



Central Bank of Kenya

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## RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

### Monetary Policy Committee Meeting

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met on April 8, 2025, and decided to lower the Central Bank Rate (CBR) by 75 basis points to 10.00 percent from 10.75 percent. The MPC noted that overall inflation was expected to remain below the midpoint of the 5±2.5 percent target range in the near term, supported by a low core inflation, lower food inflation, stable energy prices inflation, and continued exchange rate stability. The MPC also observed that Central banks in the major economies have continued to lower their interest rates, but at different paces depending on inflation and growth expectations. The Committee further noted that average lending rates have been declining gradually since December 2024, but private sector credit growth remains subdued.

To enhance the effectiveness of the monetary policy implementation framework, the MPC approved the narrowing of the width of the interest rate corridor around the CBR from ±150 basis points to ±75 basis points. The MPC also approved the adjustment of the applicable interest rate on the Discount Window from 300 basis points above CBR to 75 basis points, which will be the upper bound of the interest rate corridor.

### Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending April 10. It exchanged at KSh 129.67 per US dollar on April 10, compared to KSh 129.25 per US dollar on April 3 (**Table 1**).

### Foreign Exchange Reserves

The usable foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 9,729 million (4.4 months of import cover) as of April 10. This meets the CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover (**Table 2**).

### Remittances

Remittance inflows in March 2025 totalled USD 422.9 million compared to USD 407.8 million in March 2024, an increase of 3.7 percent (**Chart 1**). The cumulative inflows for the 12 months to March 2025 increased by 13.5 percent

to USD 4,972 million compared to USD 4,380 million in a similar period in 2024. The remittance inflows continue to support the current account and the foreign exchange market. The US remains the largest source of remittances to Kenya, accounting for 53 percent in March 2025.

### Money Market

The money market remained liquid during the week ending April 10. Open market operations remained active. Commercial banks' excess reserves stood at KSh 18.2 billion in relation to the 3.25 percent cash reserves requirement (CRR). The average interbank rate was at 10.12 percent on April 10 compared to 10.68 on April 3. During the week, the average number of interbank deals increased to 33 from 14 in the previous week, while the average value traded increased to KSh 18.0 billion from KSh 6.8 billion in the previous week (**Table 3**).

### Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of April 10 received bids totalling KSh 53.8 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 224.0 percent. Interest rate on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills declined (**Table 4**).

During the Treasury bond tap sale of April 10, the 15-year fixed rate treasury bonds received bids totalling KSh 13.2 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 10.0 billion, representing a performance of 132.4 percent (**Table 5**).

### Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices decreased by 4.18 percent, 4.23 percent and 4.24 percent, respectively during the week ending April 10. Market capitalization and total shares traded decreased by 4.18 percent and 16.54 percent while equity turnover increased 7.06 percent, respectively (**Table 6**).

### Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market increased by 17.67 percent during the week ending April 10 (**Table 6**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds increased by 118.9 basis points on average. Similarly, yields on Angola and Côte d'Ivoire Eurobonds increased (**Chart 3**).

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## Global Trends

Inflation concerns eased during the week, with US headline inflation falling to 2.4 percent in March from 2.8 percent in February 2025 while core inflation fell to 2.8 percent from 3.1 percent. Global equity markets continued to underperform driven largely by elevated uncertainties due to escalation of trade tensions following implementation of new tariffs on imports to the US. The US Dollar Index strengthened by 1.2 percent during the week.

International oil prices declined, with Murban oil trading at USD 64.77 per barrel on April 10 from USD 71.86 per barrel on April 3, reflecting concerns over the impact of US tariffs on global demand and increased production of oil in major oil exporting countries.

### Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
28-Mar-25	129.32	167.35	139.51	85.73	28.34	20.65	10.90	22.92
31-Mar-25	Public Holiday							
01-Apr-25	129.27	167.22	139.89	86.42	28.31	20.42	10.90	22.99
02-Apr-25	129.25	166.92	139.43	86.21	28.27	20.43	10.91	23.00
03-Apr-25	129.25	169.23	141.50	87.87	28.22	20.43	10.91	23.00
<b>Mar 28- Apr 3</b>	<b>129.27</b>	<b>167.68</b>	<b>140.08</b>	<b>86.56</b>	<b>28.29</b>	<b>20.48</b>	<b>10.90</b>	<b>22.98</b>
04-Apr-25	129.25	169.45	143.49	88.87	28.28	20.58	10.91	23.00
07-Apr-25	129.26	166.90	142.04	88.43	28.35	20.81	10.91	22.99
08-Apr-25	129.56	165.52	142.11	87.73	28.61	20.76	10.89	22.94
09-Apr-25	129.67	166.85	142.54	88.48	28.57	20.75	11.05	22.92
10-Apr-25	129.67	166.85	142.54	88.48	28.57	20.75	11.05	22.92
<b>Apr 4-10</b>	<b>129.48</b>	<b>167.12</b>	<b>142.54</b>	<b>88.40</b>	<b>28.48</b>	<b>20.73</b>	<b>10.96</b>	<b>22.96</b>

