

1. Capital Markets

Top Gainers			Top Losers		
Company	Price	% Change	Company	Price	% Change
Uchumi	2.93	+59.24%	Eveready	1.13	-16.30%
FTGH	2.83	+40.10%	CIC	5.36	-13.55%
Unga	30.95	+15.70%	Shri Krishana	10.20	-7.27%
ABSA	32.20	+13.18%	Crown Paints	60.75	-7.25%
Home Afrika	1.60	+11.11%	Eaagads	30.10	-5.79%

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

Activity at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) rebounded strongly in the week ended 27 February 2026. Total equity turnover increased by 21.48% week-on-week to KES 7.06 billion from KES 5.81 billion, while traded volumes surged by 58.31% to 287.55 million shares. The rally was driven by renewed investor interest across banking and large-cap counters.

Sectoral and Stock Performance

Market activity was broad-based, with concentration in **banking and large-cap counters** during the week. Equity Group Holdings led turnover activity, followed by Safaricom PLC, KCB Group PLC, Laptrust IMARA I-REIT and Kenya Airways.

The **banking sector led gains during the week**, with the Banking Index surging by 5.75% to close at 245.90. **Safaricom PLC was among the most actively traded counters**, recording significant turnover of KES 1,502.19 million, reflecting **sustained investor interest** across both institutional and retail investors.

The market recorded broad-based gains across all major indices. The NSE 20 Share Index surged by 3.53% to 3,750.45 while the NSE All Share Index (NASI) rose by 2.95% to 216.08, reflecting renewed investor confidence. Market liquidity improved significantly, with the top five counters

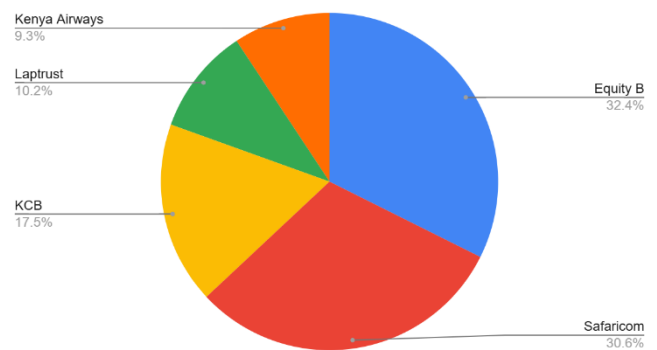
accounting for 69.46% of total turnover, up from 63.19% in the previous week.

Market Indices and Capitalization

The market closed higher across all major benchmarks:

- **NASI All-Share Index:** Increased by 2.95% to close at 216.08.
- **NSE 20 Share Index:** Increased by 3.53% to 3,750.45 points.
- **NSE 25 Share Index:** Increased by 4.32% to 5,948.29.
- **NSE 10 Share Index (N10):** Increased by 4.39% to 2,268.39.
- **Banking Index:** Increased by 5.75% to 245.90.
- **Market Capitalization:** Expanded by KES 97.87 billion (2.95%) to close at KES 3,410.07 billion.

Top Five by Market Turnover



Performance by Equity Turnover

During the week, the total market turnover of the top 5 companies was **Kes. 4,900.57 million**, accounting for 69.46% of the total turnover. The top five companies by market turnover were **Equity Group Holdings, Safaricom PLC, KCB Group PLC, Laptrust IMARA I-REIT and Kenya Airways**. The Top Five's total turnover as a proportion of total market turnover increased by 6.27% from 63.19% recorded in the previous week.

Investor Participation

The week ended **27 February 2026 saw continued foreign selling pressure at the Nairobi Securities Exchange**, with a net foreign outflow of KES 1,286.89 million compared to a net outflow of KES 855.42 million in the preceding week.

Foreign investor turnover stood at **KES 2,148.99 million**, representing 30.46% of total market activity, while local investor turnover accounted for **KES 4,906.24 million**, or 69.54% of total transactions.

Despite increased foreign outflows, domestic demand remained strong, driving broader market gains. Trading activity accelerated from the prior week, reflecting improved investor sentiment and increased participation across both institutional and retail investors.

Corporate Announcements.

- **Profit Warning – Limuru Tea PLC;** Limuru Tea PLC issued a profit warning indicating that profit after tax for the year ending 31 December 2025 is expected to decline by more than 25% compared to 2024. The projected decline is attributed to higher labour costs and weaker tea prices at the Mombasa Tea Auction, driven by reduced global demand.
- **Profit Warning – CIC Insurance Group PLC;** CIC Insurance Group PLC issued a profit warning in line with the Capital Markets (Public Offers, Listings and Disclosures) Regulations, 2023, notifying investors and the public of an expected significant change in its financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Company	Announcement
Safaricom PLC	Safaricom announced an interim dividend of KES 0.85 per share in early February 2026 for the financial year ending March 31, 2026. The dividend will be paid on or about March 31, 2026 , to shareholders on the register as at the book closure date of February 25, 2026 .

Kenya Power and Lighting Company Plc	KPLC declared an interim dividend of KES 0.30 per share on 3 rd February 2026, following the release of strong half-year unaudited results, which reported a profit before tax of KES 14.83 billion for the period ended December 31, 2025. The dividend represents a 50% increase from the previous interim payout and will be paid on or about March 27, 2026 , to shareholders on record as of 23 rd February 2026.
East African Breweries PLC (EABL)	EABL announced an interim dividend of KES 4.00 per share in late January 2026. The dividend will be paid on or about April 30, 2026 , to shareholders on the register as at the book closure date of February 27, 2026 .

Fixed Income Market Performance

Bond	Value Traded (Kshs. M)	WoW (%) Change
Total Mkt Value	136,229.33	20.09%

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE)

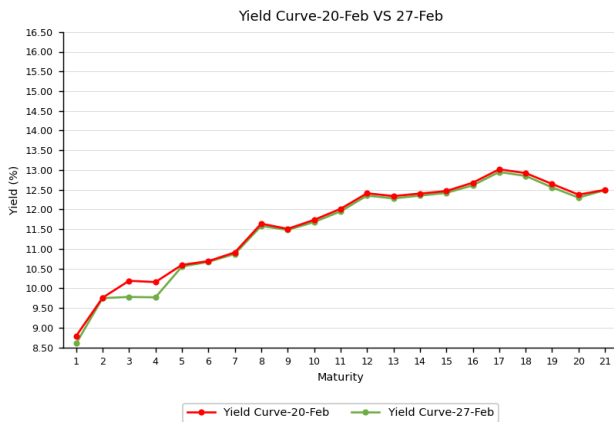
Activity in the fixed income segment at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) remained strong during the week ended 27 February 2026. Bond turnover increased by 20.09% to KES 136.23 billion, up from KES 113.44 billion in the previous week, reflecting sustained investor demand across medium and long-dated government papers.

The Bond Index rose by 0.61% to close at 1,202.75, up from 1,195.49 in the preceding week. The upward movement reflected continued demand in the secondary market, with the Central Bank Rate maintained at 8.75% and the KESONIA rate easing to 8.7695%.

The yield curve remained broadly stable with a marginal upward shift at the short end during the week ended 27 February 2026. Yields for short-term maturities ranged from approximately 8.79% (1-year) to 10.9% (7-year), while longer-dated tenors (15 to 21 years) continued to trade between 12.5% and 13.1%. The 91-Day Treasury Bill rate

eased marginally to 7.58% from 7.63% in the previous week.

In corporate fixed income, investor attention remained centered on government securities in the secondary market. The NSE Bond Index closed at 1,202.75, reflecting steady price appreciation across most bond tenors.



Item	Previous Auction (Feb '26)	Upcoming Offer (Mar '26)
Status	RESULTS (Settled)	OPEN (Period of Sale)
Bond(s)	FXD3/2019/015 & FXD1/2018/025	FXD1/2019/020 & FXD1/2021/025
Tenor (Remaining)	8.4 Years / 17.3 Years	13.1 Years / 20.1 Years
Due Date / Value Date	16/02/2026	16/03/2026
Total Amt. Offered	50 Billion	60 Billion
Total Amt. Bids	213.8 Billion	Pending (Auction 11/03)
Performance Rate	427.50%	
Coupon Rate (%)	12.34% / 13.40%	12.873% / 13.924%

Withholding Tax	10.00%	10.00%
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Source: Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)

Fixed income trading at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) continued to strengthen during the week ended 27 February 2026. Bond turnover increased by **20.09% to KES 136.23 billion from KES 113.44 billion** in the previous week, reflecting sustained investor demand in the secondary market.

Bond prices firmed as the NSE Bond Index rose by **0.61% to close at 1,202.75, up from 1,195.49** previously. The improvement occurred amid stable monetary policy conditions, with the Central Bank Rate (CBR) maintained at 8.75% and the KESONIA rate easing to 8.7695%. Headline inflation remained contained at 4.40%, supporting continued investor appetite for fixed-income instruments.

The yield curve recorded marginal easing across most short-dated maturities. Interest rates on the 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day Treasury bills stood at approximately 7.58%, 7.80%, and 8.79% respectively. On the longer end, yields for 10-year bonds were approximately 11.74% while 20-year bonds were at 12.38%, reflecting sustained investor interest in longer duration securities.

2. Key Benchmark Rates

Benchmark Rate	Current	Previous	Variance
Central Bank Rate (CBR)	8.75%	8.75%	0.00%
Month on Month Inflation	4.40%	4.40%	0.00%
Inter Bank Rate (KESONIA)	8.7695%	8.99%	-2.45%
91 Day Treasury Bill Rate	7.58%	7.63%	-0.66%
182 Day Treasury Bill Rate	7.80%	7.82%	-0.26%
364 Day Treasury Bill Rate	8.79%	9.12%	-3.62%

Source: Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)

Money market conditions remained stable during the week ended 27 February 2026, supported by balanced liquidity levels in the banking system. The Central Bank Rate (CBR) was maintained at 8.75%, as policymakers continued their accommodative stance amid stable inflation dynamics. Headline inflation remained contained at approximately 4.40%, well within the government’s target range.

The **KESONIA rate eased to 8.7695% from 8.99%** in the previous week, reflecting an improvement in interbank liquidity conditions. Money market liquidity remained comfortable, supported by strong investor demand in government securities and sustained participation in the bond market.

Treasury Bill Auction Results

In the week ended **February 27, 2026**, Treasury bill yields remained relatively stable across most tenors amid balanced liquidity conditions in the money market. Investor interest remained firm, with the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day papers recording average rates of approximately **7.58%, 7.80%, and 8.79%** respectively.

Investor participation remained strong across the longer-dated paper, reflecting continued demand for duration amid stable macroeconomic conditions.

Tenor	Amount Offered (KSh M)	Bids Received (KSh M)	Performance Rate (%)
91-Day	4,000.00	8,245.00	206.13%
182-Day	10,000.00	6,800.00	68.00%
364-Day	10,000.00	48,300.00	483.00%

3. Money Market Funds (MMF) – Top 10 as of 2nd March 2026

Rank	Fund Manager	Daily Yield	Effective Annual Rate (p.a.)
1	Nabo	10.99%	11.61%
2	Cytonn	10.98%	11.61%
3	Gulfcap	10.82%	11.37%
4	Arvocap	10.53%	11.06%
5	Lofty_Corban	10.23%	10.73%
6	Jubilee	10.17%	10.66%

7	Kuza	9.91%	10.42%
8	Madison	9.82%	10.32%
9	Old Mutual	9.69%	10.13%
10	Faulu	9.64%	10.07%

Source: Business Daily 27.02.2026

4. Exchange Rates

Currency	27/02/2026	20/02/2026	% Change
US Dollar (USD)	129.02	129.03	-0.01% (Stable)
Sterling Pound (GBP)	175.80	175.53	-0.15% (Depreciation)
Euro (EUR)	153.40	153.05	-0.23% (Depreciation)
Japanese Yen (JPY)*	84.35	84.18	-0.20% (Depreciation)
Uganda Shilling (UGX)*	27.42	27.45	+0.11% (Depreciation)
Tanzania Shilling (TZS)*	20.15	20.11	-0.20% (Depreciation)
Rwandese Franc (RWF)*	11.30	11.28	-0.18% (Depreciation)
Burundi Franc (BIF)*	22.82	22.86	+0.18% (Appreciation)

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

During the week ending February 27, 2026, the **Kenya Shilling remained largely stable against the U.S. Dollar**, closing at approximately KSh 129.02. While the **Shilling experienced marginal depreciation against some major global currencies** such as the Sterling Pound and the Euro, overall exchange rate movements remained subdued, reflecting stable external conditions.

This stability continued to be supported by Kenya's solid foreign exchange reserve position, which remained above statutory requirements, providing a strong buffer against external shocks and supporting investor confidence amid stable monetary policy conditions.

5. Derivatives

Indicator	Current Week	Previous Week	WOW Change
Contracts Total	6,994	17,094	-59.09%
Turnover	32,406.11	51,384.56	-36.93%

During the week ended 27th February 2026, activity on the NEXT Derivatives Market decreased significantly. A total of 6,994 contracts was traded, compared to 17,094 contracts in the previous week, reflecting a 59.09% decrease.

6. Global Markets

INDEX	1 MONTH	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS
Dow Jones	0.99%	2.99%	12.91%	51.57%
S&P 500	-0.99%	0.93%	16.03%	74.02%
Nasdaq	-4.1%	-1.56%	21.39%	99.71%
Bovespa	3.42%	18.54%	55.54%	82.03%
MSCI World	0.42%	3.19%	20.14%	68.42%
DAX	1.95%	3.33%	12.22%	64.7%
FTSE 100	7.41%	9.83%	23.81%	38.48%
CAC 40	6.69%	5.6%	6.09%	18.41%
Euro Stoxx 50	3.66%	6.11%	12.57%	45.11%
MOEX Russia	0.31%	1.09%	-12.61%	24.13%
Shanghai	0.28%	4.89%	25.35%	26.93%
DJ Shanghai	0.49%	6.93%	27.43%	24.6%
Hang Seng	-4.3%	3.9%	16.08%	34.59%

Nifty 50	-0.65%	-3.64%	13.8%	45.51%
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Global equity markets showed mixed performance in the week ending February 27, 2026, as investors weighed evolving monetary policy expectations across major economies. U.S. markets were mixed, with the Dow Jones edging up 0.99% while the Nasdaq declined 4.1% on a 1-month basis. European equities continued to outperform, with the FTSE 100 gaining 7.41% over one month. Asian markets were broadly mixed, with the Hang Seng declining 4.3% while Shanghai gained 0.28% over the month.

Commodities & Precious Metals

Commodity	Previous Week	Current	Weekly Change (%)
Gold (Spot)	\$2,835.60	\$2,866.50	+1.09%
Silver (Spot)	\$32.20	\$32.15	-0.16%
Brent Crude	\$72.03	\$73.22	+1.65%
WTI Crude	\$68.62	\$69.72	+1.60%

Source: Trading Economics, Investing.com, Reuters

Commodity markets recorded mixed performance during the week ending February 27, 2026. Gold edged higher to \$2,866.50, supported by safe-haven demand amid global uncertainty. Silver slipped marginally while energy markets firmed, with Brent crude rising to \$73.22 and WTI advancing to \$69.72 as supply concerns persisted.

7. Crypto Currencies

Coin	Volume (USD Bn)	Current (USD)	Previous Week Close (USD)	% Change (Weekly)
Bitcoin (BTC)	45.30	85,200.00	95,400.00	-10.68% (Decline)
Ethereum (ETH)	18.70	2,310.00	2,650.00	-12.83% (Decline)
Solana (SOL)	5.20	140.50	162.30	-13.43% (Decline)

Source: finance.yahoo.com, coinmarketcap.com

The cryptocurrency market experienced a broad-based decline during the week ending February 27, 2026, as risk sentiment deteriorated amid macroeconomic uncertainty. Bitcoin retreated from recent highs to approximately \$85,200, while Ethereum slipped below \$2,350. Solana also declined, reflecting the broader market correction across digital assets.

8. Market Watch- The Week Ahead

1. Global Focus

Markets globally are entering a high-stakes week headlined by the **U.S. Non-Farm Payrolls** and **Eurozone inflation** data, which will dictate the pace of central bank rate cuts through mid-2026. Attention also shifts to Beijing on **March 4th** for the "Two Sessions" meetings, where the unveiling of China's **15th Five-Year Plan** and new stimulus targets could spark a rally in emerging market assets. While U.S. manufacturing remains in a slow expansion, any signs of a cooling labor market on Friday will likely fuel bullish bets for an accelerated easing cycle by the Federal Reserve.

2. Kenya Market Focus

On the local front, the NSE is benefiting from a dividend-led rally, with **BAT Kenya** recently declaring a significant **KES 60.00 final dividend** and **Safaricom** scheduled to pay its **KES 0.85 interim** on March 31st. Investor sentiment remains high following the **Central Bank's** recent rate cut to **8.75%**, which has pushed T-bill yields lower, with the 91-day paper now at **7.58%**. While profit warnings from **Limuru Tea** and **CIC Insurance** provide a cautionary note, the market's focus is firmly on the banking sector's upcoming full-year results and the continued stability of the shilling at approximately **KES 129.02**.

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