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Highlights

The money market was relatively liquid during the week ending March 29, 2017, largely supported by net government payments. The average interbank rate remained stable at 4.52 percent in the ending March 29, 2017 compared to 4.80 percent recorded in the previous week.

The capital markets recorded mixed performance during the week ending March 30, 2017.

Monetary Policy Operations

The money market was relatively liquid during the week ending March 29, 2017, largely supported by net government payments, which injected KSh 15 billion. CBK liquidity operations reduced interbank market liquidity by KSh 2.8 billion (**Table 1**).

Reflecting these trends, net liquidity injection into the money market during the week under review amounted to KSh 12.1 billion.

Commercial banks' excess reserves above 5.25 percent averaging requirement were KSh 2.8 billion, lower than the previous week's KSh 10.1 billion (**Chart A**).

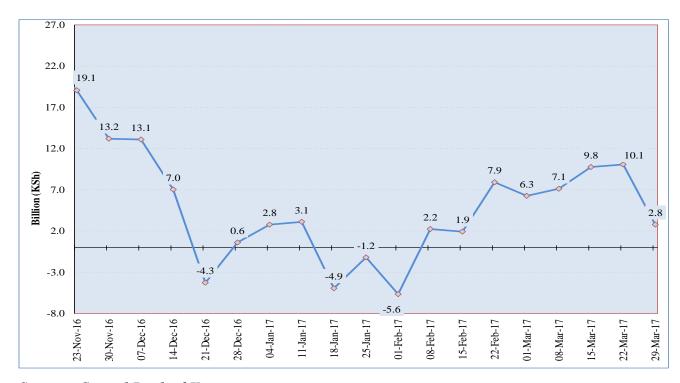
TABLE 1: INTERBANK LIQUIDITY FLOWS AND OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS (KSH BILLION)

	23-Mar-17	24-Mar-17	27-Mar-17	28-Mar-17	29-Mar-17	Total
Liquidity Flows						
Total liquidity injection \1	27.3	15.7	61.5	21.3	13.2	138.9
Repos Maturities	-	-	18.0	10.0	-	28.0
Reverse Repo Purchases	0.6	0.0	6.5	11.3	3.3	21.7
Term Auction Deposit maturities	18.0	-	0.0	-	-	18.0
T/bills redemptions	-	-	23.1	-	-	23.1
T/bills rediscounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
T/bonds redemptions	-	-	-	-	-	-
T/bonds Interest	-	-	8.8	-	-	8.8
T/bonds rediscounts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Govt payments	8.7	15.7	5.1	-	9.9	39.4
Total liquidity reduction \1	14.8	17.2	51.5	37.9	5.3	126.8
T/bills (Primary issues)	-	-	17.6	-	-	17.6
Thonds Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
T/bills/Tbonds (OMO Tap Sales)	-	-	24.9	-	-	24.9
Repos	8.2	-	-	-	-	8.2
Reverse Repos maturities	0.6	0.0	7.5	11.0	3.3	22.3
Term Auction Deposit	0.0	15.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	40.0
Transfer from Banks -Taxes	6.1	2.2	1.5	1.9	2.0	13.8
Net liquidity injection (+)/Withdrawal (-)	12.4	-1.6	10.0	-16.6	7.8	12.1
Open Market Operations Outcome						
Posted Amount	10.0	15.0	-	25.0	-	50.0
Realised Amount - Mop up	8.2	15.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	48.2
Repo (-)	8.2	-	-	-	-	8.2
Term Auction Deposits (-)	-	15.0	_	25.0	-	40.0
Reserve Money Position						
Reserve money (actual)	397.0	395.2	404.6	385.9	392.6	395.1

 $[\]backslash^{1}$ Only main transactions increasing or reducing liquidity are included.

