DAILY MARKET BRIEF



24 December 2021

Today's Indicative Exchange Rate for SWIFT transfers:

_	Against USD		Against KES		
	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	
USD	-	-	111.60	114.60	
GBP	1.3257	1.3457	147.95	154.22	
EUR	1.1280	1.1380	125.88	130.41	
JPY	113.31	114.81	0.9720	1.0114	
AED	3.49	3.69	30.24	32.84	
AUD	0.7182	0.7282	80.15	83.45	
ZAR	14.67	16.17	6.90	7.81	
UGX	3411	3661	29.76	32.80	

Kenya Shilling: The Kenya shilling traded unchanged on Thursday amid slow market activity.

Money-Market: The overnight rate rose to 5.6532% on a volume of Kes.3.8700B compared to Kes5.5652B posted in the previous session.

Global Trends:

EUR: The euro edged higher against dollar on Thursday as investors adopted a more optimistic stance about the global economic outlook, despite the rapid spread of the Omicron coronavrus variant.

GBP: Sterling rose to one-month highs against the dollar on Thursday, benefiting from some reassuring reports on the Omicron COVID-19 variant and a move higher in Britain's short-dated government bond yields.

JPY: The Japanese yen fell against the dollar on Thursday as investors turned back towards riskier assets at the expense of safe-haven yen.

GOLD: Gold prices edged higher on Thursday in thin, yet supportive, year-end trading en route to a weekly gain, although an improved risk appetite capped bullion's rise.

OIL: Oil prices were broadly stable on Thursday as signs the worst effects of the Omicron coronavirus variant might be fairly containable were countered by new curbs amid surging case numbers.

Market Summary:

-	23.12	22.12	21.12	20.12	17.12
Interbank Rate (%)	5.6532	5.5652	4.9630	4.9152	4.6163
NSE 20 Share index	1890.21	1872.60	1871.02	1865.84	1854.55
Oil (\$)	76.19	75.47	74.14	72.14	71.46
Gold (\$)	1813.63	1806.80	1788.90	1791.21	1801.75

Inflation & CBR

	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul
Inflation rate	5.8%	6.5%	6.9%	6.6%	6.40%
CBR rate	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%

Libor Rates (%)

Liber races (70)				
Tenure	USD	GBP	EUR	
0/N	0.07250	0.18463	0.58814	
1M	0.10350	0.17475	0.68186	
3M	0.21425	0.23563	0.61429	
6M	0.31663	0.41700	0.56800	

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	7.280%	7.097%
182-day	7.984%	7.554%
364-day	9.091%	8.624%

Highlight of the Day:

USD: The dollar edged lower against a basket of currencies on Thursday, as easing fears of fallout from the Omicron coronavirus variant supported higher-risk currencies such as the Australian dollar and British pound.

Risk appetite has improved since Monday, when markets were rattled by government restrictions relating to the spread of Omicron, and after U.S. Senator Joe Manchin said he would not support a new fiscal spending package.

Sources: Bloomberg, FXStreet, Reuters, Global-rates, CBK, EconoTimes, YahooFinance, CNBC.

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