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RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Economic Growth

Economic growth decelerated to 4.7 percent in 2024 from a revised growth of 5.7 percent in 2023. The deceleration was largely driven by contraction of the construction and mining and quarrying sectors, and a slowdown in growth across key sectors except manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, public administration, education, health, and taxes on products. The agriculture sector grew by 4.6 percent in 2024 compared to 6.6 percent in 2023, supported by increased production of select crops such as sugarcane, tea and coffee. However, growth of the sector was constrained by reduced production of maize and potatoes. Service sectors remained largely resilient and broadly grew by 6.0 percent in 2024 compared to 7.0 percent in 2023. Growth was supported by the performance of key sectors such as financial and insurance, transport and storage, real estate, information and communication, and wholesale and retail trade. However, industrial growth slowed to 0.8 percent from 2.0 percent in 2023, largely due to the contraction of construction and, mining and quarrying sectors (**Table 1**).

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending May 8, 2025. It exchanged at KSh 129.27 per US dollar on May 8, compared to KSh 129.34 per US dollar on April 30 (**Table 2**).

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The usable foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 10,291 million (4.6 months of import cover) as of May 8, 2025. This meets the 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 May 8. Open market operations remained active. Commercial banks' excess reserves stood at KSh 14.3 billion in relation to the 3.25 percent cash reserves requirement (CRR). The average interbank rate was at 9.90 percent on May 8 compared to 9.94 percent on April 30. During the week, the average number of interbank deals declined to 15 from 30 in the previous week, while the average value traded decreased to KSh 8.9 billion from KSh 19.8 billion in the previous week (**Table 4**).

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of May 8 received bids totalling KSh 52.7 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 219.5 percent. Interest rate on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills remained stable (**Table 5**).

During the Treasury bond auction of May 7, the reopened 25-year fixed rate treasury bond received bids totalling KSh 54.4 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 30.0 billion, representing a performance of 181.3 percent (**Table 6**).

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI increased by 0.04 percent while the NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices decreased by 0.88 percent, and 2.00 percent, respectively during the week ending May 8, 2025. Market capitalization, total shares traded, and equity turnover increased by 0.04 percent, 144.4 percent and 10.41 percent, respectively (**Table 7**).

Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market decreased by 23.86 percent during the week ending May 8 (**Table 7**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds increased by 2.8 basis points on average. Yields on Angola and Côte d'Ivoire Eurobonds decreased (**Chart 2**).

Global Trends

Inflation concerns eased during the week, with the Euro Area inflation holding steady at 2.2 percent in April, as core inflation rose to 2.7 percent from 2.4 percent in March, reflecting persistent price pressures in services. The Bank of England cut its benchmark rate by 25 basis points to 4.25 percent, in line with expectations. The U.S. Federal Reserve maintained a cautious approach amid economic uncertainty and held its federal funds rate at the 4.25 percent to 4.50 percent. The United States and the United Kingdom signed a new trade agreement, signalling improved global trade relations. The US Dollar Index strengthened by 1.2 percent over the week, reflecting improved investor sentiment.

International oil prices increased during the week, with Murban crude trading at USD 63.42 per barrel on May 8, up from USD 62.34 on April 30. This increase was driven by the easing of trade tensions between the US and its main trading partners.

Table 1: Real GDP Growth by Sector (Percent)

	Annual		2023				2024			
	2023	2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1. Agriculture	6.6	4.6	6.5	7.9	5.1	6.3	5.6	4.5	4.0	4.3
2. Non-Agriculture (o/w)	5.5	4.7	5.2	5.0	6.0	6.0	4.8	4.6	4.3	5.3
2.1 Industry	2.0	0.8	1.2	1.3	3.2	2.3	0.4	0.2	-0.4	3.1
Mining & Quarrying	-6.5	-9.2	-10.6	-8.1	0.6	-7.5	-16.1	-5.5	-12.2	-2.3
Manufacturing	2.2	2.8	2.1	2.0	2.8	1.8	1.9	3.2	2.3	3.9
Electricity & water supply	3.2	1.9	3.8	3.1	3.8	2.0	2.8	1.2	0.9	2.7
Construction	3.0	-0.7	1.4	1.4	4.1	4.9	0.4	-3.7	-2.6	2.9
2.2 Services	7.0	6.0	6.9	6.4	7.3	7.5	6.4	6.1	5.4	6.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	3.3	3.8	3.7	2.8	3.7	3.0	3.6	2.5	2.6	6.4
Accommodation & restaurant	33.6	25.7	46.3	42.3	34.5	18.9	38.1	35.0	22.9	10.9
Transport & Storage	5.5	4.4	6.8	3.8	4.5	7.2	4.1	3.4	4.6	5.6
Information & Communication	10.3	7.0	10.4	8.4	9.8	12.5	9.2	6.7	6.9	5.6
Financial & Insurance	10.1	7.6	4.7	11.1	13.7	10.7	9.6	8.0	7.3	6.0
Public administration	5.0	8.2	8.4	4.0	5.0	3.0	7.5	9.0	7.3	9.2
Professional, Administration & Support Services	9.9	6.2	8.6	6.7	10.1	13.7	9.4	6.7	4.5	4.7
Real estate	7.3	5.3	6.6	7.5	7.8	7.3	6.9	5.9	4.8	3.6
Education	2.9	3.9	3.6	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.4	3.2	4.8	5.4
Health	4.5	6.3	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.5	5.4	8.1	6.2	5.6
Other services	4.3	4.7	4.1	3.0	6.3	3.9	5.1	4.8	4.9	4.0
FISIM	2.7	9.0	0.4	5.1	8.2	-2.0	15.4	10.3	11.0	0.7
2.3 Taxes on products	3.2	4.4	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.7	2.9	3.8	6.3	4.5
Real GDP Growth	5.7	4.7	5.4	5.5	5.9	6.1	4.9	4.6	4.2	5.1

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*
25-Apr-25	129.35	171.91	146.67	90.03	28.34	20.60	10.90	22.99
28-Apr-25	129.30	172.19	147.11	90.14	28.50	20.80	10.93	23.00
29-Apr-25	129.27	173.18	147.05	90.69	28.37	20.81	10.91	23.01
30-Apr-25	129.34	173.21	147.16	90.79	28.34	20.72	10.91	22.99
01-May-25	Public Holiday							
Apr 25-May 1	129.31	172.62	147.00	90.41	28.39	20.73	10.91	23.00
02-May-25	129.50	172.41	146.42	89.12	28.29	20.62	10.90	22.97
05-May-25	129.31	172.02	146.70	89.76	28.30	20.73	10.93	23.00
06-May-25	129.28	171.98	146.42	89.97	28.29	20.78	10.92	23.01
07-May-25	129.25	172.57	146.75	90.26	28.30	20.87	10.92	23.01
08-May-25	129.27	172.08	146.13	89.81	28.30	20.87	10.93	23.01
May 2-8	129.32	172.21	146.48	89.78	28.30	20.77	10.92	23.00

*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

	10-Apr-25	17-Apr-25	24-Apr-25	30-Apr-25	08-May-25
1. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	9,729	9,808	9,805	9,749	10,291
2. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6

*Excludes encumbered reserves

**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)	Average Interbank Rate (%)
25-Apr-25	44	24,335.00	9.94
28-Apr-25	41	27,075.00	9.96
29-Apr-25	18	14,980.00	9.96
30-Apr-25	18	12,950.00	9.94
1-May-25	Public Holiday		
Apr 25-May 1	30	19,835.00	9.95
2-May-25	18	11,600.00	9.92
5-May-25	9	3,550.00	9.93
6-May-25	14	9,150.00	9.91
7-May-25	17	6,150.00	9.91
8-May-25	19	14,150.00	9.90
May 2-8	15	8,920.00	9.91

