

## 1. Capital Markets

### Top Gainers

### Top Losers

Company	Price	% Change	Company	Price	% Change
CAR GENERAL	57.25	12.25%	STANDARD GROUP	5.86	-10.94%
KENYA POWER COOP BANK	15.05	10.66%	SCANGROUP	2.32	-7.20%
JUBILEE	25.95	8.58%	NATION MEDIA	12.00	-5.51%
KENGEN	345.75	7.21%	EAAGADS	19.20	-5.42%
	9.82	6.97%	CENTUM	13.35	-4.64%

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

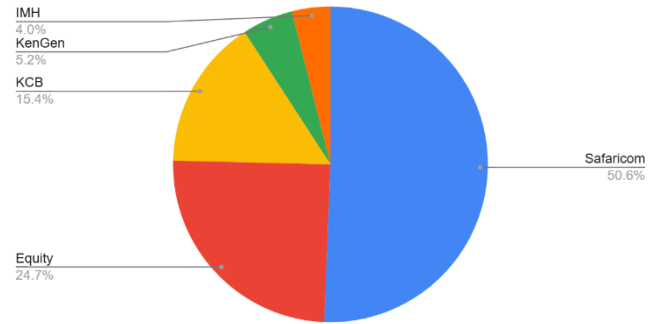
For the week ended **January 9, 2026**, activity at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) saw a significant surge as the bourse fully transitioned into the new year. Total equity turnover reached **KES 3.5 billion**, a substantial **227.04% increase** from the previous week's KES 1.071 billion. Traded volumes also spiked by **173.38% to 130.51 million shares**, compared to the 47.74 million shares recorded during the prior festive week. Market capitalization closed strong at **KES 3,027.94 billion**, reflecting a **2.41% increase** week-on-week.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) recorded a bullish start to the year across all key indices during the trading week. Total **market capitalization recovered to KES 3,027.94 billion from KES 2,956.61 billion** in the previous week, representing a week-on-week gain of 2.41%. The upward momentum was largely supported by broad-based gains, particularly in the banking sector.

The **All-Share Index (NASI)** advanced 2.41% to settle at **191.87**. This broad market valuation increase was anchored by strong performance across several blue-chip counters.

Performance across the major equity indices was consistently positive. The **NSE 20 Share Index** rallied 2.96% to close at **3,233.75 points**, the **NSE 10 Share Index** rose 2.38% to settle at **2,022.61**, and the **NSE 25 Share Index** surged 2.47% to settle at **5,245.74**. The **NSE Banking Index** remained a significant driver of growth, rising by **3.59%** to settle at **211.72**.

Top five performers in terms of Equity turnover (in% 9th Jan 2026)



### Performance by Equity Turnover

Market liquidity was exceptionally buoyant for the week ended **January 9, 2026**, with trading momentum picking up significantly. Total weekly equity turnover stood at **KES 3,502.57 million**. This activity was driven by strong foreign investor participation, which accounted for **43.10%** of total market activity, resulting in a net foreign inflow of KES 68.09 million during the week.

Trading activity remained highly concentrated within blue-chip counters and specific sector leaders, with the top five companies accounting for 79.89% of total turnover. The **Banking Sector** and the **Telecommunications Sector** dominated market liquidity.

### Corporate Announcements.

- Safaricom PLC (Stake Sale Public Participation):** The legislative focus intensified around the proposed government sale of a 15% stake in Safaricom to Vodacom Group. The public participation window for written comments officially closed on Thursday, January 8, 2026, with reports indicating that most submissions opposed the deal. Following this, two National Assembly committees prepared to begin formal public hearings on January 12, 2026, to take verbal views from stakeholders like Safaricom, Telkom Kenya, and various associations. This process is a vital step in finalizing the transaction, which is part of a larger plan that could see the government's stake reduce to 20%, while Vodacom's increases to a majority 55%.

- Unga Group Plc (Board Appointment):**  
 Unga Group Plc announced a significant change to its governance structure. **Peter Gitau** was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director, effective January 7, 2026; a move intended to enhance the company's governance and operational efficiency. Simultaneously, Ms. Shilpa Haria retired from the Board after nine years of service.
- LAPTRUST Imara I-REIT (Profit Warning):**  
 LAPTRUST Imara I-REIT issued a profit warning during the week, alerting investors that its earnings for the year ending December 2025 are expected to be at least 25% lower than the previous year. This projected decline was primarily attributed to a reduction in rental income.

For the week ending **9th January 2026**, the Kenyan bond market experienced strong performance, with the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) successfully raising **KES 60.6 billion** from a reopened long-term bond auction.

Activities in the Kenyan debt market rebounded significantly from the holiday lull. Secondary bond turnover increased by **70.1%** week-on-week, while the first primary bond auction of the year saw strong demand, closing with a performance rate of **119.2%**.

(Kshs. Mn)	Auction Results	Auction Results
	<b>FXD1/2019/020</b>	<b>FXD1/2022/025</b>
<b>Bond</b>	FXD1/2019/020	FXD1/2022/025
<b>Tenor (Remaining)</b>	13.2 Years	21.8 Years
<b>Due Date</b>	21/03/2039	23/09/2047
<b>Total Amt. Offered</b>		60 billion
<b>Total Amt. Bids</b>	23.36B	71.54B
<b>Amount Accepted</b>	20.24B	60.58B
<b>Market WaR</b>	-	14.18%
<b>Accepted Bids WaR</b>	13.26%	14.18%
<b>Coupon Rate (%)</b>	12.873%	14.188%
<b>Withholding Tax</b>	10.00%	10.00%

Source: Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)

The Kenyan debt market reopened with **strong risk appetite as investors extended duration at the first primary auction of 2026**. Positioning was driven by the **ninth consecutive easing cycle, with the CBR at 9.00%** and December inflation stable at 4.5%, reinforcing expectations of further policy easing in February.

Demand was concentrated at the long end of the curve, led by the **FXD1/2022/025 (21.8Y)**, which attracted approximately KES 60bn in bids. Strong institutional participation **pushed accepted yields to 13.76%, below the 14.19% coupon**, confirming premium pricing and expectations of continued yield compression.

The **Kenya Shilling remained stable at 129.01**, supported by USD 12.25bn in FX reserves, compressing the currency risk premium. System liquidity stayed ample, with KESONIA at 8.97%, below the CBR, signaling excess

## Dividend announcements

Company	Announcement
<b>BK Group Plc</b>	An interim dividend of <b>Rwf 11.20 per share</b> will be paid on <b>January 12, 2026</b> , to shareholders on the register as of the book closure date of <b>December 8, 2025</b> .
<b>I&amp;M Group Plc</b>	An interim dividend of <b>KES 1.50 per share</b> will be paid on <b>January 14, 2026</b> , to shareholders on the register by the book closure date of <b>December 15, 2025</b> .
<b>KenGen Plc</b>	The first and final dividend of <b>KES 0.90 per share</b> will be paid on <b>February 12, 2026</b> , to shareholders on the register by the book closure date of <b>December 4, 2025</b> .

## Bonds

Bond	Value Traded (Kshs. Mn)	WoW (%) Change
Total Mkt Value	60,580	+70.1%

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

liquidity and strong bank preference for sovereign exposure.

**Outlook:** With inflation anchored and liquidity abundant, the bias remains toward further curve flattening, particularly at the long end, as institutional investors front-run anticipated policy easing.

## Key Benchmark Rates

Benchmark Rate	Current	Previous	Variance
Central Bank Rate (CBR)	9.00%	9.00%	0.000%
Month on Month Inflation	4.49%	4.46%	0.030%
Inter Bank Rate (KESONIA)	8.97%	9.00%	-0.030%
91 Day Treasury Bill Rate	7.728%	7.729%	-0.001%
182 Day Treasury Bill Rate	7.800%	7.800%	0.00%
364 Day Treasury Bill Rate	9.205%	9.210%	-0.005%

Source: Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)

Kenyan financial markets entered a consolidation phase in the week ending 9 January 2026 as activity normalized after the festive period. **The Central Bank Rate (CBR) remained unchanged at 9.00%**, maintaining the accommodative stance adopted in late 2025. Inflation dynamics continued to support this position, with December headline inflation steady at 4.5%. **Month-on-month inflation edged slightly higher to 4.49%** from 4.46% in November, though inflation has now remained below the 5.0% midpoint for 19 consecutive months.

**Liquidity conditions in the interbank market improved** as holiday-related pressures eased. **The KESONIA rate averaged 8.97%**, marginally lower than the previous week's 9.00%, indicating comfortable system liquidity supported by CBK liquidity operations and the return of festive-season deposits into the banking system.

The Treasury Bill market reflected this benign backdrop, with strong demand for short-dated paper at the auction dated 12 January 2026. **Yields edged lower across the curve: the 91-day rate declined to 7.728%, the 182-day rate held at 7.80%, and the 364-day rate eased to 9.205%.** Overall subscription exceeded 119%, underscoring sustained investor appetite for government securities.

## 2. Money Market Funds (MMF) – Top 10 as of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Rank	Fund Manager	Daily Yield	Effective Annual Rate (p.a.)
1	Nabo	10.92%	11.54%
2	Etica	10.70%	11.29%
3	Lofti_Corban	10.49%	11.03%
4	Kuza	9.89%	10.39%
5	Old Mutual	9.88%	10.34%
6	Jubilee	9.80%	10.26%
7	Orient Kasha	9.61%	10.08%
8	Madison	9.36%	9.81%
9	Britam	9.24%	9.68%
10	Dry Associates	9.19%	9.59%

Source: Business Daily 08.01.2026

## 3. Exchange Rates

Currency	9/1/2026	2/1/2026	% Change
US Dollar (USD)	129.01	129.05	-0.03% (Appreciation)
Sterling Pound (GBP)	173.26	173.95	-0.40% (Appreciation)
Euro (EUR)	150.31	151.73	-0.94% (Appreciation)
Japanese Yen (JPY)	81.99	82.29	-0.36% (Appreciation)
Uganda Shilling (UGX)	27.88	28.05	-0.61% (Appreciation)
Tanzania Shilling (TZS)	19.34	19.18	0.83% (Depreciation)
Rwandese Franc (RWF)	11.29	11.29	0.00% (Stable)
Burundi Franc (BIF)	22.94	22.94	0.00% (Stable)

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

The Kenya Shilling (KES) recorded broad-based strength during the week as market activity normalized following the festive period. The currency appreciated against the U.S. Dollar and most major international currencies, reflecting improved liquidity conditions and steady macroeconomic fundamentals.

The Shilling strengthened by 0.03% against the U.S. Dollar, closing the week at 129.01. Larger gains were recorded against the Euro (0.94%) and the Sterling Pound (0.40%), largely driven by global market corrections as investors assessed recent labor market data from the United States and Europe.

Within the East African Community, the Shilling appreciated by 0.61% against the Uganda Shilling. However, it depreciated marginally by 0.83% against the Tanzania Shilling, reflecting increased demand for TZS linked to regional agricultural trade flows. The Shilling remained stable against both the Rwandese and Burundi Francs.

Foreign exchange market conditions remained well supported by consistent diaspora remittances and steady export inflows. Official foreign exchange reserves closed the week at approximately USD 12.39 billion, equivalent to about 5.3 months of import cover, providing a strong buffer against near-term external volatility.

## 4. Commodities & Precious Metals

Commodity	Previous Week (Jan 5)	Current (Jan 12)	Weekly Change (%)
Gold (Spot)	\$4,447.90	<b>\$4,563.61</b>	2.60%
Silver (Spot)	\$75.90	<b>\$81.78</b>	7.75%
Brent Crude	\$62.20	<b>\$63.58</b>	2.22%
WTI Crude	\$58.32	<b>\$59.37</b>	1.80%

Source: Trading Economics, Investing.com, Reuters

**Precious metals surged to new heights** during the second week of January 2026. Gold hit a historic all-time high of \$4,563.61 on January 12, driven by a "perfect storm" of safe-haven demand and shifting macroeconomics. Key catalysts included a disappointing U.S. jobs report, which bolstered expectations for aggressive Federal Reserve rate cuts, and escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East—specifically protests in Iran and ongoing U.S. friction with Venezuela.

**Silver** outperformed its yellow counterpart, rallying over 7% to cross the \$81 threshold. This momentum is fueled by a structural supply deficit and explosive industrial demand in the green energy sector, with analysts pointing to

continued inflows into ETFs as a primary driver for the white metal's record-breaking start to the year.

Oil prices recorded their longest streak of weekly gains since mid-2025 as geopolitical risk premiums returned to the forefront. **Brent Crude** advanced to **\$63.58**, while **WTI** settled near **\$59.37**.

The primary market mover was the civil unrest in **Iran**, OPEC's fourth-largest producer, where widespread protests raised fears of a disruption to the country's 3 million barrels per day output. These concerns effectively overshadowed recent projected global surpluses. Additionally, the market remains on edge regarding **Venezuela** following U.S. executive orders affecting its oil exports, keeping supply constraints tight as traders look ahead to further OPEC+ policy signals.

## 5. Crypto Currencies

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Cryptocurrency	Volume (USD Bn)	Current (USD)	Previous Week Close (USD)	% Change (Weekly)
Bitcoin (BTC)	31.2	91,022	91,219	-0.22%
Ethereum (ETH)	15.4	3,103	3,141	-1.21%
Tether (USDT)	76.9	1	1	0.00%
XRP (XRP)	4.8	2.06	2.08	-0.96%
Binance Coin (BNB)	2.1	901	893	0.90%
Solana (SOL)	5.5	138	134	2.99%
USD Coin (USDC)	8.2	1	1	0.00%
Dogecoin (DOGE)	1.8	0.15	0.15	0.00%
Tron (TRX)	0.7	0.29	0.29	0.00%
Cardano (ADA)	0.4	0.39	0.4	-2.50%

Source: [finance.yahoo.com](https://finance.yahoo.com), [coinmarketcap.com](https://coinmarketcap.com)

**The cryptocurrency market entered the second week of January 2026 in consolidation**, with total market capitalization steady near USD 3.10 trillion as investors adopted a cautious stance ahead of key U.S. regulatory developments.

**Bitcoin eased slightly** on mild profit-taking after reclaiming the USD 91,000 level, though sentiment

remained supported by reports of Morgan Stanley filing for Bitcoin and Solana ETFs, signaling continued institutional interest. Ethereum held above the USD 3,000 support level despite a 1.2% weekly decline, supported by news of a Citigroup–Coinbase partnership to integrate digital payments.

Among large-cap altcoins, **Solana outperformed**, rising nearly 3% on ETF-related optimism, while Cardano retreated to USD 0.39 as enthusiasm around its “Midnight” token launch faded. Market sentiment softened modestly, with the Fear & Greed Index at 27 (Fear), amid uncertainty over a U.S. crypto bill proposing restrictions on stablecoin rewards.

**Stablecoin liquidity remained strong**, with USDC reaching a record USD 33 trillion in cumulative transaction volume, underscoring the growing role of digital dollars in global payments.

## 7. Derivatives

Turnover in the NSE derivatives market declined significantly to **KSh 102,610** for the week ended January 9, 2026, down from **KSh 1.22 million** the previous week. Despite the value drop, total volume rose slightly to **213 contracts** (from 201), while open interest grew to **8,783** as investors maintained long-term hedging positions.

Trading was dominated by single stock futures (**SCOM** and **EQTY**), while index futures prices trended lower; the **NSE 25-share index (N25I)** March 2026 contract dropped to a mark-to-market (MTM) price of **5,278.00**.

## 8. Market Watch

**Global Focus:** The week will see several key global economic releases. On January 13, the US December CPI report will be released, influencing expectations for future Federal Reserve rate decisions, followed by the November PPI on January 14, which highlights price pressures at the producer level. The fourth-quarter earnings season begins January 13–15, with major banks and corporations reporting results, including JPMorgan Chase (Jan 13), Citigroup and Wells Fargo (Jan 14), and Goldman Sachs,

Morgan Stanley, and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (Jan 15).

**Kenya Market Focus:** Domestically, investors will continue to track the outcomes of last week’s CBK Treasury Bonds auction. Attention will also remain on a potential new IMF funding arrangement and progress on the privatisation of state-owned assets, both of which are expected to shape Kenya’s economic outlook for 2026.

## 9. General News.

- **Economic Rebound & Industrial Recovery:** The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) reported a robust start to the year, with the economy expanding 4.9% in the latest quarter, up from 4.2% a year earlier. The growth was driven by a 4.8% turnaround in the industrial sector, reversing a prior contraction.
- **Bank Loan Pricing Reset:** Tier-I banks, including KCB, Equity, and DTB, have initiated loan repricing following the CBK’s reduction of the policy rate to 9.0%. However, lending rates remain above 13% as banks manage elevated funding costs and rising non-performing loans, with the NPL ratio widening to 17.2%.
- **China-Backed Geothermal Milestone:** A China-supported geothermal power project in Naivasha is set to begin supplying electricity to the national grid by March 2026, supporting Kenya’s renewable energy targets. The government has also moved to lift a seven-year moratorium on new power purchase agreements to meet growing industrial power demand.
- **KSh 2bn Capital Rule for Foreign Insurers:** The government has introduced a KSh 2 billion minimum capital requirement for insurers offering medical and life cover to foreign travelers and expatriates. The move aims to strengthen claims capacity amid higher foreign arrivals under the visa-free regime, which mandates medical cover of at least USD 50,000 per entrant.

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