ABC Capital Weekly Market Report

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1. Capital Markets

Equities

Top Gainers | Top Losers

Company	Price	% Change	Company	Price	% Change
Limuru Tea	310.0	9.92%	Home Afrika	1.12	- 33.73%
Olympia	5.50	8.27%	CIC Insurance	4.32	- 20.00%
Unga	23.25	6.65%	Umeme	8.34	- 12.58%
EA Portland	57.25	6.02%	Flame Tree	1.69	- 11.52%
Eveready	1.42	5.97%	Ochards	65.00	- 9.72%

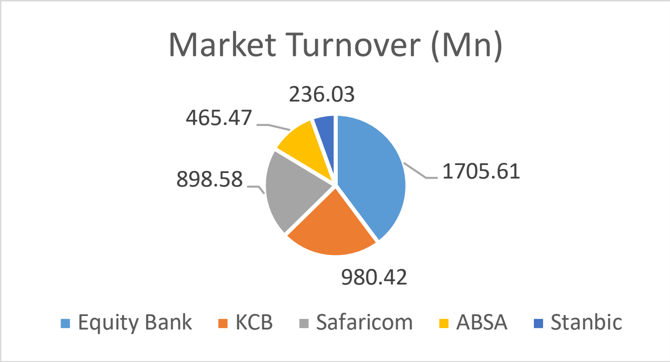
Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

For the week ended September 19, 2025, the Nairobi Securities Exchange posted a broad decline across all indices, with the NSE 20 down 115.37 points to 2903.15, NASI shedding 5.19 points to 173.50, and the NSE 25 falling 127.06 points to 4499.62. Market turnover eased to Kshs. 5Bn from 207M shares previously, with the banking sector dominating (69.9% of value) led by Equity and KCB, while Safaricom (Kshs. 28.70, -2.55%) and EABL (Kshs. 211.75, (-5%) dragged the market. Top gainers included Limuru Tea (+9.92%) and Olympia (+8.27%), while Home Afrika (-33.73%) and CIC Insurance (-20%) led the losers.

This week's sharp NSE price swings appear tied to company-specific developments: **Limuru Tea** gained nearly 10% as investors reacted positively to a recent Capital Markets Tribunal ruling that faulted the CMA's reliance on media reports in its governance review, easing oversight concerns, alongside hopes of improved tea market conditions despite earlier cost pressures. In contrast, **Home Afrika** plunged 33% as investor confidence weakened despite its first profit in a decade, with worries over its still negative equity position and the administration of its subsidiary Mitini Scapes raising doubts about the sustainability of its turnaround.

Top Equity Movers

The NSE closed the week to **19th Sept 2025** weaker across all indices, with market cap down to **Kshs. 2.73T** despite a **32% rise in turnover**. Activity was concentrated in a few counters, with **Equity Bank, KCB, Safaricom, ABSA, and Stanbic** accounting for **80% of trading**. Equity Bank overtook Safaricom as the top mover, driven by investor repositioning in banks ahead of Q3 earnings and governance updates. However, sentiment was weighed down by a **Kshs. 2.96B net foreign outflow** and **StanChart's profit warning**, pressuring large-cap stocks.



Corporate Announcements

- Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc issued a Notice of Appointment of Mr. Thomas Mulwa, the CEO of Liaison Group as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Exchange.
- The Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited issued a Profit Warning Announcement stating that the Profit after Tax for the year ended 31 Dec 2025 will be potentially 25 percent lower than the net earnings for the year ended 31 December 2024, primarily due to the Judgement of the Retirement of the Retirement Benefits Appeals Tribunal.
- ABSA Bank Kenya Plc shared an announcement on the appointment of Mr. Mohammed Nyaoga, EBS,SC,as the Chairman of its Board of Directors, effective 01 October 2025.
- The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Umeme Limited informed shareholders that the Company incurred a loss for the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 mainly because the Company ceased to generate revenue following the natural end of the concession. The Company continues to pursue its ongoing claims against the Government of Uganda in the ongoing arbitration proceedings.

