

1. Capital Markets

Top Gainers			Top Losers		
Company	Price	% Change	Company	Price	% Change
EAAGADS	21.60	9.37%	BOC	120.75	-8.52%
STANDARD GROUP	6.16	7.69%	TCL	1.12	-7.44%
EVERREADY	1.34	7.20%	BK GROUP	42.85	-4.78%
LONGHORN	2.90	3.57%	WPP SCANGROUP	2.26	-3.42%
FLAME TREE	1.74	3.57%	NBV	1.41	-2.76%

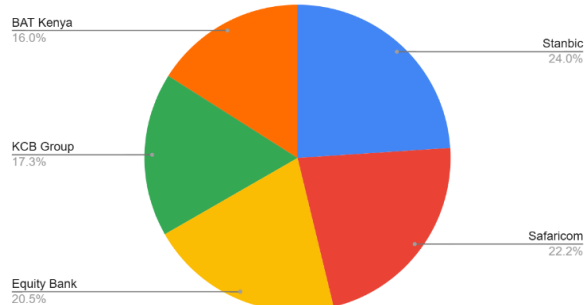
Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

Activity at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) trended upward for the week ended January 23, 2026, recovering from the moderation seen in the previous session. Total equity turnover surged by **24.65%** to **KES 3.20 billion**, up from KES 2.57 billion the previous week, while traded volumes edged up by **0.82%** to **79.84 million shares**.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) maintained its upward momentum across most market segments during the trading week. **The All-Share Index (NASI)** rose to 194.6 from 193.87 in the previous week, representing a week-on-week gain of 0.38%, driven largely by sustained demand in blue-chip counters. The **NSE 20 Share Index** advanced by **0.33%** to settle at **3,267.15 points**, while the **NSE 25 Share Index** posted a **0.40%** rise to close at **5,301.84**. The **NSE 10 Share Index**, however, bucked the trend slightly, dropping by **0.30%** to **2,028.78**.

Market capitalization appreciated by **0.38%**, closing the week at **KES 3,071.05 billion**, signaling continued investor confidence in the bourse.

Top Five by Market Turnover



Performance by Equity Turnover

Liquidity improved significantly during the week, with the top five movers accounting for **KES 2.19 billion, or 68.41%** of total market turnover—a concentration increase from 58.61% the previous week.

Stanbic Bank anchored trading activity, contributing **KES 524.69 million (16.39%)** to the total turnover. **Safaricom** followed closely with **KES 487.17 million (15.22%)**, while **Equity Bank** moved KES 448.71 million (14.02%). **KCB Group** and **BAT Kenya** rounded out the top five, generating **KES 378.88 million** and **KES 350.67 million** respectively.

Foreign investor participation remained robust, **accounting for 34.83%** of total market activity (KES 1.11 billion), while local investors dominated with 65.17% participation (KES 2.08 billion). However, the market recorded a net foreign outflow of **KES 583.27 million** for the week.

Corporate Announcements.

- Nedbank Group Limited (Acquisition of NCBA Group):** Nedbank Group Limited has formally notified NCBA Group PLC and regulators of its intention to acquire approximately **66%** of NCBA's issued share capital. The acquisition is set to be executed through a pro-rata offer to existing shareholders, in compliance with the Capital Markets (Take-Overs and Mergers) Regulations, 2002.

Dividend announcements

Company	Announcement
Co-operative Bank of Kenya Plc	An interim dividend of KES 1.00 per share will be paid on January 14, 2026, to shareholders on the register as of the book closure date of November 26, 2025

Kenya Power and Lighting Company Plc	A final dividend of KES 0.80 per share will be paid on January 30, 2026 , to shareholders on the register by the book closure date of December 2, 2025 .
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Bonds

Bond	Value Traded (Kshs. M)	WoW (%) Change
Total Mkt Value	83,574.80	+10.83%

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

The secondary bond market remained highly active for the week ending January 23, 2026. Turnover rose by **10.43%** to **KES 83.57 billion**, up from KES 75.68 billion the previous week. The **NSE Bond Index** also edged higher by **0.11%** to close at **1,164.72**, reflecting stable to improving valuations in the fixed-income segment.

In the primary market, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) conducted a **Treasury Bond Switch Auction** on January 19, 2026. The switch targeted the 15-year infrastructure bond, receiving bids totaling **KES 26.5 billion** against an advertised amount of **KES 20.0 billion**, representing a performance rate of **132.5%**. This strong oversubscription highlights persistent investor appetite for longer-dated government paper.

(Kshs. Mn)	Auction Results
	SWITCH
Bond	FXD1/ 2022/015
Tenor (Remaining)	13.2 Years
Due Date	21/03/2039
Total Amt. Offered	20 billion
Total Amt. Bids	26.491
Amount Accepted	25.173
Market WaR	13.17%
Coupon Rate (%)	13.17%
Withholding Tax	10.00%

Source: Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)

The Kenyan debt market maintained a robust risk appetite as investors continued to position for yield compression, supported by the **9.00% Central Bank Rate (CBR)** and December inflation remaining anchored at **4.49%**. Demand remained strong, particularly in the primary market where the **15-year Treasury bond switch auction** on January 19

received bids totaling **KES 26.5 billion** against an advertised KES 20.0 billion, a performance rate of **132.5%**. In the secondary market, domestic bond turnover reached **KES 83.57 billion**, marking a **10.43% increase** from the previous week. Yields on Kenya's Eurobonds also showed improvement, decreasing by an average of **7.10 basis points**.

The Kenya Shilling remained stable, exchanging at **KSh 129.02 per USD** on January 22, compared to KSh 129.03 the previous week. This stability is underpinned by adequate foreign exchange reserves of **USD 12.22 billion**, representing **5.3 months of import cover**, well above the statutory requirement. System liquidity remained supportive; while commercial banks' excess reserves moderated to **KES 13.7 billion** above the 3.25% CRR requirement (down from KES 26.5 billion), the **KESONIA rate** remained relatively stable, closing at **8.98%**.

Outlook: With inflation firmly contained and liquidity conditions remaining liquid, the market bias persists toward curve flattening. Institutional investors are expected to continue favoring long-dated papers to lock in yields ahead of potential policy easing in February, as reflected in the strong performance of recent long-term bond auctions

2. Key Benchmark Rates

Benchmark Rate	Current	Previous	Variance
Central Bank Rate (CBR)	9.00%	9.00%	0.00%
Month on Month Inflation	4.49%	4.49%	0.00%
Inter Bank Rate (KESONIA)	8.98%	9.00%	-0.02%
91 Day Treasury Bill Rate	7.727%	7.701%	+0.026%
182 Day Treasury Bill Rate	7.793%	7.800%	-0.007%
364 Day Treasury Bill Rate	9.200%	9.203%	-0.003%

Source: Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)

Liquidity in the money market remained ample during the week ending January 22, 2026, supported by active open market operations. Commercial banks' excess reserves

averaged **KSh 13.7 billion** above the statutory 3.25% Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR). The Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average Rate (**KESONIA**) exhibited stability, easing marginally to **8.98%** on January 22 from 9.00% the previous week.

While liquidity was high, the volume of interbank activity saw a cooling period; the average value traded decreased to **KSh 12.1 billion** from KSh 15.2 billion, with the average number of daily transactions dropping from 23 to 18. This suggests that banks were well-funded internally, reducing the need for aggressive overnight borrowing.

Treasury Bill Auction Results

The Treasury bill auction of January 22 reflected a selective investor appetite, receiving bids totaling **KSh 18.35 billion** against an advertised target of KSh 24.0 billion—a performance rate of **76.5%**. Investor preference remained heavily skewed toward the short end of the curve:

- **91-Day Bills:** Over-subscribed at **164.7%**, receiving KSh 6.59 billion against a KSh 4.0 billion target.
- **182-Day Bills:** Performance stood at **60.3%**.
- **364-Day Bills:** Performance lagged at **57.4%**.

The government accepted KSh 17.58 billion of the total bids received.

Yield Curve and Interest Rate Movements

Interest rates displayed a "flattening" bias as short-term yields rose while longer-dated tenors declined:

- The **91-day rate** increased by **2.6 basis points** to **7.727%**.
- The **182-day rate** dropped by **0.7 basis points** to **7.793%**.
- The **364-day rate** eased by **0.3 basis points** to **9.200%**.

This narrow spread between the 91-day and 182-day papers (only 6.6 basis points) indicates that investors are pricing in a peak for short-term rates, aligning with expectations for a potential policy easing cycle in early 2026.

3. Money Market Funds (MMF) – Top 10 as of 26th January 2026

Rank	Fund Manager	Daily Yield	Effective Annual Rate (p.a.)
1	Arvocap	11.27%	11.87%
2	Nabo	11.16%	11.80%
3	Cytonn	11.08%	11.72%
4	Etica	10.51%	11.08%
5	Lofty_Corban	10.49%	11.03%
6	Kuza	9.93%	10.44%
7	Jubilee	9.86%	10.32%
8	Old Mutual	9.75%	10.21%
9	Orient Kasha	9.52%	9.98%
10	Madison	9.40%	9.86%

Source: Business Daily 22.01.2026

4. Exchange Rates

Currency	22/01/2026	15/01/2026	% Change
US Dollar (USD)	129.02	129.03	0.01% (Appreciation)
Sterling Pound (GBP)	174.15	173.52	-0.36% (Depreciation)
Euro (EUR)	151.63	150.33	-0.86% (Depreciation)
Japanese Yen (JPY)*	81.35	81.37	0.02% (Appreciation)
Uganda Shilling (UGX)	27.35	27.59	-0.87% (Depreciation)
Tanzania Shilling (TZS)	19.64	19.45	0.98% (Appreciation)
Rwandese Franc (RWF)	11.27	11.27	0.00% (Stable)
Burundi Franc (BIF)	22.95	22.94	0.04% (Appreciation)

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

During the week ending January 23, 2026, the **Kenya Shilling remained largely stable against the U.S. Dollar at 129.02**, compared to 129.03 the previous week,

demonstrating resilience despite a **0.97% weakening in the U.S. Dollar Index** driven by gains in major currencies such as the Euro and Sterling Pound. This stability was supported by **strong foreign exchange reserves of USD 12.2 billion**, providing **5.3 months of import cover**, well above the Central Bank’s statutory minimum and offering a solid buffer against short-term external shocks.

This macroeconomic stability was reflected across domestic financial markets. **Liquidity conditions remained ample**, with commercial banks holding **excess reserves of KSh 13.7 billion** above regulatory requirements, while the **interbank rate (KESONIA) stayed anchored at 8.98%**. Strong liquidity continued to support investor demand for government securities, evidenced by a **132.5% oversubscription in the 15-year Treasury bond switch auction**. Meanwhile, the **stable exchange rate and contained inflation of 4.49%** helped sustain positive investor sentiment in the equities market, with the **NASI and NSE 20 posting gains of 0.32% and 0.47%**, respectively, signaling a period of relative calm ahead of anticipated policy shifts.

5. Commodities & Precious Metals

Commodity	Previous Week (Jan 12)	Current (Jan 16)	Weekly Change (%)
Gold (Spot)	\$4,936.00	\$4,953.50	-0.35%
Silver (Spot)	\$102.93	\$89.94	+14.44%
Brent Crude	\$65.88	\$64.13	+2.73%
WTI Crude	\$61.28	\$59.44	+3.10%

Source: Trading Economics, Investing.com, Reuters

Commodity markets displayed divergence this week. **Silver** continued its remarkable rally, surging over 14% to trade above **\$102/oz**, driven by industrial demand and safe-haven positioning. **Gold** consolidated slightly below the \$5,000 mark after recent record highs.

Oil prices rebounded, with **Brent Crude** rising to **\$65.88/bbl**, supported by stable supply conditions despite shifting market sentiments.

6. Crypto Currencies

Cryptocurrency	Volume (USD Bn)	Current (USD)	Previous Week Close (USD)	% Change (Weekly)
Bitcoin (BTC)	42.15	89,394.00	98,120.00	-8.89%
Ethereum (ETH)	28.40	2,985.00	3,354.00	-11.00%
Tether (USDT)	85.12	1.00	1.00	0.00%
XRP (XRP)	4.88	2.01	2.18	-7.80%
Binance Coin (BNB)	2.10	855.00	895.00	-4.47%
Solana (SOL)	6.42	132.50	145.00	-8.62%
USD Coin (USDC)	14.25	1.00	1.00	0.00%
Dogecoin (DOGE)	2.30	0.128	0.142	-9.86%
Tron (TRX)	4.15	0.28	0.31	-9.67%

Source: finance.yahoo.com, coinmarketcap.com

During the week ending January 23, 2026, the **cryptocurrency market experienced a notable bearish trend** as the total market capitalization contracted by 2.2%, settling at \$3.11 trillion. This downturn was primarily fueled by a significant supply overhang, with U.S. **spot Bitcoin and Ether ETFs** recording combined net outflows of nearly \$1 billion in a single day. **Bitcoin (BTC)** struggled to maintain its early-year momentum, dropping below the \$90,000 threshold to close near \$89,394. Despite this, institutional "whales" reportedly accumulated \$3.2 billion in BTC during the retail sell-off, signaling long-term confidence amidst short-term volatility.

Performance across the broader altcoin sector was equally strained, with **Ethereum (ETH) falling 11%** to break below the critical \$3,000 support level. While assets like **Ripple (XRP) and Cardano (ADA)** faced technical corrections of 8%, the market saw an institutional milestone with the successful **BitGo (BTGO) IPO on the NYSE**, which valued the infrastructure provider at \$2.08 billion. Despite current sentiment sitting in "fear" territory, long-term institutional projections remain highly bullish, with some firms forecasting the total crypto market cap to reach \$28 trillion by 2030.

7. Derivatives

Indicator	Current Week	Previous Week	WOW Change
Contracts Total	570	3096	-89.59%
Turnover	3238.12	5875.89	-44.89%

During the week ended 23rd January 2026, activity on the NEXT Derivatives Market increased significantly. A total of 570 contracts were traded, compared to 3,096 contracts in the previous week, reflecting an 81.59% decrease. This pullback suggests a temporary consolidation as investors reassess positions following the volatility of early January.

8. Market Watch

1. Global Focus: Investors are closely watching the IMF World Economic Outlook update for January 2026, which projects stable global growth of 3.3%, supported by improved financial conditions. Attention now turns to upcoming US economic data and corporate earnings (including Tesla and tech majors) which are expected to influence Federal Reserve rate decisions in the coming weeks.

2. Kenya Market Focus: Domestically, the focus remains on the banking sector following the Nedbank-NCBA acquisition notice, which is likely to spur activity in banking counters. Investors will also monitor the ongoing Treasury bond auctions as the government seeks to maintain its domestic borrowing targets amidst a flattening yield curve environment.

9. General News.

- **Safaricom Divestiture:** President Ruto defended the government's plan to divest a portion of its Safaricom stake via an IPO, dismissing claims of undervaluation. CEO Peter Ndegwa confirmed a proposed 20% stake sale to Vodacom will not compromise the firm's operational control or Kenyan identity.
- **KPC IPO:** The government launched the Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) IPO to end a ten-year

listing drought on the NSE, targeting broad retail participation. Shares are priced accessibly at KES 900 for 100 units, bolstered by a pledged 50% dividend payout ratio.

- **Banking Sector:** Standard Chartered Kenya CEO Kariuki Ngari announced his exit effective April 2026 during a period of record-high interest rate spreads. Despite declining rates, the sector faces criticism for restricted credit access for the private sector.
- **KRA Performance:** The Kenya Revenue Authority reported a KES 152 billion shortfall in half-year tax collections against set targets. To recover the deficit, the KRA is intensifying domestic VAT enforcement and tightening import duties on commodities.
- **Energy & Trade:** Record peak electricity demand has accelerated the commissioning of two 70 MW geothermal plants in Menengai by March. Meanwhile, the three-year extension of the US AGOA pact provides essential market access for Kenya's apparel export sector.

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