

GLOBAL MARKETS

DAILY MARKET NEWS



TODAY IN 10 SECONDS

USD rallies ahead of the Fed decision and UK CPI, keeping Sterling on the defensive.

Thursday, September 17, 2026

91-DAY T-BILL

8.77%

◆ unchanged*

KESONIA

8.75%

◆ unchanged*

KENYA INFLATION

6.60%

▲ within CBK 2.5–7.5% band

CBR

8.75%

◆ unchanged*

DOMESTIC — KENYA

The Kenyan shilling carved a bullish path against the greenback during Wednesday's trading session. Activity across the counters was slightly skewed, with foreign-currency supply outweighing demand, which pushed the USD/KES pair 20 cents lower by the close. The outlook for the local currency remains rangebound, barring the emergence of fresh market catalysts.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar jumped to its highest level since July after the Fed hiked the official rate by 25bps to the 3.75%-4.00% range, as expected, while Chair Kevin Warsh reiterated that focus remains on inflation. New projections showed policymakers expect another hike in 2026 and holding steady in 2027, while marking up their near-term inflation outlook and leaving growth forecasts largely intact. Hot economic data buoyed the dollar ahead of the decision with U.S. retail sales surging 1.2% in August, while business inventories jumped 0.8% in July.

EUR/USD edged 0.3% lower following the interest rate hike from the Fed. ECB recently emphasized a data-dependent approach and won't pre-commit to further steps on rates.

The pound shed 0.47% to the dollar, tumbling below its 100-day moving average as it succumbed to pressure from a hawkish Fed and softer gilt yields ahead of today's BOE policy meeting.

The USD/JPY pair edged lower during the Asian session, snapping a three-day winning streak and eroding a part of the previous day's gains to a nearly two-week high. The Japanese central bank is universally expected to raise its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to a 31-year high of 1.25% at the end of the September policy meeting. Moreover, traders have been pricing in a greater chance of a follow-through up move in December amid inflation risks stemming from higher energy prices.

MARKET EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 16	FED	Fed Interest Rate Decision
	UK CPI	Core Consumer Price Index (YoY) (Aug)
Thur 17	BOE	BoE Interest Rate Decision
Fri 18	BOJ	BoJ Interest Rate Decision

INDICATIVE FX (KES)

CCY	BUY	SELL
USD	126.50	132.50
EUR	138.19	157.02
GBP	161.23	181.43
JPY	76.44	88.52
ZAR	6.47	10.36
AED	30.63	38.86
UGX	0.0256	0.0479
TZS	0.0422	0.0633

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EAST AFRICA RATES

RATE	KENYA	UGANDA	TANZANIA	RWANDA
91-day	8.77%	9.75%	3.42%	8.34%
182-day	8.93%	10.00%	4.92%	8.38%
364-day	9.07%	10.99%	6.47%	8.55%
Inflation	6.60%	4.10%	4.30%	15.70%
Interbank	8.75%	9.75%	6.50%	8.25%

Best real 364-day return: Uganda (+10.99%); Rwanda's yields sit below its 15.70% inflation.

DEPOSIT RATES

TENOR	KES >20M	USD >100K	GBP >100K
Call	3.55%	0.70%	0.00%
1 month	5.70%	1.95%	0.00%
3 months	5.70%	1.95%	0.00%
6 months	5.85%	2.05%	0.00%

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