\*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

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

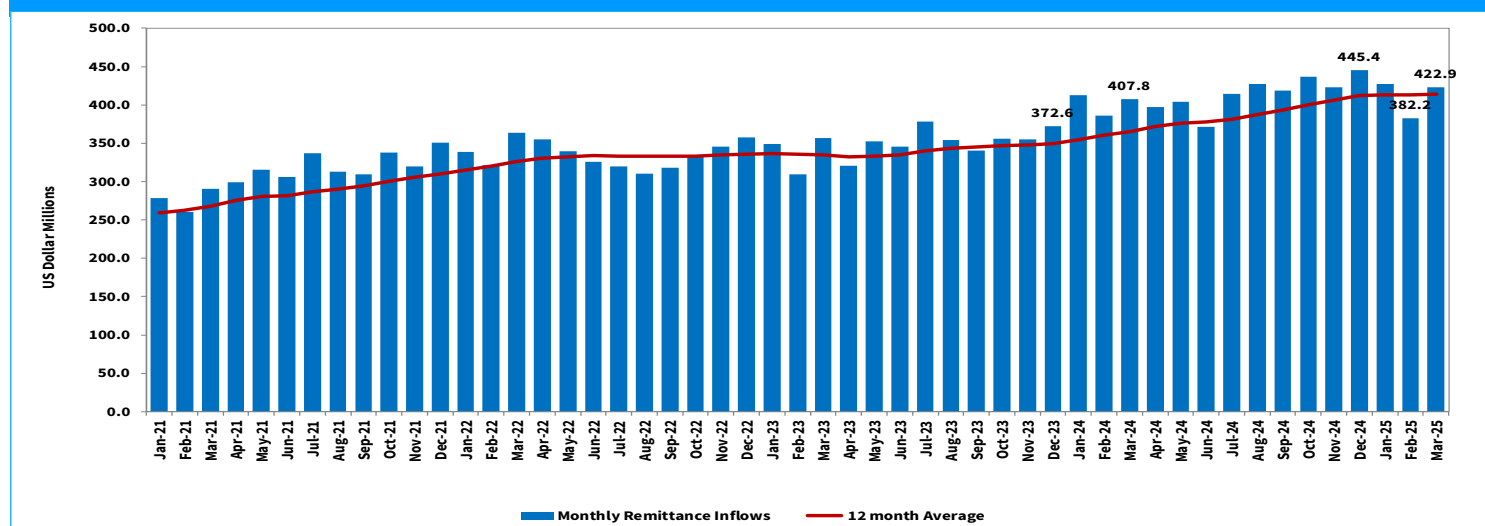
	13-Mar-25	20-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	03-Apr-25	10-Apr-25
1. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	10,055	10,001	9,956	9,936	9,729
2. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4

\*Excludes encumbered reserves

\*\*Based on the revised 36 months average of imports of goods and non -factor services

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

### Chart 1: Remittances



Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Money Market			
Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	Average Interbank Rate (%)
28-Mar-25	17	11,419.00	10.68
31-Mar-25	Public Holiday		
1-Apr-25	17	8,680.00	10.68
2-Apr-25	8	1,400.00	10.68
3-Apr-25	13	5,700.00	10.68
<b>Mar 28-Apr 3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6,799.75</b>	<b>10.68</b>
4-Apr-25	23	9,256.00	10.69
7-Apr-25	43	30,040.00	10.69
8-Apr-25	37	17,270.00	10.73
9-Apr-25	28	17,110.00	10.30
10-Apr-25	34	16,400.00	10.12
<b>April 4-10</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18,015.20</b>	<b>10.50</b>

