Ksh M)	35,322.41	57,583.71	33,714.18	82,144.11	4,589.49	48,542.38	23,363.01	48,180.98
Amount Accepted (Ksh M)	19,476.65	33,349.73	20,188.58	34,572.16	3,901.19	43,208.92	20,239.59	40,341.94
Maturities (KSh M)					25,199.8			
Average interest Rate (%)	12.47	13.34	12.57	15.07	13.32	13.62	13.26	13.76

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

### Chart 1: Government Securities Yield Curve



Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

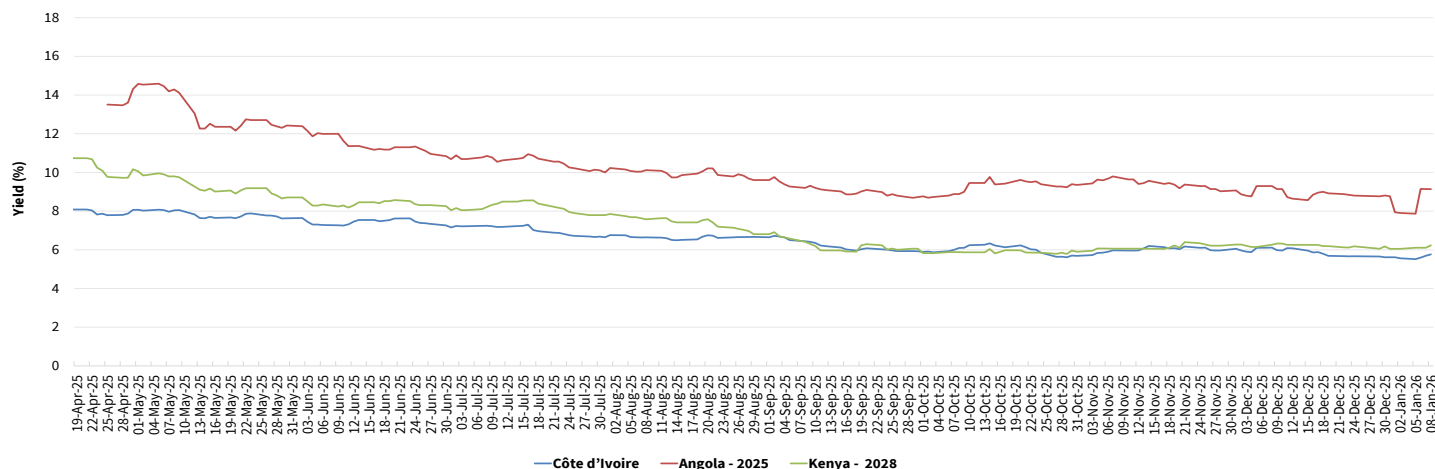
### Table 7: Performance of Key Market Indicators

INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share Index 100=1996	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded (Mil- lion)	Equity Turn- over (KSh Million)	Market Capitaliza- tion (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Mil- lion)	EuroBond Yields (%)				
									10-Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12-Year 2032	13-Year 2034	30-Year 2048
29-Dec-25	184.54	5043.87	3103.09	5,518.00	9.92	365.40	2,912.27	3,915.50	6.055	7.141	7.256	7.880	8.871
30-Dec-25	185.37	5064.66	3113.86	4,444.00	21.18	440.58	2,925.39	9,262.20	6.176	7.172	7.227	7.858	8.858
31-Dec-25	186.58	5096.68	3139.19	4,525.00	11.07	140.24	2,944.54	5,557.70	6.048	7.101	7.198	7.812	8.844
1-Jan-26	Public Holiday								6.0483	7.101	7.198	7.812	8.844
<b>Dec 29- Jan 1, 26</b>	<b>186.58</b>	<b>5,096.68</b>	<b>3,139.19</b>	<b>14,487.00</b>	<b>42.16</b>	<b>946.22</b>	<b>2,944.54</b>	<b>18,735.40</b>	<b>6.048</b>	<b>7.101</b>	<b>7.198</b>	<b>7.812</b>	<b>8.844</b>
2-Jan-26	187.35	5119.32	3,140.93	4,574.00	5.62	108.97	2,956.61	4,429.05	6.05	7.099	7.170	7.813	8.844
5-Jan-26	188.87	5147.31	3,144.48	5,577.00	10.73	220.48	2,980.59	6,181.55	6.11	7.098	7.197	7.813	8.844
6-Jan-26	190.68	5230.68	3,183.75	5,961.00	28.14	814.94	3,009.15	1,912.60	6.11	7.096	7.253	7.884	8.885
7-Jan-26	191.27	5239.13	3,198.42	5,666.00	30.37	963.11	3,018.46	12,605.60	6.11	7.163	7.337	8.003	8.954
8-Jan-26	192.08	5264.11	3,221.29	5,740.00	28.82	598.22	3,031.32	8,046.95	6.23	7.329	7.449	8.149	9.066
<b>Jan 2-8, 26</b>	<b>192.08</b>	<b>5,264.11</b>	<b>3,221.29</b>	<b>27,518.00</b>	<b>103.69</b>	<b>2,705.72</b>	<b>3,031.32</b>	<b>33,175.75</b>	<b>6.2265</b>	<b>7.3292</b>	<b>7.4492</b>	<b>8.1491</b>	<b>9.0657</b>
<b>Weekly Changes (%)</b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>3.29</b>	<b>2.62</b>	<b>89.95</b>	<b>145.94</b>	<b>185.95</b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>77.08</b>	<b>0.178*</b>	<b>0.229*</b>	<b>0.251*</b>	<b>0.337*</b>	<b>0.221*</b>