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

CHART A: COMMERCIAL BANKS EXCESS RESERVES



Activity in the Interbank Market

The volumes transacted in the interbank market rose to 13.2 billion during the week under review from KSh 7.93 billion in the previous week, with the average number of deals increasing marginally to 27 from 22. The average interbank rate remained stable at 4.52

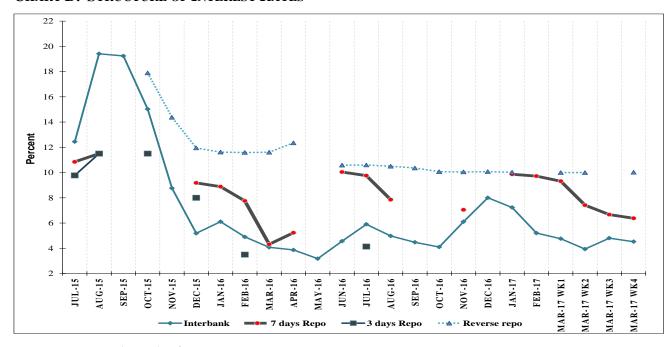
percent in the week ending March 29, 2017 compared to 4.80 percent recorded in the previous week. Meanwhile, repo sales traded at a marginally lower average rate of 6.38 percent in the week ending March 29, 2017 compared to 6.67 percent in the previous week **Chart B**).

TABLE 2: OPEN MARKET OPERATIONS (KSH MILLION)

Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	Average Interbank Rate (%)	7 days Average Repo Rate (%)	Reverse Repo Rate (%)
16-Mar-17	20	4,665	5.57	-	-
17-Mar-17	27	10,211	5.16	-	-
20-Mar-17	27	6,160	4.57	6.76	-
21-Mar-17	19	10,500	4.14	6.58	-
22-Mar-17	19	8,100	4.57	-	-
Mar 16, 2017 - Mar 22, 2017	22	7,927	4.80	6.67	-
23-Mar-17	24	8,450	4.74	6.58	-
24-Mar-17	25	10,950	4.67	6.55	-
27-Mar-17	34	15,550	4.98	-	10.00
28-Mar-17	29	16,920	4.42	6.00	-
29-Mar-17	23	14,200	3.80	-	10.05
Mar 23, 2017 - Mar 29, 2017	27	13,214	4.52	6.38	10.02

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

CHART B: STRUCTURE OF INTEREST RATES



Kenya Shilling Exchange Rate

The Kenya Shilling stabilized against the US Dollar, the Pound Sterling and the Euro during the week ending March 30, 2017. In the EAC

region, it also stabilized against all currencies (**Table 3**).

TABLE 3: KENYA SHILLING EXCHANGE RATE

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	USHS*	TSHS*	RWF*	BIF*
17-Mar-17	103.03	127.23	110.56	90.85	34.86	21.69	7.96	16.54
20-Mar-17	103.11	127.70	110.84	91.63	34.87	21.68	8.13	16.40
21-Mar-17	103.11	127.34	110.94	91.45	34.87	21.68	8.13	16.40
22-Mar-17	103.11	128.62	111.38	92.43	34.90	21.68	8.14	16.40
23-Mar-17	102.90	128.05	111.19	92.59	34.94	21.70	8.15	16.43
17-23 March 2017	103.05	127.79	110.98	91.79	34.89	21.68	8.10	16.43
24-Mar-17	102.95	128.72	111.01	92.87	34.90	21.72	7.97	16.56
27-Mar-17	102.91	128.35	111.07	92.49	34.89	21.70	8.15	16.43
28-Mar-17	102.81	129.13	111.70	92.92	35.07	21.74	8.16	16.45
29-Mar-17	102.95	127.60	111.26	92.64	35.04	21.71	8.15	16.43
30-Mar-17	103.02	128.08	110.74	92.65	35.07	21.69	8.15	16.42
24-30 March 2017	102.93	128.38	111.15	92.71	34.99	21.71	8.12	16.46

^{*} Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

The Capital Market

Overall, capital markets recorded improved performance during the week ending March 30, 2017, with the equity, bonds and I-REITs market segments gaining in a majority of leading indicators.

Equities Market

Share prices increased during the week ending March 30, 2017 as reflected by gains in NASI,

NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indice. Constrained supply led to a decline in both the number of shares traded and equity turnover, perhaps reflecting investors' view of expected higher capital gains as prices continue to improve on account of release of the 2016 audited financial results. Shareholders' wealth, as measured by market capitalization, rose by 0.52 percent, on account of the upward trend in share prices (**Table 4**).