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

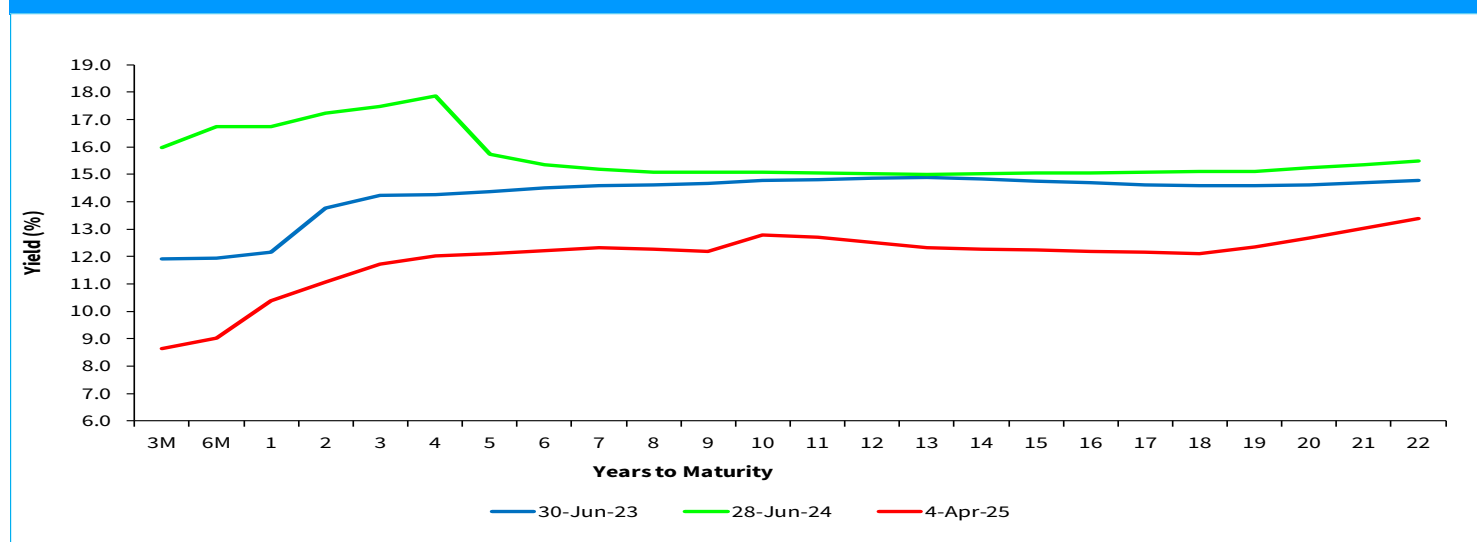
Table 4: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions						
91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Jun-24	27-Dec-24	30-Jan-25	27-Feb-25	03-Apr-25	10-Apr-25
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	4,361.03	2,242.28	2,465.23	17,956.38	11,180.54	17,415.82
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,745.34	2,208.47	2,450.72	19,934.89	11,150.22	7,405.11
Maturities (KSh M)	3,922.10	3,443.00	7,518.90	16,257.75	8,132.35	9,539.15
<b>Average Interest Rate (%)</b>	<b>15.977</b>	<b>9.895</b>	<b>9.522</b>	<b>8.937</b>	<b>8.629</b>	<b>8.501</b>
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Jun-24	27-Dec-24	30-Jan-25	27-Feb-25	03-Apr-25	10-Apr-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)	1,494.42	435.30	2,863.29	6,896.23	4,494.61	11,070.23
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,479.67	435.30	2,520.57	6,896.23	4,475.57	11,045.74
Maturities (KSh M)	293.25	1,534.00	8,280.55	4,784.10	7,711.70	11,362.25
<b>Average Interest Rate (%)</b>	<b>16.764</b>	<b>10.022</b>	<b>10.028</b>	<b>9.240</b>	<b>9.035</b>	<b>8.894</b>
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Jun-24	27-Dec-24	30-Jan-25	27-Feb-25	03-Apr-25	10-Apr-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)	1,833.64	2,189.12	8,133.60	11,696.07	25,011.50	25,268.49
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	1,828.51	2,189.12	8,117.07	11,681.09	24,921.88	25,092.73
Maturities (KSh M)	1,679.00	1,918.60	4,035.60	10,152.85	15,649.80	21,839.80
<b>Average Interest Rate (%)</b>	<b>16.791</b>	<b>11.410</b>	<b>11.313</b>	<b>10.500</b>	<b>10.387</b>	<b>10.232</b>

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions**

Date of Auction	12-Feb-25		05-Mar-25	02-Apr-25			10-Apr-25
	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN	TAP
Tenor	IFB1/ 2022/014	IFB1/ 2023/017	FXD1/ 2018/025	FXD1/ 2020/015	FXD1/ 2022/015	FXD1/ 2022/025	FXD1/ 2020/015
Amount offered (KSh M)	70,000.00		25,000.00	70,000.00			10,000.00
Bids received (KSh M)	93,132.02	100,765.93	47,011.61	20,896.78	18,148.40	32,683.70	13,239.65
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	65,255.75	65,553.12	35,248.22	20,882.12	17,980.34	32,536.17	12,592.55
Maturities (KSh M)			27,693.90				
Average interest Rate (%)	13.98	14.28	13.80	13.67	13.83	14.23	13.67

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Chart 2: Government Securities Yield Curve**


Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

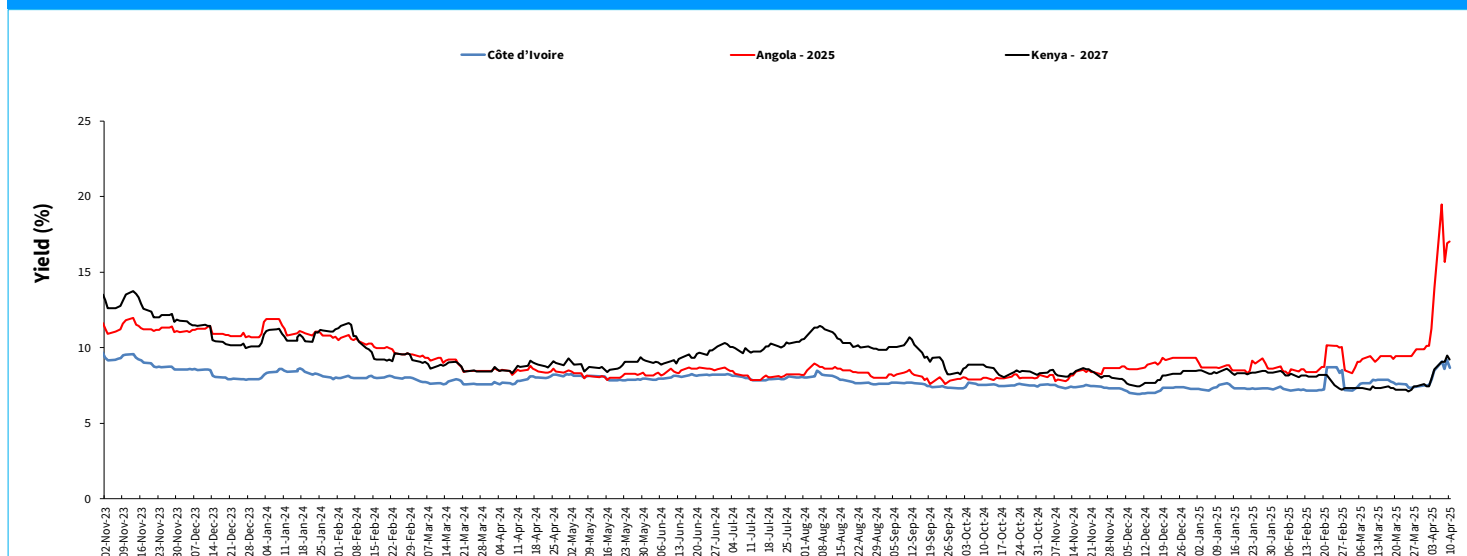
**Table 6: Performance of Key Market Indicators**

INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share Index 100=1996	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded (Million)	Equity Turnover (KSh Mil- lion)	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
28-Mar-25	130.81	3,532.38	2,226.88	2,164	30.16	340.10	2056.07	16252.25	7.462	8.784	10.346	10.268	10.305	10.674
31-Mar-25	Public Holiday								7.583	8.836	10.449	10.419	10.413	10.799
1-Apr-25	131.59	3,548.88	2,241.24	2,264	24.712	357.44	2068.29	13231.65	7.465	8.837	10.381	10.36	10.387	10.763
2-Apr-25	131.50	3,545.87	2,225.59	2,099	20.763	388.99	2067.00	10213.95	7.466	9.044	10.517	10.482	10.469	10.891
3-Apr-25	131.25	3,537.01	2,233.39	1,835	19.0351	343.37	2063.05	9175.75	7.956	9.567	11.039	10.854	10.856	11.21
<b>Mar 28-Apr 3</b>	<b>131.25</b>	<b>3537.01</b>	<b>2233.39</b>	<b>8,362.00</b>	<b>94.67</b>	<b>1,429.90</b>	<b>2,063.05</b>	<b>48,873.60</b>	<b>7.956</b>	<b>9.567</b>	<b>11.039</b>	<b>10.854</b>	<b>10.856</b>	<b>11.210</b>
4-Apr-25	131.51	3536.24	2225.10	1,856.00	15.46	397.20	2,067.13	3,276.90	8.574	10.743	11.976	11.684	11.601	11.855
7-Apr-25	129.13	3475.74	2204.76	2,057.00	8.68	177.12	2,029.72	2,326.10	9.078	11.573	12.612	12.283	12.143	12.403
8-Apr-25	126.88	3410.14	2167.30	2,274.00	13.03	264.84	1,994.30	14,824.90	9.083	11.133	12.237	12.016	11.812	12.047
9-Apr-25	123.60	3314.15	2119.14	2,277.00	25.35	377.17	1,942.75	18,049.30	9.469	11.693	12.690	12.457	12.208	12.335
10-Apr-25	125.76	3387.48	2138.65	1,800.00	16.47	314.47	1,976.72	19,032.70	9.232	11.201	12.241	12.056	11.817	12.069
<b>Apr 4-10</b>	<b>125.76</b>	<b>3387.48</b>	<b>2138.65</b>	<b>10,264.00</b>	<b>79.005</b>	<b>1,530.8</b>	<b>1976.719</b>	<b>57,509.90</b>	<b>9.232</b>	<b>11.201</b>	<b>12.241</b>	<b>12.056</b>	<b>11.817</b>	<b>12.069</b>
<b>Weekly Changes (%)</b>	<b>-4.18</b>	<b>-4.23</b>	<b>-4.24</b>	<b>22.75</b>	<b>-16.54</b>	<b>7.06</b>	<b>-4.18</b>	<b>17.67</b>	<b>1.276*</b>	<b>1.634*</b>	<b>1.202*</b>	<b>1.202*</b>	<b>0.961*</b>	<b>0.859*</b>