\* Percentage points

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and Thomson Reuters

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



Source: London Stock Exchange

**Table 8: Government Domestic Debt (KSh Billion)**

	31-Dec-24	28-Mar-25	30-Jun-25	30-Sep-25	31-Oct-25	28-Nov-25	24-Dec-25	2-Jan-26
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	846.10	915.44	1,036.87	1,081.71	1,057.05	1,050.19	1,074.00	1,074.45
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	<b>14.77</b>	<b>15.41</b>	<b>16.87</b>	<b>16.65</b>	<b>16.12</b>	<b>15.82</b>	<b>16.14</b>	<b>16.15</b>
2. Treasury Bonds	4,884.05	5,025.43	5,110.01	5,415.65	5,501.06	5,587.54	5,578.98	5,578.98
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	<b>85.23</b>	<b>84.59</b>	<b>83.13</b>	<b>83.35</b>	<b>83.88</b>	<b>84.18</b>	<b>83.86</b>	<b>83.85</b>
3. Total Securities (1+2)	5,730.15	5,940.87	6,146.88	6,497.35	6,558.11	6,637.73	6,652.98	6,653.43
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	37.48	86.51	67.63	55.02	73.05	40.01	94.19	78.23
5. Other Domestic debt*	101.15	99.32	111.50	108.04	106.41	106.41	107.60	107.60
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	80.29	78.71	80.56	78.93	78.38	78.38	78.38	78.38
<b>6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)</b>	<b>5,868.77</b>	<b>6,126.70</b>	<b>6,326.01</b>	<b>6,660.42</b>	<b>6,737.57</b>	<b>6,784.15</b>	<b>6,854.78</b>	<b>6,839.26</b>

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

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 9: Composition of Government Domestic Debt by Instrument (Percent)**

	31-Dec-24	28-Mar-25	30-Jun-25	30-Sep-25	31-Oct-25	28-Nov-25	24-Dec-25	02-Jan-26
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	14.42	14.94	16.39	16.24	15.69	15.48	15.67	15.71
Treasury bonds	83.22	82.03	80.78	81.31	81.65	82.36	81.39	81.57
Overdraft at Central Bank	0.64	1.41	1.07	0.83	1.08	0.59	1.37	1.14
Other domestic debt	1.72	1.62	1.76	1.62	1.58	1.57	1.57	1.57
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.37	1.28	1.27	1.19	1.16	1.16	1.14	1.15
<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>

Source: Central Bank of Kenya



**Table 10: Government Domestic Debt by Holder (Percent)**

	31-Jul-25	31-Aug-25	30-Sep-25	31-Oct-25	28-Nov-25	19-Dec-25	24-Dec-25	02-Jan-26
<b>Financial Corporations</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>78.9</b>
<i>O/W Commercial Banks</i>	35.6	35.1	35.4	35.0	34.6	34.7	34.8	34.9
<i>Pension Funds</i>	14.5	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.7
<i>Insurance Companies</i>	13.1	13.0	13.0	13.1	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.5
General Government	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.4
<b>Households</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>Non-Residents</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Nonfinancial corporations</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Non-Profit Institutions</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\*Data has been re-classified to adopt a sectorization that is aligned with global best practices, including Government Finance Statistics Manual (GFSM) 2014, Public Sector Debt Statistics 2014 Manual, System of National Accounts (SNA) 2008, and Monetary and Financial Statistics (MFS) 2016. The new classification leverages on the Dhow Central Securities Depository (DhowCSD) system which has the capability to identify the ultimate holders of government securities. The new classification also captures information on any transfer of government securities that take place in the secondary market.

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 11: Public Debt**

	Jun-24	Dec-24	Jun-25	Jul-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25*
Domestic debt (Ksh Bn)	5,410.28	5,868.77	6,326.01	6,386.24	6,660.42	6,737.57	6,784.15
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD \$ Bn)	39.77	39.11	42.44	41.67	41.73	42.18	42.13
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (Ksh Bn)	5,150.84	5,057.01	5,484.83	5,385.30	5,393.53	5,451.89	5,469.19
<b>Public Debt (Ksh Bn)</b>	<b>10,561.12</b>	<b>10,925.78</b>	<b>11,810.84</b>	<b>11,771.54</b>	<b>12,053.95</b>	<b>12,189.46</b>	<b>12,253.34</b>

\* Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya