

Interbank Market

The volumes traded in the interbank market decreased to an average of KSh 14.4 billion during the week ending April 18, 2018 from KSh 22.7 billion in the previous week, partly reflecting improved liquidity conditions in the market on account of government payments. Similarly, the number of deals in the interbank market decreased to an average of 23 compared with an average of 38 in the previous week. The weighted average interbank rate decreased to 4.62 percent from 6.06 percent in the previous week **(Table 1)**.

Exchange Rate

The Kenya Shilling strengthened against major international and regional currencies during the week ending April 19, 2018. The Shilling strengthened against the US Dollar supported by flows from agriculture sector and offshore investors. It also strengthened against the Euro and the Japanese Yen but weakened against the Sterling Pound. In the EAC region, the Shilling Strengthened against all the currencies **(Table 2)**.

Equity Market

Share prices in the equity market declined in the week ending April 19, 2018 as reflected across all market

indices. The decline eroded shareholders' wealth by KSh 135.58 billion or 4.77 percent as measured by market capitalization. Trading activity at the bourse, measured by equity turnover, increased by 40.22 percent on account of 66.98 percent increase in the volume of share traded **(Table 3)**. The overall decline in share prices is attributed to falling prices in Energy & Petroleum, Telcommuincations & Technology and Costruction & Allied sectors.

Bond Market and Eurobond Yields

Turnover in the bonds market increased by 42.2 percent in the week ending April 19, 2018, partly reflecting investors' offloading old stocks in the secondary market to buy FXD 1/2008/15 & FXD 1/2018/20 currently on offer in the primary market. The yields on Kenya Eurobonds increased across all the maturities, perhaps a reflection of varying market sentiments (**Table 3**).

Government Securities

The government securities market registered oversubscribed auctions during the week ending April 19, 2018, while the interest rates remained stable. The Treasury bill auctions received bids totalling KSh 39 billion against an offer amount of KSh 24.0 billion (**Table 4**).

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Table 1: Interbank Deals, Volumes and Interest Rates											
Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	Average Interbank Rate (%)								
5-Apr-18	49	28,712	6.34								
6-Apr-18	49	30,965	6.17								
9-Apr-18	37	18,525	6.15								
10-Apr-18	31	18,335	5.97								
11-Apr-18	23	16,745	5.66								
April 5 - 11, 2018	38	22,656	6.06								
12-Apr-18	19	12,500	5.05								
13-Apr-18	20	11,440	4.37								
16-Apr-18	25	13,500	4.58								
17-Apr-18	24	14,050	4.65								
18-Apr-18	29	20,350	4.46								
April 12 - 18, 2018	23	14,368	4.62								

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 2: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates (Indicative Mean Rates)												
	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	USHS*	TSHS*	RWF*	BIF*				
6-Apr-18	101.03	141.73	123.84	94.37	36.55	22.37	8.58	17.43				
9-Apr-18	101.00	142.04	123.91	94.34	36.58	22.37	8.58	17.43				
10-Apr-18	100.99	142.75	124.40	94.36	36.56	22.41	8.58	17.43				
11-Apr-18	101.00	143.15	124.82	94.42	36.56	22.41	8.58	17.43				
12-Apr-18	100.98	143.35	124.97	94.43	36.57	22.38	8.58	17.44				
April 6 - 12, 2018	101.00	142.60	124.39	94.38	36.56	22.39	8.58	17.43				
13-Apr-18	100.87	143.19	124.16	93.93	36.61	22.44	8.59	17.46				
16-Apr-18	100.77	143.71	124.19	93.63	36.64	22.54	8.60	17.47				
17-Apr-18	100.63	144.02	124.61	93.83	36.67	22.54	8.61	17.50				
18-Apr-18	100.40	143.71	124.02	93.76	36.75	22.64	8.63	17.54				
19-Apr-18	100.40	142.87	124.35	93.69	36.75	22.73	8.63	17.54				
April 13 - 19, 2018	100.61	143.50	124.27	93.77	36.69	22.58	8.62	17.50				

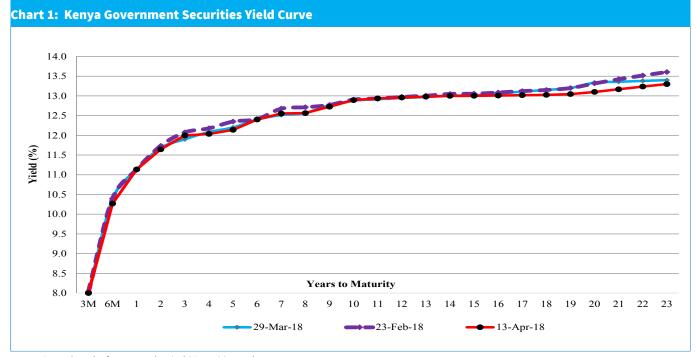
* Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Key	Weekly N	Market In	dicators									
INDICATOR	NASI 100= 2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share In- dex 100= 1996	Number of Deals (Shares)	Total Shares Traded (Million)	Equity Turnover (KSh Million)	Market Capital- ization (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Mil- lion)	5-Yr Euro- bond Yield (%)	10-Yr Euro- bond Yield (%)- 2024	10-Year Euro- bond Yield (%)- 2028	30-Yr Euro- bond Yield (%)
06-Apr-18	194.86	4992.39	3820.81	1474.00	16.25	519.32	2871.08	1235.00	3.835	5.823	6.486	7.546
09-Apr-18	193.06	4964.11	3809.86	1,240	8.16	189.47	2,844.40	4,646.11	3.935	5.866	6.546	7.593
10-Apr-18	193.20	4981.94	3817.04	1,200	19.66	694.51	2,846.53	1,666.18	3.825	5.860	6.533	7.601
11-Apr-18	194.16	5001.16	3830.94	1,526	14.68	752.93	2,860.72	1,269.89	3.821	5.893	6.526	7.609
12-Apr-18	192.82	4980.92	3820.26	1,621	17.31	787.65	2,840.96	643.33	3.914	5.846	6.504	7.597
6-12 Apr-18	192.82	4980.92	3820.26	7,061	76.07	2,943.88	2,840.96	9,460.52	3.914	5.846	6.504	7.597
13-Apr-18	191.35	4947.58	3805.23	1,592	25.41	746.81	2,819.17	2,807.22	3.909	5.826	6.458	7.589
16-Apr-18	189.67	4917.84	3801.65	1,513	15.09	550.95	2,794.41	2,008.90	3.905	5.849	6.498	7.654
17-Apr-18	186.85	4856.92	3770.92	1,666	22.23	676.18	2,752.79	2,458.92	4.008	5.919	6.579	7.719
18-Apr-18	185.85	4792.28	3745.01	1,473	32.56	965.17	2,723.26	2,301.56	4.112	5.914	6.545	7.710
19-Apr-18	183.68	4764.06	3727.69	1,455	31.72	1,188.71	2,705.38	3,875.03	4.100	5.905	6.544	7.701
13-19 Apr-18	183.68	4764.06	3727.69	7,699	127.02	4,127.82	2,705.38	13,451.63	4.100	5.905	6.544	7.701
Weekly change(%)	-4.74	-4.35	-2.42	9.04	66.98	40.22	-4.77	42.19	*0.186	*0.059	*0.04	*0.104

* Percentage points

Source: Central Bank of Kenya, Nairobi Securities Exchange and Reuters



Source: Central Bank of Kenya and Nairobi Securities Exchange

Table 4: Performance of Treasury Bills Auctions

91-Day Treasury Bills				
Date of Auction	29-Mar-18	05-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	19-Apr-18
Amount offered (Ksh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bids received (Ksh M)	1,762.19	2,954.15	1,754.94	5,173.57
Amount Accepted (Ksh M)	1,761.56	2,936.52	1,735.48	2,147.76
Maturities (Ksh M)	2,790.30	3,322.85	4,925.70	1,722.90
Average interest Rate (%)	8.000	8.006	8.000	8.000

182-Day Treasury Bills

Date of Auction	29-Mar-18	05-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	19-Apr-18
Amount offered (Ksh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids received (Ksh M)	3,753.17	7,164.54	6,951.92	17,953.91
Amount Accepted (Ksh M)	3,753.17	7,026.40	6,850.89	15,985.32
Maturities (Ksh M)	5,467.05	2,228.80	4,560.60	4,580.10
Average interest Rate (%)	10.384	10.318	10.268	10.266

364-Day Treasury Bills

Date of Auction	29-Mar-18	05-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	19-Apr-18
Amount offered (Ksh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids received (Ksh M)	7,149.41	15,561.84	12,191.99	15,863.25
Amount Accepted (Ksh M)	6,249.64	15,561.84	12,190.19	13,613.80
Maturities (Ksh M)	10,287.75	13,580.25	11,375.50	21,531.30
Average interest Rate (%)	11.130	11.120	11.135	11.137

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Government Domestic Debt (Ksh Billion)

	02-Mar-18	09-Mar-18	16-Mar-18	23-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	6-Apr-18	13-Apr-18
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	768.34	775.86	766.39	768.30	772.70	766.78	775.30
(As % of total securities)	33.99	34.15	33.87	33.93	33.59	33.19	33.44
2. Treasury Bonds	1,492.15	1,496.20	1,496.20	1,496.20	1,527.84	1,543.42	1,543.42
(As % of total securities)	66.01	65.85	66.13	66.07	66.41	66.81	66.56
3. Total Securities (1+2)	2,260.49	2,272.06	2,262.59	2,264.50	2,300.54	2,310.19	2,318.71
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	46.21	46.21	46.49	46.02	39.65	39.65	35.33
5. Other Domestic debt*	31.46	31.46	31.45	31.45	31.46	31.51	31.45
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	2,338.15	2,349.73	2,340.52	2,341.97	2,371.65	2,381.36	2,385.50

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

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 6: Composition of Government Domestic Debt by Instrument (Percent)											
	2-Mar-18	9-Mar-18	16-Mar-18	23-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	6-Apr-18	13-Apr-18				
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	32.9	33.0	32.7	32.8	32.6	32.2	32.5				
Treasury bonds	63.8	63.7	63.9	63.9	64.4	64.8	64.7				
CBK Overdraft to Govt	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.5				
Other domestic debt	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3				
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0				
Source: Central Bank of Kenya											

Table 7: Composition of Government Domestic Debt by Holder (In Percent)											
	2-Mar-18	9-Mar-18	16-Mar-18	23-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	6-Apr-18	13-Apr-18				
Banking Institutions	55.4	55.4	55.3	55.3	55.3	55.4	55.1				
Insurance Companies	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4				
Parastatals	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.9				
Pension funds	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.1	27.1	26.9	27.2				
Other investors	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0				

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 8: Official Foreign Reserves US\$ Million (Usable)												
	15-Mar-18	22-Mar-18	29-Mar-18	5-April-18	12-Apr-18	19-Apr-18						
1. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	8,831	8,791	8,846	8,815	8,833	9,495						
2. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	5.90	5.87	5.91	5.89	5.90	6.35						

*Excludes Encumbered Reserves

**Based on 36 months average of imports of goods and non-factor services.

Source: Central Bank of Kenya