



Foreign exchange market developments

During the week, the Kwacha was relatively stable against the USD, depreciated against the GBP and EUR, and appreciated against the ZAR, as indicated by TT middle exchange rates below (Source: RBM).

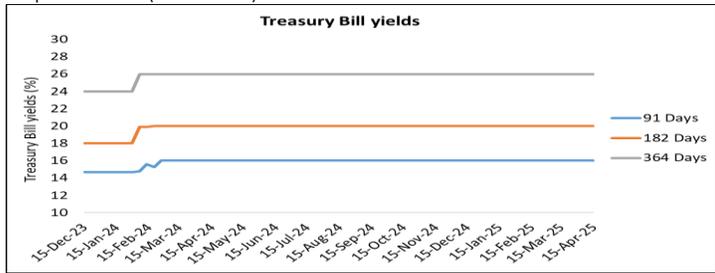
Closing TT middle exchange rates as at the end of the week				
Currency	17-Apr-25	% Δ	11-Apr-25	
USD	1750.8309	↓ 0.004%	1750.7618	
GBP	2384.7236	↓ 2.33%	2330.5118	
EUR	2050.5927	↓ 0.86%	2033.1965	
ZAR	95.2146	↑ -1.16%	96.3290	

Foreign exchange reserves position			
	28-Feb-25	31-Jan-25	31-Dec-24
Total foreign exchange reserves (Aggregate of RBM, Banks & FCDAs)	569.50	570.60	530.90
Total import cover (months)	2.30	2.30	2.10

Data source: Reserve Bank of Malawi (RBM)

Government securities

The Government raised K31.26b from the auction of Treasury Bills and K7.49b from the auction of a 2-year Treasury Note during the week. Maturities of Government securities for the week amounted to K42.95b, maturities of OMO repos amounted to K59.03b and maturities of OMO reverse repos amounted to K20.94b. These transactions resulted in a net injection of K42.29b into the market during the week, compared to a net injection of K2.06b in the previous week (Source: RBM).



Treasury Bill auctions				
Auction date	15-Apr-25	% pts Δ	8-Apr-25	
Amount offered - cost value (K'm)	17,540.00	⇒ 0.00%	17,540.00	
Applied - cost value (K'm)	31,257.32	↑ 55.90%	20,049.78	
Allotted - cost value (K'm)	31,257.32	↑ 55.90%	20,049.78	
Overall rejection rate	0.00%	⇒ 0.00%	0.00%	
91 days yield	16.0000%	⇒ 0.0000%	16.0000%	
182 days yield	20.0000%	⇒ 0.0000%	20.0000%	
364 days yield	26.0000%	⇒ 0.0000%	26.0000%	
All-type yield	20.6667%	⇒ 0.0000%	20.6667%	

Treasury Note and Bond auctions				
Auction dates	15-Apr-25	8-Apr-25	25 & 27 Mar 25	
Tenor	2 years	10 years	2, 3, 5, 7 & 10 years	
Coupon rate	10.00%	15.00%	10.0%, 11.0%, 12.5%, 13.5% & 15.0%	
Amount offered - cost value (K'b)	84.71	55.70	K21.34b for the 7-yr TN	
Total applied - cost value (K'b)	7.49	18.27	266.33	
Total allotted - cost value (K'b)	7.49	18.27	266.33	
Allotted - weighted average ytm	28.75%	35.00%	28.75%, 30.0%, 32.0%, 34.0% & 35.0%	

Current yields for Treasury Notes and Bonds				
Tenor	Last auction's yield	Last auction	Next auction	
2-year TN	28.75%	15-Apr-25	03-Jun-25	
2-year Development Bond	28.75%	25-Feb-25	20-May-25	
3-year TN	30.00%	27-Mar-25	06-May-25	
3-year Development Bond	30.00%	10-Feb-25	24-Jun-25	
5-year TN	32.00%	27-Mar-25	22-Apr-25	
5-year Development Bond	32.00%	20-Feb-25	TBA	
7-year TN	34.00%	25-Mar-25	27-May-25	
7-year Development Bond	34.00%	07-Jan-25	TBA	
10-year TN	35.00%	08-Apr-25	10-Jun-25	
10-year Development Bond	35.00%	20-Jun-24	TBA	

Upcoming auctions of Treasury Notes and Bonds				
Auction date	Tenor (years)	Amount (K'b)	Last auction's coupon rate	
22-Apr-25	5	68.95	13.50%	
06-May-25	3	77.14	11.00%	
20-May-25	2 IDB	10.00	11.00%	
27-May-25	7	63.40	13.50%	
03-Jun-25	2	84.71	10.00%	
10-Jun-25	10	55.70	15.00%	
17-Jun-25	5	68.95	12.50%	
24-Jun-25	3 IDB	10.00	12.00%	

Projected maturities				
Week ending	18-Apr-25	25-Apr-25	2-May-25	
TBs, PNs & TNs (K'm)	42,947	125,022	13,312	
OMO repos (K'm)	59,032	0	0	
OMO reverse repos (K'm)	20,937	0	0	

Data source: RBM

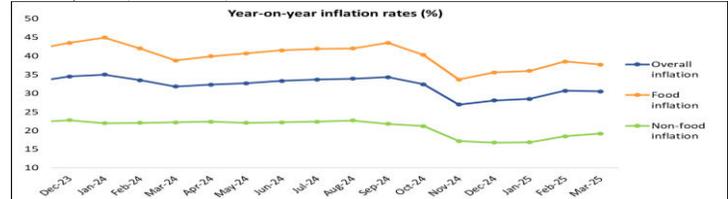
Market liquidity and interbank market activity

During the week, daily excess liquidity reserves averaged K145.29b, increasing from an average of K33.03b in the previous week. The daily interbank borrowing averaged K55.13b during the week from K110.00b in the previous week. Borrowing on the Lombard facility averaged K66.25b per day during the week, compared to K48.80b per day in the previous week. The average interbank borrowing rate increased to 23.63% from 23.72% in the previous week. The Lombard rate remained fixed at 26.20% (Source: RBM).



Inflation

The year-on-year headline inflation rate decreased to 30.5% in March 2025 from 30.7% in February 2025 as food inflation rate decreased to 37.7% in March 2025 from 38.5% in February 2025 while non-food inflation rate increased to 19.2% in March 2025 from 18.5% in February 2025 (Source: NSO).



Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE) trading activity

The Malawi All Share Index (MASI) registered a loss of 0.41% to close the week at 293,362.87 points from 294,562.18 points in the previous. The market traded 23,546,149 shares at a consideration of K7.03b in 656 trades, compared to 4,144,497 shares traded at a consideration of K1.49b in 709 trades in the previous week. The year-to-date return on MASI stood at 70.52% at the end of the week, compared to 4.24% for the same period in 2024 (Source: MSE).

Stock market trading activity						
	17-Apr-25	% Δ	11-Apr-25			
MASI	293,362.87	↓ -0.41%	294,562.18			
DSI	213,370.18	↓ -0.13%	213,654.05			
FSI	60,874.63	↓ -1.62%	61,874.96			
Traded volume	23,546,149	↑ 468.13%	4,144,497			
Number of trades	656	↑ -7.48%	709			
Value of shares traded (K'm)	7,030.79	↑ 371.82%	1,490.13			
Market capitalisation (K'm)	15,967,227.12	↓ -0.40%	16,030,782.44			

Gainers						
Company	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio	
OMU	2,242.53	↑ 15.00%	1,950.03	14.67	1.95	
MPICO	19.00	↑ 0.11%	18.98	7.98	0.76	
AIRTEL	129.06	↑ 0.02%	129.03	(92.04)	(133.85)	
NITL	715.03	↑ 0.00%	715.01	3.24	1.31	
STANDARD	9500.03	↑ 0.0003%	9500.00	25.81	8.58	

No movement						
Company	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio	
BHL	14.55	⇒ 0.00%	14.55	(107.89)	12.42	
ICON	17.95	⇒ 0.00%	17.95	6.26	0.99	
NBM	6200.14	⇒ 0.00%	6200.14	28.30	10.78	
SUNBIRD	300.14	⇒ 0.00%	300.14	14.95	1.62	

Losers						
Company	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio	
PCL	3,802.21	↓ -0.0003%	3,802.22	11.31	1.73	
NICO	776.72	↓ -0.003%	776.74	26.05	8.90	
ILLOVO	1791.58	↓ -0.004%	1791.65	56.48	8.59	
FDHB	314.59	↓ -0.04%	314.71	29.31	22.29	
NBS	343.64	↓ -0.39%	344.99	13.70	8.92	
FMBCB	1223.08	↓ -1.68%	1244.00	49.87	12.99	
TNM	23.66	↓ -5.06%	24.92	(49.91)	5.69	

Corporate news

Published annual financial results				
Company	2024 profit after tax (K'b)	Movement	2023 profit after tax (K'b)	
Listed banks				
FDH Bank Plc	74,063	↑	108%	35,647
National Bank of Malawi Plc	101,710	↑	41%	71,959
NBS Bank Plc	72,991	↑	148%	29,378
Standard Bank Plc	86,365	↑	64%	52,520
Unlisted banks				
CDH Investment Bank Ltd	23,534	↑	111%	11,141
Ecobank Ltd	51,605	↑	70%	30,317
Centenary Bank	1,917	↑	249%	0,549
Listed non-bank companies				
Illovo Sugar Plc	22,632	↓	-60%	56,758
National Investment Trust Plc	29,759	↑	38%	21,505
Unlisted non-bank financial institutions				
Britam Insurance Company Ltd	1,278	↑	15%	1,108
Cedar Capital Ltd	0,299	↑	64%	0,182
First Discount House Ltd	11,507	↑	39%	8,285
NICO Asset Managers Ltd	7,024	↑	103%	3,452
NICO General	6,451	↑	274%	1,726
NICO Pension	1,504	↑	73%	0,870
NICO Ufulu Pension Fund	0,205	↑	73%	0,130

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