

GLOBAL MARKETS

DAILY MARKET NEWS



TODAY IN 10 SECONDS

The USD/KES exchange rate traded stably in a tight range

Monday, October 26, 2026

91-DAY T-BILL

8.75%

◆ -1 bp

KESONIA

8.75%

◆ unchanged*

KENYA INFLATION

6.80%

▲ within CBK 2.5–7.5% band

CBR

8.75%

◆ unchanged*

DOMESTIC — KENYA

The USD/KES exchange rate traded stably in a tight range. The shilling's stability was largely underpinned by robust Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) foreign exchange reserves holding near \$14.7 billion (5.9 months of import cover) and the benchmark interest rate maintained at 8.75%, which balanced commercial importer demand for US dollars against diaspora remittances and export inflows

INTERNATIONAL

On Friday, October 23, 2026, the US Dollar Index (DXY) gained modest upward momentum, rising 0.20% to close at 101.81 after opening at 101.57 and trading within an intraday range of 101.49 to 101.85. This modest gain represented a rebound from mid-week lows around 101.61, driven by euro weakness—which comprises over 57% of the index basket—and portfolio rebalancing heading to the weekend.

The EUR/USD pair faced mild downward pressure, sliding around 0.17%. The euro's decline was largely fueled by ongoing economic challenges in the eurozone including falling consumer confidence in October and rising French debt yields as well as a modest rebound in the US dollar

Slipping about 0.21%, the GBP/USD pulled back from multi-week highs due to a firming US dollar and weak UK fundamentals. Sterling took a hit as September retail sales unexpectedly shrank 0.4% and UK consumer sentiment plunged to -24 ahead of the budget announcement

On Monday, USD/JPY faced renewed selling during Asian trading, halting its rebound from last Friday's multi-week low. The pair is being pressured by falling US bond yields dragging down the Dollar and a hawkish Bank of Japan boosting the Yen. However, further losses are capped as traders await upcoming policy decisions from the Fed and BoJ later this week.

MARKET EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tue 27	US economic strength	Releases on Durable Goods Orders, CB Consumer Confidence, and New Home Sales
Wed 28	FOMC meeting	US Federal Reserve (FOMC) rate decision
Thur 29	ECB meeting	European Central Bank interest rate decision
Fri 30	BOJ Meeting	Bank of Japan (BoJ) rate decision

INDICATIVE FX (KES)

CCY	BUY	SELL
USD	126.50	132.50
EUR	139.50	153.50
GBP	167.00	181.00
JPY	75.30	87.20
ZAR	6.40	10.25
AED	30.63	38.86
UGX	0.0237	0.0448
TZS	0.0422	0.0636

Indicative retail cash rates; contact dealing desk for live wholesale pricing on amounts above USD 5,000

EAST AFRICA RATES

RATE	KENYA	UGANDA	TANZANIA	RWANDA
91-day	8.75%	9.75%	3.42%	8.00%
182-day	8.86%	10.00%	4.92%	8.09%
364-day	9.03%	10.99%	6.47%	8.32%
Inflation	6.8%	4.10%	4.30%	15.90%
Interbank	8.75%	9.75%	6.25%	8.78%

Best real 364-day return: Uganda (+11.50%); Rwanda's yields sit below its 15.90% inflation.

DEPOSIT RATES

TENOR	KES >20M	USD >100K	GBP >100K
Call	3.55%	0.85%	0.00%
1 month	5.45%	2.25%	0.00%
3 months	5.45%	2.25%	0.00%
6 months	5.60%	2.40%	0.00%

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