TABLE 4: KEY WEEKLY MARKET STATISTICS

INDICATOR	2-Feb-17	9-Feb-17	16-Feb-17	23-Feb-17	2-Mar-17	9-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	23-Mar-17	30-Mar-17	Weekly Change (Percent)
NASI 100= 2008	123.43	125.19	125.33	125.93	122.33	119.85	124.76	129.90	130.43	0.41
NSE 25 Share Index	3,174.11	3,263.05	3,263.60	3,279.56	3,208.62	3,192.55	3,278.25	3,427.14	3,481.32	1.58
NSE 20 Share Index 100= 1996	2,833.09	2,933.09	2,971.50	3,009.19	2,969.12	2,951.15	2,965.31	3,082.85	3,122.51	1.29
Number of Deals	4,316	4,843	4,891	5,006	4,847	4,561	5,583	5,049	5,074	0.50
Total Shares Traded (Million)	140.58	217.76	154.88	133.04	102.39	113.03	212.74	132.79	116.38	-12.36
Equity Turnover (KSh Million)	3,122.69	4,196.56	3,014.60	2,387.68	2,027.90	2,200.28	4,227.18	2,354.20	2,339.75	-0.61
Market Capitalization (KSh Billion)	1,787.61	1,813.19	1,816.88	1,825.55	1,773.25	1,737.20	1,808.54	1,883.31	1,893.11	0.52
I-REIT Turnover in (KSh Million)	0.27	0.54	0.23	11.13	0.13	0.09	1.76	1.70	3.43	101.93
I-REIT in Units - Total Deals	13.00	29.00	20.00	27.00	18.00	11.00	33.00	29.00	19.00	-34.48
Bonds Turnover (KSh Million)	6,061.50	7,098.57	3,919.48	4,915.45	6,587.00	11,708.54	13,597.39	7,284.40	15,127.23	107.67
FTSE NSE Kenya 15 Index	141.55	149.94	148.92	150.07	146.23	145.56	151.34	157.72	161.43	2.35
FTSE NSE Kenya 25 Index	148.11	154.55	153.35	153.82	149.01	147.12	154.78	160.52	164.02	2.18
FTSE NSE Bond Index	89.70	89.73	89.82	89.80	89.64	89.66	89.68	89.66	89.73	0.08

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange

FTSE NSE Kenya Index Series, REITS and Most Active Sectors

FTSE¹ NSE Kenya 15 Index and FTSE NSE FTSE² NSE Kenya 15 Index and FTSE NSE Kenya 25 Index, which measure performance of 15 largest companies by market capitalization and 25 most liquid stocks at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE), rose by 2.35 percent and 2.18 percent respectively, in the week ending March 30, 2017. The Telecommunication and Technology and Banking sectors accounted 79.37 percent of total shares traded.

The real estate market segment, Income-Real Estate Investment Trust (I-REIT³) returned a

¹ FTSE refers to Financial Times Stock Exchange,

102.18 percent, in turnover despite a 34.48 percent decline in number of deals transacted, signalling investor appetite for asset-backed securities.

Bond Market

Bond market turnover rose to a weekly-historical high of KSh 15. 1 billion in last 8 weeks, signalling investors' preference for Treasury bills, which have maintained heavy subscriptions. The FTSE Bond Index increased by 0.08 percent, reflecting marginal decrease in secondary market yields.

portfolio of selected properties for a return. Investors

gain through capital appreciation and rental income,

with the latter being distributed to unit-holders annually.