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions

91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	30-Jan-25	27-Feb-25	27-Mar-25	30-Apr-25	08-May-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)	2,242.28	2,465.23	17,956.38	2,790.24	2,184.51	10,336.13
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,208.47	2,450.72	19,934.89	2,704.14	2,182.56	10,287.87
Maturities (KSh M)	3,443.00	7,518.90	16,257.75	2,191.25	2,380.85	10,074.15
Average Interest Rate (%)	9.895	9.522	8.937	8.791	8.406	8.382
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	30-Jan-25	27-Feb-25	27-Mar-25	30-Apr-25	08-May-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)	435.30	2,863.29	6,896.23	1,706.31	1,283.06	20,829.84
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	435.30	2,520.57	6,896.23	1,701.35	1,283.06	20,782.88
Maturities (KSh M)	1,534.00	8,280.55	4,784.10	3,580.40	6,157.90	24,488.35
Average Interest Rate (%)	10.022	10.028	9.240	9.058	8.619	8.601
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	30-Jan-25	27-Feb-25	27-Mar-25	30-Apr-25	08-May-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)	2,189.12	8,133.60	11,696.07	10,249.39	14,906.47	21,502.16
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,189.12	8,117.07	11,681.09	10,104.04	14,906.47	19,642.88
Maturities (KSh M)	1,918.60	4,035.60	10,152.85	8,813.10	12,255.55	15,122.70
Average Interest Rate (%)	11.410	11.313	10.500	10.412	10.006	10.010

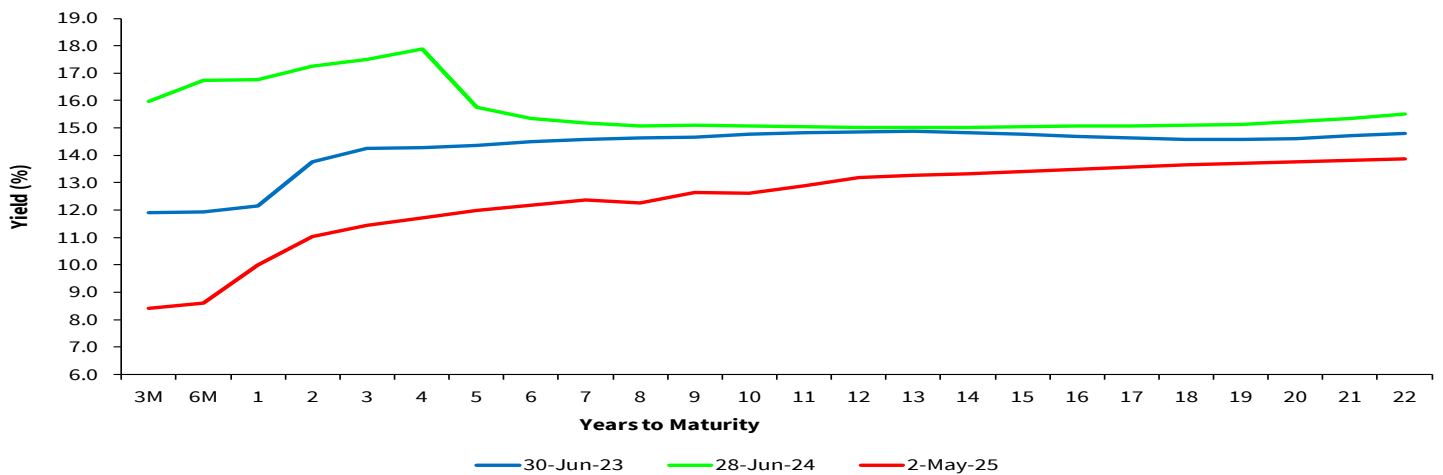
Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 6: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions

Date of Auction	02-Apr-25			10-Apr-25	30-Apr-25		07-May-25
	RE-OPEN			TAP	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN
Tenor	FXD1/ 2020/015	FXD1/ 2022/015	FXD1/ 2022/025	FXD1/ 2020/015	FXD1/ 2022/015	FXD1/ 2022/025	FXD1/ 2012/20
Amount offered (KSh M)	70,000.00			10,000.00	50,000.00		30,000.00
Bids received (KSh M)	20,896.78	18,148.40	32,683.70	13,239.65	26,413.49	30,681.72	54,388.38
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	20,882.12	17,980.34	32,536.17	12,592.55	25,280.99	25,103.28	43,520.27
Maturities (KSh M)					69,619.55		14,230.89
Average interest Rate (%)	13.67	13.83	14.23	13.67	13.91	14.54	13.65