Dividend announcements

Company	Announcement
BOC Kenya Plc	BOC Kenya Plc; announced an Interim Dividend of **Kes.2.50**; Books Closure **20-Sep-2025**; Payment date **14-Oct-2025**;
KCB Group Plc	KCB Group Plc; announced an Interim Dividend of **Kes.2.00**; Books Closure **3-Sep-2025**; Payment date **11-Nov-2025**;
Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd; announced an Interim Dividend of **Kes.8.00**; Books Closure **11-Sep-2025**; Payment date **07-Oct-2025**;
ABSA Bank Kenya Plc	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc; announced an Interim Dividend of **Kes.0.20**; Books Closure **19-Sep-2025**; Payment date **15-Oct-2025**;
Centum Investment Co. Plc	Centum Investment Co. Plc; announced a final Dividend of **Kes.0.20**; Books Closure **9-Oct-2025**; Payment date **Subject to approval**;

Bonds

Bond	Value Traded (Kshs. Mn)	WoW (%) Change
Total Mkt Value	55,403.65	40.78%

Source: Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)

The bond market showed resilience, with turnover spiking by over **40%**, signaling strong investor appetite for fixed income even as equities weakened. Yields held steady, supported by demand for government securities amid **lower T-bill rates**, equity volatility, and continued foreign investor outflows. There were no bonds on offer in the primary market for this week.

(Kshs. Mn)	Auction Results	Auction Results
Bond	FXD1/2018/020	FXD1/2022/025
Due Date	01/03/2038	23/09/2047
Total Amt. Offered	40 billion	
Total Amt. Bids	33,376.76	63,908.93
Amount Accepted	23,595.27	37,934.37
Market WaR	13.7235%	14.2456%
Accepted Bids WaR	**13.5831%**	**14.1423%**
Coupon Rate (%)	**13.2000%**	**14.1880%**
Withholding Tax	10.00%	10.00%

The CBK's 22nd September 2025 bond auction reopened the **12.5-year FXD1/2018/020** and **22.2-year FXD1/2022/025**, raising **Kshs. 61.4B** against the **Kshs. 80B** target. The 12.5-year issue was **undersubscribed (83.4%)** while the 22.2-year was **oversubscribed (159.8%)**, reflecting stronger appetite for long-dated paper. Accepted average yields stood at **13.58%** (2018/020) and **14.14%** (2022/025), with investors demanding elevated returns amid tight liquidity and inflation risks. The long tenor cleared at a premium price (106.28), signaling strong demand from pension and insurance funds, while the shorter tenor cleared at a discount (97.97). Overall, the results show a **steepening yield curve** and continued pressure on the government's borrowing costs.

All successful bidders should obtain the payment key and amount payable from the CBK DhowCSD Investor Portal/App under the transactions tab.

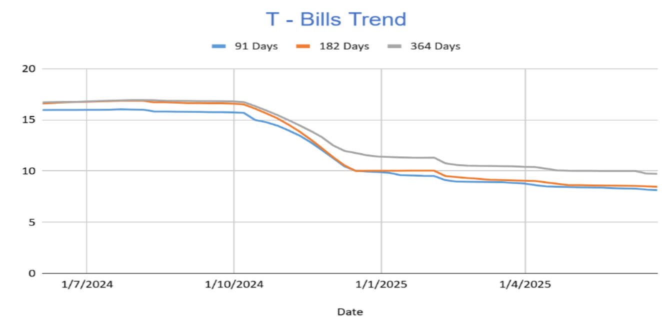
2. Key Benchmark Rates

Benchmark Rate	Current	Previous	Variance
Central Bank Rate (CBR)	9.50%	9.75%	- 0.2500
Month on Month Inflation	4.53%	4.15%	0.3800
Inter Bank Rate	9.5020%	9.5884%	- 0.0864
91 Day Treasury Bill Rate	7.9461%	7.9716%	- 0.0255
182 Day Treasury Bill Rate	8.0098%	8.0194%	- 0.0096
364 Day Treasury Bill Rate	9.5366%	9.5483%	- 0.0117

Source: Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)

The Treasury Bills auction dated 22nd September 2025 (Issues 2648/091, 2622/182 & 2576/364) recorded an overall subscription rate of **95.67%**, with bids worth **Kshs. 22.96Bn** against an offer of **Kshs. 24.00Bn**. The ***91-day paper*** was oversubscribed at **106.19%** with yields easing slightly to **7.95%**, while the ***182-day paper*** remained weak at **55.81%** performance and a stable yield of **8.01%**. Strong investor demand was evident in the ***364-day paper***, oversubscribed at **131.33%**, with the rate edging down to **9.54%**. CBK accepted **Kshs. 22.72Bn**, covering redemptions of **Kshs. 21.01Bn**, resulting in a modest **net borrowing of Kshs. 1.14Bn**. The marginal yield declines across all tenors signal stable liquidity conditions, with investors showing preference for the short-term and long-term ends of the curve while avoiding the mid-tenor.

CBK is offering Kshs. 4 billion and 10 billion for the 91- days



T-bill and 182- & 364-days T-bill respectively in the coming week. Individual bids must be a minimum of face value of Kshs. 50,000.00 for non-competitive bids and Kshs, 2,000,000.00 for competitive bids. Bids must be submitted and received by CBK electronically via DhowCSD or Treasury Mobile Direct by 2.00 p.m Thursday, 25th September 2025 for 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury Bills. Payments must be made by electronic transfer using Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS). These payments must reach the Central Bank not later than 2.00 p.m on Monday, 29th September 2025. The T-bill auctions occur every Thursday. The interbank rate slightly edged lower by 0.0864%.

3. Money Market Funds (MMF) – Top 10 as of 21st September 2025

Fund	Daily Yield	Annual Rate
Cytonn	12.17%	12.94%
GulfCap	11.55%	12.18%
Nabo	11.47 %	12.16%
Lofty_Corban	11.43%	12.12%
Arvocap	11.42%	12.04%
Etica	11.32%	11.99 %
Kuza	10.76%	11.36%
Orient Kasha	10.68%	11.19 %
Old Mutual	10.34%	10.84%
Madison	10.33%	10.88%

Source: Business Daily dated 22.09.25

4. Exchange Rates

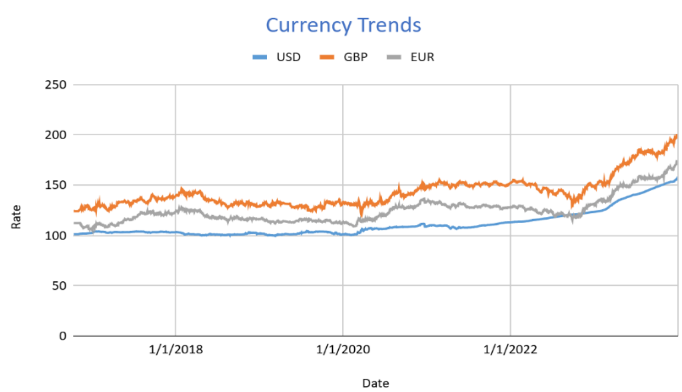
Currency	19/09/2025	12/09/2025	% Change
US Dollar (USD)	129.24	129.24	0.0000%
Sterling Pound (GBP)	176.61	175.13	0.8451%
Euro (EUR)	153.19	151.57	1.0688%
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	93.68	93.38	0.3213%
Australian Dollar (AUD)	85.62	86.07	-0.5228%
Indian Rupee (INR)	1.47	1.46	0.6849%
South Africa Rand (ZAR)	7.43	7.38	0.6775%
Uganda Shilling (UGX)	27.10	27.16	-0.2209%
Tanzania Shilling (TZS)	19.15	19.03	0.6306%

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

The Kenya Shilling remained largely unchanged against the US Dollar during the week. Last week (Mon–Fri, Sep 15–19, 2025) the Dollar was essentially flat-to-slightly weaker overall. Late-week weakness came as EUR/USD advanced and Sterling appreciated, while the greenback also depreciated against the Swiss franc.

Upcoming: economic releases in the coming week;

- **UK & US S&P Global composite, manufacturing and service** data is scheduled for release on Tuesday, September 23. The data will be closely watched for signs of inflation pressures. The latest S&P Global PMI data show that global growth is being driven by resilient services activity, while manufacturing remains weak, leaving the recovery uneven and vulnerable to external risks.



5. Commodities & Precious Metals

Commodity / Metal USD ($)	Current	Previous	%Change
Gold (XAUUSD)	3,685.78	3,643.10	1.1715%
Silver (XAGUSD)	43.90	42.19	4.0531%
WTI Crude Oil	62.68	62.69	-0.0160%
Brent Crude Oil	66.68	66.99	-0.4628%

Source: [Goldprice.org]() & [Investing.com]()

Last week, **gold traded between about US$ 3,630 and US$ 3,710 per ounce**, ending near **US$ 3,685**, while **silver ranged from roughly US$ 41.20 to US$ 44.30 per ounce**, closing around **US$ 43.90**. **Gold appreciated by about 1.17%**, while **silver rebounded with a marginal 4.05% gain**. Last week, oil prices were steady with **Brent around US $67–68** and **WTI at US $63–64**. Prices were supported by a sharp draw in U.S. crude inventories and supply risks from Ukrainian drone strikes on Russian facilities, but gains were capped by OPEC+ oversupply concerns and lingering doubts about global demand despite a U.S. Fed rate cut.

6. Crypto Currencies

Crypto	Volume (USD Bn)	Current (USD)	Previous (USD)	% Change
Bitcoin (BTC)	38.828	115,686.7	116,101.5	-0.3573%
Ethereum (ETH)	30.352	4,470.92	4,715.25	-5.1817%
Tether (USDT)	1.005	1.005	1.0006	0.4397%
XRP (XRP)	5.081	2.9919	3.1076	-3.7231%
Binance Coin (BNB)	3.293	948.12	925.03	2.4961%
Solana (SOL)	7.513	238.55	242.30	-1.5477%
USD Coin (USDC)	12.775	0.99998	0.99997	0.0010%
Doge Coin (DOGE)	3.402	0.2653	0.2754	-3.6674%
Tron (TRX)	0.892	0.3439	0.3526	-2.4674%
Cardano (ADA)	1.573	0.8909	0.9771	-8.8220%

Source: [finance.yahoo.com]()

Last week, the crypto market was broadly upbeat, with **Bitcoin remaining largely unchanged trading at US$115,000** on Fed rate-cut optimism and ETF inflows, while **Ethereum held near US$4,500** amid anticipation of its December Fusaka upgrade but lagged BTC's momentum. **Dogecoin (+40%)** rallied strongly following new U.S. spot ETF approvals, helping sustain total market cap around **US$4.1–4.2 trillion** with BTC dominance intact. However, risks remain as Bitcoin faces resistance near **US$117,800**, September's seasonal weakness looms, and market sentiment may be ahead of fundamentals.

7. Derivatives

In **Week 38**, NSE derivatives trading slowed with **453 contracts** (down from 690), but **value rose to Kshs. 13.93m** (from Kshs. 12.82m), driven mainly by **Safaricom SSFs**, which dominated volumes and value. Other single stock futures (ABSA, EQTY, KCB, EABL, COOP, BRIT, KNRE, KPLC) saw minimal activity. **Open interest collapsed to 3 contracts**, showing very limited carryover positions. Overall, liquidity remains thin, with trading concentrated in Safaricom and speculative short-term trades dominating

8. General News

- The U.S. has introduced a new **$100,000 fee** for H-1B visas, drawing criticism from the tech sector and concerns about how it will affect workers, many from India and other countries.
- Canada, Australia, and the UK have officially recognized a Palestinian state. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called the move "absurd."
- Russian jets entered Estonian airspace without clearance and reportedly ignored warnings from NATO aircraft.
- Ukrainian President Zelensky is calling for tougher sanctions on Russia ahead of upcoming diplomatic meetings with the US.
- A Kenyan High Court has issued an arrest warrant for Robert James Purkiss, a former British soldier, in relation to the 2012 murder of Agnes Wanjiru. The UK will have to consider extradition.
- Feisal Mohamed Ali, previously convicted of ivory smuggling, has been charged for trading rhino horn—valued at about KSh 8.2 million (~US$63,000).
- The national government has launched a programme under the Social Health Authority to provide free medical services to over 2.2 million vulnerable Kenyans. This replaces the old NHIF for those who couldn't afford premiums.
- Over 3,000 private and faith-based hospitals in Kenya are threatened with closure by December due to unresolved debts of about KSh 76 billion.

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