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TABLE 5: PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	29-Dec-16	26-Jan-17	23-Feb-17	2-Mar-17	23-Mar-17	30-Mar-17
Amount offered (Ksh M)	4,000.0	4,000.0	4,000.0	4,000.0	10,000.0	10,000.0
Bids received (Ksh M)	1,367.7	5,840.1	3,847.0	5,897.0	8,806.8	11,223.1
Amount Accepted (Ksh M)	1,367.4	5,557.4	1,782.0	5,848.0	2,158.4	7,084.8
Maturities (Ksh M)	4,267.1	4,384.0	5,672.5	5,721.5	3,750.1	1,393.8
Average interest Rate (%)- 91 Days	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-Dec-16	25-Jan-17	22-Feb-17	1-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	29-Mar-17
Amount offered (Ksh M)	6,000.0	6,000.0	6,000.0	6,000.0		
Bids received (Ksh M)	2,140.8	5,078.3	24,748.7	24,178.7		
Amount Accepted (Ksh M)	1,145.9	2,218.5	19,648.6	21,332.7		
Maturities (Ksh M)	1,247.7	6,733.4	8,039.4	6,885.4		
Average interest Rate (%)- 182 days	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5		
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	28-Dec-16	25-Jan-17	22-Feb-17	1-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	29-Mar-17
Amount offered (Ksh M)		6,000.0	6,000.0	6,000.0	10,000.0	10,000.0
Bids received (Ksh M)		1,339.6	1,064.4	3,443.9	20,305.3	13,275.7
Amount Accepted (Ksh M)		1,339.6	1,064.4	2,812.5	15,444.6	9,287.4
Maturities (Ksh M)		1,666.3	8,286.5	10,033.1	13,918.9	4,883.3
Average interest Rate (%)- 364 days		10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9
Treasury Bonds	40 D 46	22 7 1 45	22.15	4=	20.15	
Date of Auction	29-Dec-16	22-Feb-17	22-Mar		29-Mar-	
Tenor	FXD3/2016/2 (Tap Sale)	IFBI/2017/12	FXD 2/2014/5 (re-open)	FXD 3/2013/5 (re-open)		FXD 3/2013/5 (re-open)
Amount offered (Ksh M)	20,000.0	30,000.0	30,000		15,000	
Bids received (Ksh M)	1,354.0	33,135.4	64,248		14,463.7	12,109.4
Amount Accepted (Ksh M)	1,353.8	5,997.5	24,864	0	7,582.7	7,842.8
Maturities (Ksh M)	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	
Average interest Rate (%)	12.5	13.6	12.404	11.817	11.817	12.404

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

TABLE 6: GOVERNMENT DOMESTIC DEBT (KSH BILLION)

	27-Jan-17	17-Feb-17	24-Feb-17	03-Mar-17	10-Mar-17	17-Mar-17	24-Mar-17
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	598.48	600.42	607.90	609.60	618.43	617.91	619.59
(As % of total securities)	32.36	32.51	33.21	33.16	33.33	33.31	33.37
2. Treasury Bonds	1,250.70	1,246.20	1,222.61	1,228.90	1,236.94	1,236.94	1,236.94
(As % of total securities)	67.64	67.49	66.79	66.84	66.67	66.69	66.63
3. Total Securities (1+2)	1,849.17	1,846.62	1,830.51	1,838.49	1,855.36	1,854.85	1,856.52
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	13.58	9.54	25.13	26.00	22.57	23.12	21.20
5. Other Domestic debt*	32.10	30.95	30.97	30.96	31.05	31.05	31.05
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	1,894.85	1,887.11	1,886.61	1,895.46	1,908.99	1,909.02	1,908.77

^{*} Other domestic debt includes clearing items in transit, advances from commercial banks, Pre-1997 Government

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

TABLE 7: COMPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT DEBT BY INSTRUMENT (IN PERCENT)

	24-Jun-16	29-Jul-16	27-Jan-17	17-Feb-17	24-Feb-17	3-Mar-17	10-Mar-17	17-Mar-17	24-Mar-17
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	32.1	31.9	31.6	31.8	32.2	32.2	32.4	32.4	32.5
Treasury bonds	64.1	65.6	66.0	66.0	64.8	64.8	64.8	64.8	64.8
CBK Overdraft to Govt	2.1	0.8	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1
Other domestic debt	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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TABLE 8: COMPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT DEBT BY HOLDER (IN PERCENT)

	29-Jul-16	26-Aug-16	30-Sep-16	25-Nov-16	30-Dec-16	27-Jan-17	17-Feb-17	24-Feb-17	3-Mar-17	10-Mar-17	17-Mar-17	24-Mar-17
Banking Institutions	54.8	54.4	55.0	53.3	52.5	51.6	51.2	51.0	51.1	51.3	51.1	51.2
Insurance Companies	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Parastatals	5.1	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.1
Pension funds	26.8	27.0	26.6	27.3	28.0	28.6	28.8	29.0	28.6	28.8	28.9	28.8
Other investors	5.7	5.6	5.6	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

TABLE 9: OFFICIAL FOREIGN RESERVES US\$ MILLION (USABLE)

	16-Feb-17	23-Feb-17	2-Mar-17	9-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	23-Mar-17	30-Mar-17
1. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	6,949	6,948	6,994	7,027	6,973	7,777	7,731
2. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	4.59	4.59	4.62	4.64	4.61	5.14	5.11

^{*}Excludes Encumbered Reserves

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