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 1: Government Securities Yield Curve



Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

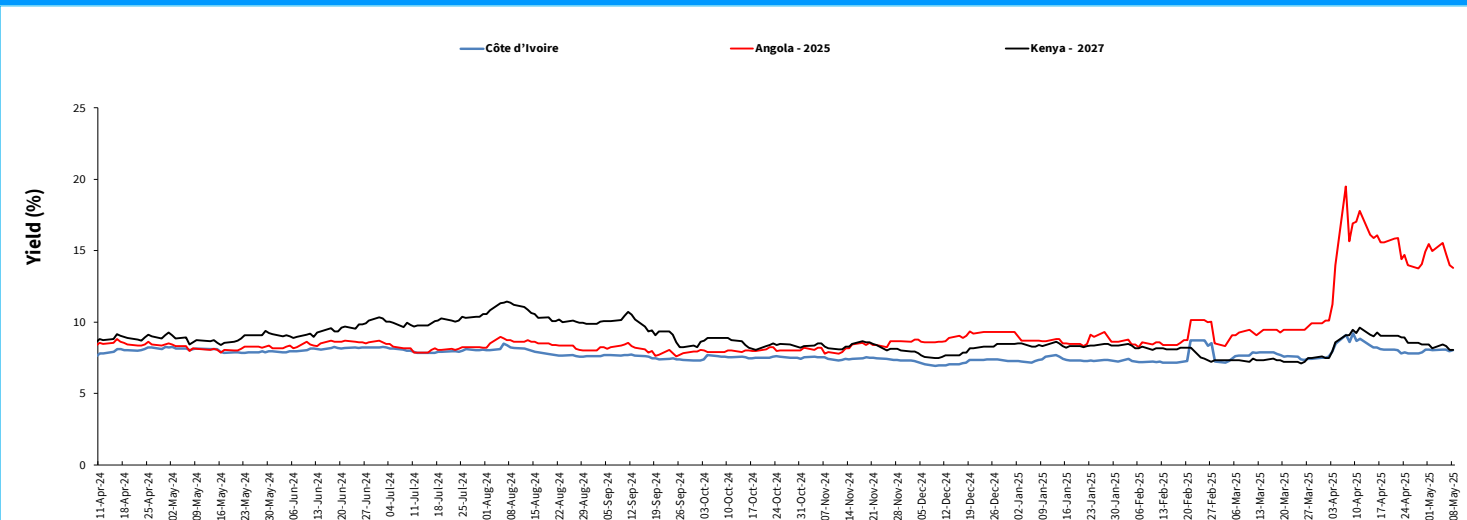
Table 7: Performance of Key Market Indicators

INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share Index 100=1996	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded (Million)	Equity Turn- over (KSh Million)	Market Capitaliza- tion (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turn- over (KSh Million)	Eurobond Yields (%)					
									7-Year 2027	10-Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12-Year 2032	13-Year 2034	30-Year 2048
25-Apr-25	125.80	3,421.61	2,151.50	1,720.00	6.51	116.60	1,977.32	11,142.55	8.535	9.771	10.839	10.660	10.441	11.097
28-Apr-25	125.53	3,416.03	2,146.45	1,498.00	5.90	83.79	1,973.05	14,118.90	8.539	9.720	10.804	10.630	10.415	11.078
29-Apr-25	125.60	3,408.28	2,129.51	1,688.00	7.39	377.52	1,974.20	9,820.40	8.417	9.724	10.840	10.726	10.498	11.154
30-Apr-25	126.08	3,412.63	2,135.51	1,480.00	14.77	712.85	1,981.79	13,559.70	8.429	10.164	11.269	11.139	10.888	11.447
1-May-25	Public Holiday								8.429	10.055	11.197	11.075	10.860	11.407
Apr 25- May 1, 25	126.08	3,412.63	2,135.51	6,386.00	34.57	1,290.75	1,981.79	48,641.55	8.429	10.055	11.197	11.075	10.860	11.407
2-May-25	125.60	3,378.62	2,106.31	1,820	8.72	93.36	1,974.16	4515.85	8.168	9.84	11.019	10.918	10.694	11.309
5-May-25	125.76	3,365.95	2,099.56	1,946	14.30	258.98	1,976.74	9023.5	8.437	9.951	11.091	11.014	10.779	11.328
6-May-25	125.94	3,365.92	2,099.22	1,770	11.62	497.51	1,979.50	6937.8	8.308	9.899	11.056	10.92	10.697	11.29
7-May-25	126.11	3,379.56	2,092.00	1,736	18.73	231.63	1,982.21	5954	8.046	9.793	10.844	10.764	10.588	11.193
8-May-25	126.13	3,382.67	2,092.84	1,622	31.11	343.62	1,982.54	10604.9	8.056	9.8	10.881	10.768	10.618	11.155
May 2 - 8, 25	126.13	3,382.67	2,092.84	8,894.00	84.47	1,425.09	1,982.54	37,036.05	8.056	9.800	10.881	10.768	10.618	11.155
Weekly Changes (%)	0.04	-0.88	-2.00	39.27	144.35	10.41	0.04	-23.86	-0.494*	-0.037*	0.147*	0.198*	0.175*	0.176*