\* Percentage points

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and Thomson Reuters

**Chart 3: Yields on 10-Year Eurobonds for Select Countries**



Source: London Stock Exchange

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

	30-Jun-23	28-Jun-24	31-Oct-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	4-Apr-25
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	614.73	615.89	760.13	834.73	846.10	886.83	915.44	916.36
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	<b>13.28</b>	<b>11.75</b>	<b>13.66</b>	<b>14.71</b>	<b>14.77</b>	<b>15.02</b>	<b>15.41</b>	<b>15.42</b>
2. Treasury Bonds	4,013.89	4,627.12	4,802.76	4,840.35	4,884.05	5,016.91	5,025.43	5,025.43
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	<b>86.72</b>	<b>88.25</b>	<b>86.34</b>	<b>85.29</b>	<b>85.23</b>	<b>84.98</b>	<b>84.59</b>	<b>84.58</b>
3. Total Securities (1+2)	4,628.62	5,243.01	5,562.89	5,675.08	5,730.15	5,903.74	5,940.87	5,941.78
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	76.46	61.02	28.63	31.77	37.48	60.57	86.51	86.51
5. Other Domestic debt*	127.04	106.25	102.01	102.44	101.15	100.05	98.92	99.20
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	95.52	83.54	81.08	81.08	80.29	79.62	77.88	78.71
<b>6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)</b>	<b>4,832.11</b>	<b>5,410.28</b>	<b>5,693.54</b>	<b>5,809.30</b>	<b>5,868.77</b>	<b>6,064.36</b>	<b>6,126.30</b>	<b>6,127.49</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	28-Jun-24	31-Oct-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	04-Apr-25
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	12.72	11.38	13.35	14.37	14.42	14.62	14.94	14.95
Treasury bonds	83.07	85.52	84.35	83.32	83.22	82.73	82.03	82.01
Overdraft at Central Bank	1.58	1.13	0.50	0.55	0.64	1.00	1.41	1.41
Other domestic debt	2.63	1.96	1.79	1.76	1.72	1.65	1.61	1.62
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.98	1.54	1.42	1.40	1.37	1.31	1.27	1.28
<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 9: Government Domestic Debt by Holder (Percent)**

	30-Jun-23	28-Jun-24	31-Oct-24	29-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	04-Apr-25
Banking Institutions	46.17	45.12	45.09	45.36	45.05	45.40	45.41	45.42
Insurance Companies	7.31	7.23	7.20	7.15	7.32	7.23	7.13	7.14
Parastatals	5.98	5.13	5.45	5.43	5.60	5.97	6.07	6.07
Pension Funds*	33.42	29.60	29.16	28.94	28.88	28.29	28.28	28.26
Other Investors	7.13	12.92	13.11	13.13	13.16	13.11	13.11	13.10
<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>

\* Includes pension funds and custodial/ Nominee Accounts

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

**Table 10: 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)	<b>10,585.27</b>	<b>11,139.69</b>	<b>10,398.61</b>	<b>10,561.12</b>	<b>10,813.85</b>	<b>10,947.43</b>	<b>10,925.78</b>

\* Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya