

# Daily Market News



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## DOMESTIC NEWS

The shilling was driven to fresh monthly lows in a choppy mid-week session.

Burgeoning demand for the dollar from the manufacturing sector pushed the USD/KES pair close to a 3-month high, with sporadic foreign currency inflows witnessed later in the session failing to give the home unit any luster.

Ahead of the long Easter weekend, focus remains on flows as markets wait to see if the shilling will remain stifled and new trading ranges set.

Amounts "100,000"	Today's Opening	
	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	94.50	102.20
GBP/KES	125.00	134.00
EUR/KES	105.50	117.00
JPY/KES	0.83	0.98

Forward Rate(USD)(1 month)	
BUY	98.25
SELL	103.50
3 Months	
Buy	100.15
SELL	105.00

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change bps
Interbank Rate	3.45%	3.96%	+51.00
91-Day T-bill	7.397%	7.305%	-9.20
182-Day T-bill	8.090%	8.042%	-4.80
364-Day T-bill	9.371%	9.354%	-1.70
Inflation	4.14%	4.35%	+21.00



Source: Bloomberg

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The greenback was flat on Wednesday in holiday-thinned trading as another round of upbeat earnings continued to push investors towards equities and other riskier assets. Data out of China earlier in the day had helped lift the dollar, as Gross Domestic Product grew by 6.4% in the first quarter from a year earlier, suggesting the economy is not slowing down like initially feared.

The EUR/USD pair unconvincingly traded at 1.1300 lines on the back of better than expected economic growth data from China that bolstered risk appetite. Focus shifts to German and Eurozone manufacturing and services purchasing managers' index (PMI) that is due today.

Cable fell after the UK consumer price index (CPI) fell behind market expectation of 2.0% to remain unchanged, printing at 1.9%. However, lack of Brexit negatives confined the pair's further declines. Looking Ahead, U.K March Retail sales data due today will become the key driver for the GBP/USD pair.

The USD/JPY pair was little changed earlier today in Tokyo, trading at 111.95 levels.

### Indicative Deposit Rates

Amounts > KES 20 million	Amounts > 100,000	
	USD	EURO
KES		
Call	3.00%	0.00%
1 month	4.00%	0.00%
3 months	5.25%	0.00%
6 months	5.50%	0.00%

### Indicative Cross Rates

	Buy	Sell
EUR	1.0850	1.2150
GBP	1.2100	1.3800
JPY	107.20	117.20
CHF	0.9750	0.9999