



Central Bank of Kenya

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RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending May 22. It exchanged at KSh 129.23 per US dollar on May 22, compared to KSh 129.25 per US dollar on May 15 (**Table 1**).

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The usable foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 10,308 million (4.6 months of import cover) as of May 22. This meets the CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover (**Table 2**).

Money Market

The money market remained liquid during the week ending May 22. Open market operations remained active. Commercial banks' excess reserves stood at KSh 21.2 billion in relation to the 3.25 percent cash reserves requirement (CRR). The average interbank rate was at 9.87 percent compared to 9.86 percent. The average number of interbank deals declined to 10 from 17 in the previous week, while the average value traded declined to KSh 3.6 billion from KSh 9.4 billion in the previous week (**Table 3**).

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of May 22 received bids totalling KSh 34.2 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 142.5 percent. Interest rate on the 91-day and 182-day Treasury Bills declined, while that on the 364-day remained stable (**Table 4**).

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices increased by 0.36 percent, 0.41 percent, and 0.34 percent, respectively, during the week ending May 22, 2025. Market capitalization increased by 0.44 percent¹, while total shares traded and equity turnover decreased by 41.69 and 2.04 percent, respectively (**Table 6**).

Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market increased by 22.59 percent during the week ending May 22 (**Table 6**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds increased by 4.5 basis points on average. Yields on Angola and Côte d'Ivoire Eurobonds also increased (**Chart 2**).

Global Trends

Inflation developments during the week were in line with expectations, with the UK headline inflation rising to 3.5 percent in April from 2.6 percent in March 2025. Similarly, the UK core inflation rose to 3.8 percent from 3.4 percent during the period. The US Dollar Index weakened by 0.91 percent during the week.

International oil prices decreased during the week, with Murban crude trading at USD 63.85 per barrel on May 22, down from USD 64.01 on May 15, mainly due to expectations of increased oil production by the OPEC+ oil producers.

¹ I & M Bank issued 86.5M new shares at 48.42 per share.

Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
09-May-25	129.27	171.09	145.13	88.81	28.33	20.93	10.93	23.01
12-May-25	129.27	171.75	145.16	88.60	28.31	20.87	11.02	23.01
13-May-25	129.23	170.58	143.66	87.49	28.31	20.85	10.94	23.02
14-May-25	129.23	171.91	144.59	87.97	28.32	20.84	10.94	23.02
15-May-25	129.25	171.60	144.72	88.55	28.26	20.77	10.94	23.02
May 9-15	129.25	171.39	144.65	88.28	28.31	20.85	10.95	23.02
16-May-25	129.30	172.26	144.90	88.96	28.23	20.78	10.93	23.01
19-May-25	129.23	171.91	144.57	88.99	28.31	20.58	11.03	23.02
20-May-25	129.24	172.82	145.35	89.31	28.30	20.78	10.94	23.02
21-May-25	129.24	172.82	145.35	89.31	28.30	20.78	10.94	23.02
22-May-25	129.23	173.56	146.41	89.93	28.27	20.86	10.93	23.03
May 16-22	129.25	172.68	145.32	89.30	28.28	20.75	10.95	23.02

*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 2: Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

	27-Mar-25	30-Apr-25	08-May-25	15-May-25	22-May-25
1. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	9,956	9,749	10,291	10,164	10,308
2. CBK Usable Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	5.1	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.6

*Excludes encumbered reserves

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

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Money Market

Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	Average Interbank Rate (%)
9-May-25	25	16,000.00	9.90
12-May-25	15	5,350.00	9.86
13-May-25	21	15,125.00	9.85
14-May-25	15	4,260.00	9.84
15-May-25	11	6,310.00	9.85
May 9-15	17	9,409.00	9.86
16-May-25	15	6,410.00	9.85
19-May-25	9	3,120.00	9.87
20-May-25	6	1,250.00	9.90
21-May-25	5	1,250.00	9.90
22-May-25	16	5,930.00	9.84
May 16-22	10	3,592.00	9.87

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

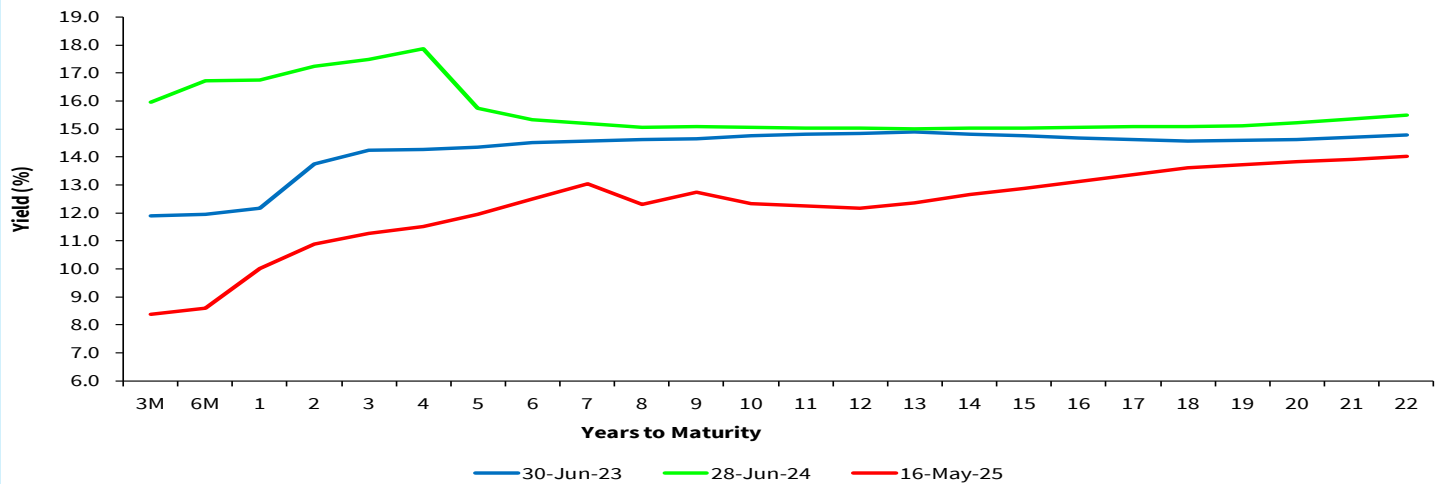
Table 4: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions						
91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	27-Feb-25	27-Mar-25	30-Apr-25	15-May-25	22-May-25
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	2,242.28	17,956.38	2,790.24	2,184.51	8,088.84	4,527.67
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,208.47	19,934.89	2,704.14	2,182.56	8,070.44	4,508.55
Maturities (KSh M)	3,443.00	16,257.75	2,191.25	2,380.85	2,434.40	4,146.20
Average Interest Rate (%)	9.895	8.937	8.791	8.406	8.370	8.323
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	27-Feb-25	27-Mar-25	30-Apr-25	15-May-25	22-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	6,896.23	1,706.31	1,283.06	5,356.24	11,387.30
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	435.30	6,896.23	1,701.35	1,283.06	5,320.83	7,525.72
Maturities (KSh M)	1,534.00	4,784.10	3,580.40	6,157.90	14,980.50	13,169.20
Average Interest Rate (%)	10.022	9.240	9.058	8.619	8.583	8.575
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	27-Feb-25	27-Mar-25	30-Apr-25	15-May-25	22-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	11,696.07	10,249.39	14,906.47	29,680.72	18,271.63
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,189.12	11,681.09	10,104.04	14,906.47	24,020.77	17,906.59
Maturities (KSh M)	1,918.60	10,152.85	8,813.10	12,255.55	17,981.65	6,129.50
Average Interest Rate (%)	11.410	10.500	10.412	10.006	10.002	10.003

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: 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)