* 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)

	30-Jun-23	28-Jun-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	2-May-25
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	614.73	615.89	834.73	846.10	886.83	915.44	941.49	946.92
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	13.28	11.75	14.71	14.77	15.02	15.41	15.79	15.87
2. Treasury Bonds	4,013.89	4,627.12	4,840.35	4,884.05	5,016.91	5,025.43	5,020.02	5,020.02
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	86.72	88.25	85.29	85.23	84.98	84.59	84.21	84.13
3. Total Securities (1+2)	4,628.62	5,243.01	5,675.08	5,730.15	5,903.74	5,940.87	5,961.51	5,966.93
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	76.46	61.02	31.77	37.48	60.57	86.51	94.89	84.93
5. Other Domestic debt*	127.04	106.25	102.44	101.15	100.05	98.92	99.19	99.19
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	95.52	83.54	81.08	80.29	79.62	77.88	78.71	78.71
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	4,832.11	5,410.28	5,809.30	5,868.77	6,064.36	6,126.30	6,155.60	6,151.06

* 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)

	30-Jun-23	28-Jun-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	02-May-25
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	12.72	11.38	14.37	14.42	14.62	14.94	15.29	15.39
Treasury bonds	83.07	85.52	83.32	83.22	82.73	82.03	81.55	81.61
Overdraft at Central Bank	1.58	1.13	0.55	0.64	1.00	1.41	1.54	1.38
Other domestic debt	2.63	1.96	1.76	1.72	1.65	1.61	1.61	1.61
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.98	1.54	1.40	1.37	1.31	1.27	1.28	1.28
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 10: Government Domestic Debt by Holder (Percent)

	30-Jun-23	28-Jun-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	02-May-25
Banking Institutions	46.17	45.12	45.36	45.05	45.40	45.41	45.32	45.27
Insurance Companies	7.31	7.23	7.15	7.32	7.23	7.13	7.24	7.24
Parastatals	5.98	5.13	5.43	5.60	5.97	6.07	5.95	5.95
Pension Funds*	33.42	29.60	28.94	28.88	28.29	28.28	28.34	28.37
Other Investors	7.13	12.92	13.13	13.16	13.11	13.11	13.15	13.17
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

* Includes pension funds and custodial/ Nominee Accounts

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 11: Public Debt

	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24*
Domestic debt (KSh Bn)	4,917.47	5,050.11	5,235.19	5,410.28	5,693.54	5,809.30	5,868.77
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD Bn)	38.27	38.92	39.18	39.77	39.63	39.62	39.11
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (KSh Bn)	5,667.80	6,089.58	5,163.42	5,150.84	5,120.31	5,138.13	5,057.01
Public debt (KSh Bn)	10,585.27	11,139.69	10,398.61	10,561.12	10,813.85	10,947.43	10,925.78

* Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya