**Today's Indicative Exchange Rate for SWIFT transfers:** 

_	Against USD		Against KES		
	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	
USD	-	-	107.70	110.90	
GBP	1.3656	1.3756	147.08	152.55	
EUR	1.2120	1.2220	130.53	135.52	
JPY	102.59	104.09	1.0347	1.0810	
AED	3.49	3.69	29.19	31.78	
AUD	0.7693	0.7793	82.85	86.42	
ZAR	14.00	15.50	6.95	7.92	
UGX	3535	3735	31.88	34.68	

**Kenya Shilling**: The Kenyan shilling strengthened on Thursday as the market benefited from a rise in the supply of dollars from foreign investors into an infrastructure bond.

**Money-Market:** The overnight rate rose to 4.9764% on a volume of Kes. 6.645B compared to Kes. 8.075B posted in the previous session.

## **Global Trends:**

*EUR:* The Euro US Dollar exchange rate trades higher on Thursday, paring losses from the previous session. The pair settled on Wednesday at -0.1% at US\$1.2114.

*GBP:* The GBP/USD pair hit 1.3745, its highest since May 2018, ending Thursday with gains above the 1.3700 level. The pair was underpinned by the prevalent risk-appetite, which was more notorious during the European session.

*JPY:* Thursday's BoJ monetary policy decision had virtually no impact on JPY; as expected, the bank left traditional policy settings unchanged but did extend the deadline for its loan schemes another year.

**GOLD:** Gold futures logged a modest retreat on Thursday, a day after settling at their highest in nearly two weeks in the wake of the inauguration of Joe Biden as the 46th U.S. president.

*OIL:* Oil prices slipped on Thursday after industry data showed a surprise increase in U.S. crude inventories that revived pandemic-related fuel demand concerns, while U.S. stimulus hopes buoyed prices.

**Market Summary:** 

-	21.01	20.01	19.01	18.01	15.01
Interbank Rate (%)	4.9764	4.4300	4.0926	4.2220	3.7329
NSE 20 Share index	1,881.57	1,881.57	1,881.57	1,906.63	1,919.70
Oil (\$)	55.46	55.95	55.95	54.97	54.73
Gold (\$)	1,862.50	1,873.55	1,873.55	1,837.55	1,836.30

## **Inflation & CBR**

	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug
Inflation rate	5.60%	5.50%	4.80%	4.20%	4.40%
CBR rate	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%

#### Libor Rates (%)

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Tenure	USD	GBP	EUR	
O/N	0.08663	0.03775	-0.59200	
1M	0.12850	0.03038	-0.58743	
3M	0.22238	0.03338	-0.55157	
6M	0.23788	0.04213	-0.53586	

## Deposit Rates (> 20M)

Tenure	Rate
Call	3.00%
1M	5.00%
3M	6.00%
6M	7.00%

# **Treasury Bills**

	Current rate	Previous rate
91-day	6.983%	6.884%
182-day	7.508%	7.522%
364-day	8.508%	8.455%

# Highlight of the Day:

**USD:** The dollar fell for a third straight session on Thursday, with investors seeking out higher-yielding currencies, as a slew of better-than-expected U.S. data and continued optimism about a massive stimulus package spurred hopes of a recovery in the world's largest economy.

On Thursday, U.S. data showed an economy slowly getting some traction, with slightly better-than-expected initial jobless claims, upbeat housing starts data, and a higher factory index for the mid-Atlantic region.

Sources: Marketwatch, Bloomberg, FXStreet, Reuters, Brecorder, CNBC, CBK.

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