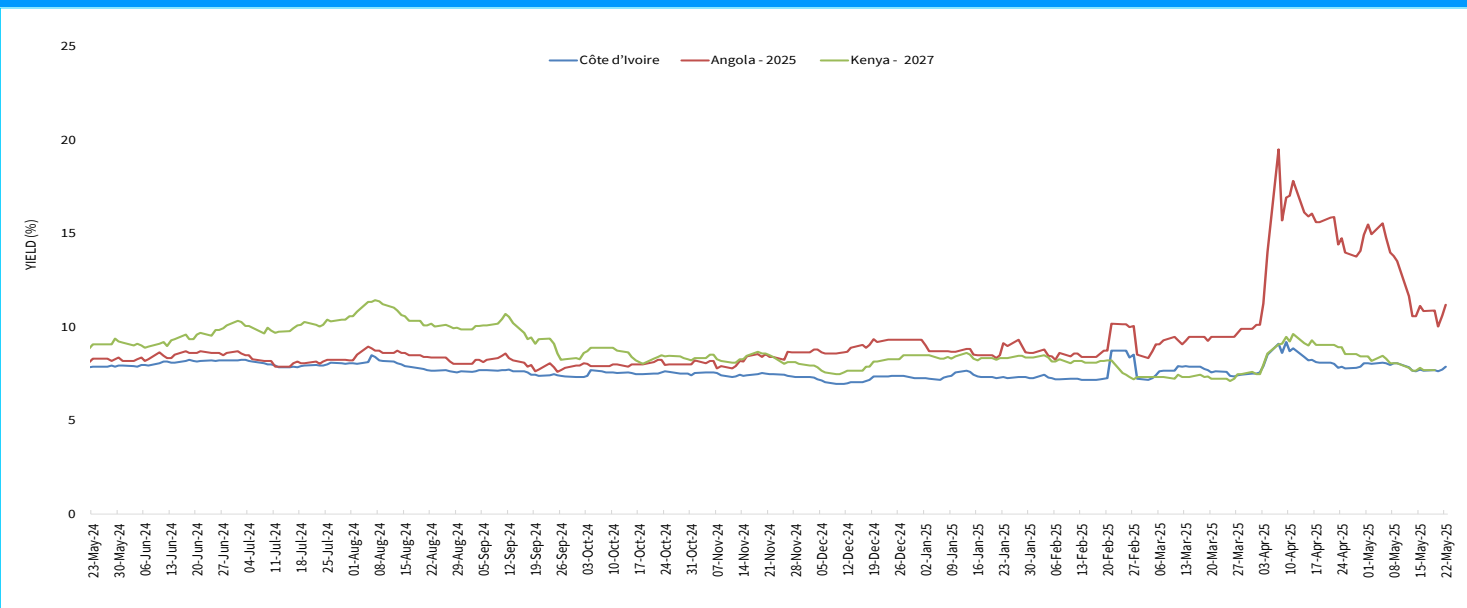
Table 6: Performance of Key Market Indicators

INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share Index 100=1996	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded (Million)	Equity Turn- over (KSh Million)	Market Capitaliza- tion (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Mil- lion)	Eurobond Yields (%)					
									7-Year 2027	10-Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12-Year 2032	13-Year 2034	30-Year 2048
9-May-25	126.87	3,395.77	2,109.29	1,583	24.59	457.77	1,994.14	3224.71	8.059	9.748	10.81	10.769	10.62	11.174
12-May-25	127.22	3,407.98	2,121.98	1,582	23.00	369.71	1,999.71	3948.80	7.794	9.265	10.46	10.46	10.295	10.93
13-May-25	128.82	3,436.76	2,126.84	1,901	66.50	369.71	2,024.75	14771.95	7.662	9.107	10.253	10.247	10.109	10.802
14-May-25	131.35	3,513.32	2,154.27	1,632	12.62	255.92	2,064.57	10516.85	7.664	9.055	10.219	10.278	10.137	10.82
15-May-25	133.36	3,563.46	2,182.60	1,955	41.96	783.09	2,096.11	9879.15	7.806	9.167	10.288	10.342	10.193	10.893
May 9- 15, 2025	133.36	3,563.46	2,182.60	8,653.00	168.66	2,236.19	2,096.11	42,341.46	7.806	9.167	10.288	10.342	10.193	10.893
16-May-25	134.27	3,587.30	2,195.93	1,767.00	18.6584	508.93	2,112.06	5054.3	7.673	9.008	10.185	10.252	10.114	10.820
19-May-25	134.51	3,588.73	2,200.81	1,590.00	22.9655	464.71	2,115.87	9487.05	7.675	9.063	10.289	10.344	10.222	10.893
20-May-25	134.02	3,592.08	2,201.20	1,602.00	35.2185	706.31	2,108.23	8667.99		8.905	10.151	10.102	10.090	10.802
21-May-25	134.27	3,591.70	2,202.88	1,660.00	13.1641	370.73	2,112.11	14119.65		9.067	10.255	10.315	10.197	10.912
22-May-25	133.84	3,577.97	2,190.00	1,658.00	8.3337	139.81	2,105.35	14576.75		9.181	10.360	10.410	10.308	11.024
May 16- 22, 2025	133.84	3,577.97	2,190.00	8,277.00	98.34	2,190.49	2,105.35	51,905.74	7.675	9.181	10.360	10.410	10.308	11.024
Weekly Changes (%)	0.36	0.41	0.34	-4.35	-41.69	-2.04	0.44	22.59	-0.131*	0.014*	0.072*	0.068*	0.115*	0.131*

* 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 7: Government Domestic Debt (KSh Billion)

	28-Jun-24	31-Dec-24	31-Jan-25	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	9-May-25	16-May-25
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	615.89	846.10	856.32	886.83	915.44	941.49	946.00	949.92
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	11.75	14.77	14.78	15.02	15.41	15.79	15.90	15.87
2. Treasury Bonds	4,627.12	4,884.05	4,936.77	5,016.91	5,025.43	5,020.02	5,004.23	5,034.07
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	88.25	85.23	85.22	84.98	84.59	84.21	84.10	84.13
3. Total Securities (1+2)	5,243.01	5,730.15	5,793.08	5,903.74	5,940.87	5,961.51	5,950.23	5,983.98
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	61.02	37.48	35.24	60.57	86.51	94.89	76.44	93.21
5. Other Domestic debt*	106.25	101.15	100.66	100.05	98.92	99.19	99.19	110.38
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	83.54	80.29	79.58	79.62	77.88	78.71	78.71	78.71
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	5,410.28	5,868.77	5,928.98	6,064.36	6,126.30	6,155.60	6,125.86	6,187.57

* 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-Dec-24	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	09-May-25	16-May-25
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	12.72	11.38	14.42	14.62	14.94	15.29	15.44	15.35
Treasury bonds	83.07	85.52	83.22	82.73	82.03	81.55	81.69	81.36
Overdraft at Central Bank	1.58	1.13	0.64	1.00	1.41	1.54	1.25	1.51
Other domestic debt	2.63	1.96	1.72	1.65	1.61	1.61	1.62	1.78
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.98	1.54	1.37	1.31	1.27	1.28	1.28	1.27
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 9: Government Domestic Debt by Holder (Percent)

	30-Jun-23	28-Jun-24	31-Dec-24	28-Feb-25	28-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	09-May-25	16-May-25
Banking Institutions	46.17	45.12	45.05	45.40	45.41	45.32	44.68	45.07
Insurance Companies	7.31	7.23	7.32	7.23	7.13	7.24	7.29	7.24
Parastatals	5.98	5.13	5.60	5.97	6.07	5.95	5.98	5.90
Pension Funds*	33.42	29.60	28.88	28.29	28.28	28.34	28.81	28.76
Other Investors	7.13	12.92	13.16	13.11	13.11	13.15	13.23	13.03
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 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)	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