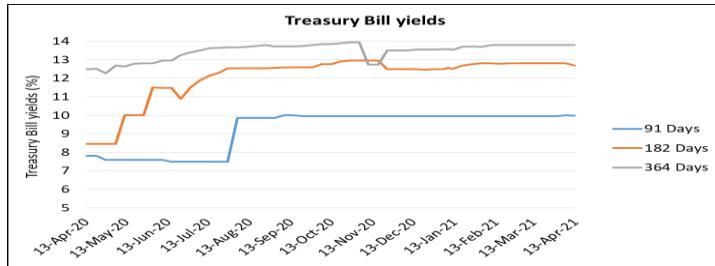


**Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE) trading activity**

The Malawi All Share Index (MASI) registered a gain of 1.05% to close the week at 32,901.81 from 32,561.09 points in the previous week due to share price gains in AIRTEL (3.79%), FMCH (10.66%) and STANDARD (0.001%) which outweighed share price losses in ICON (-0.16%) and MPICO (-0.05%). The market traded a total of 2,074,082 shares at a consideration of K67.47m in 67 trades during the week compared to a total of 1,332,132 shares traded at a consideration of K30.71m in 41 trades in the previous week, representing increases of 55.70% and 119.73% in traded volume and value, respectively. The year-to-date return on MASI stands at 1.57% compared to -3.93% for the same period in 2020. On the debt market, the price of NFB03 note gained by 0.20% to close the week at 100.2026 from 100.0000 in the previous week, as the market traded a total of 10,000 notes at a consideration of K1.00m in 2 trades (Source: MSE).

**Government securities**

Government raised K2.72b during the week's auction for Treasury Bills (TBs) compared to K0.89b raised in the previous week, representing an increase of 208.86% in the amount raised. The auction registered a rejection rate of 0.07% on the submitted bids. The all-type average TB yield decreased to 12.1616% from 12.1972% in the previous week following decreases across all tenors, namely 91 days, 182 days and 364 days.

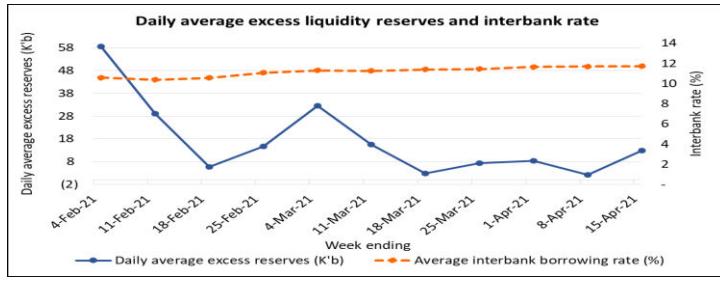


Data source: RBM

Maturity of Government securities and OMO reverse repos for the week amounted to K4.08b and K69.74b, respectively. This resulted in a net withdrawal of K68.38b from the market, compared to a net withdrawal of K9.13b in the previous week (Source: RBM).

**Market liquidity and interbank market activity**

Average daily excess liquidity reserves increased to K12.78b from K2.27b recorded in the previous week. Consequently, borrowing on the Lombard Facility averaged K18.42b per day during the week, decreasing from an average of K24.27b per day in the previous week at a fixed rate of 12.20%. Interbank borrowing for the week also decreased to an average of K24.50b per day from the average of K29.73b per day in the previous week. The average interbank borrowing rate increased to 11.72% from 11.69% (Source: RBM).



Data source: RBM

**Foreign exchange market developments**

The market closing USD/MWK mid-rate decreased to K790.5266 on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 from K791.8674 on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in the previous week, representing a Kwacha appreciation of 0.17%. During the same period, the Kwacha, however, depreciated against GBP, EUR and ZAR by 0.04%, 1.16% and 0.63%, respectively. Gross official forex reserves were last recorded at USD410.16m (1.96 months of import cover) on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 from USD483.38m (2.31 months of import cover) recorded on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (Source: RBM). The reserves were below the recommended minimum of 3 months of import cover. The situation is expected to prevail until the onset of the 2021 tobacco marketing season.

**COVID-19 update**

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases in Malawi stood at 33,919 as at 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021, out of which 932 were reported to be still active. Daily new infections of COVID-19 were reported to be 17 cases. Although the new infection rates are low, Government has cautioned the public to stay vigilant against an impending third wave. So far, 31,717 people have recovered while 1,136 have died from the disease. The first dose of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine had been administered to a total of 251,368 people as at 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Source: Ministry of Health). Globally, total confirmed cases of COVID-19 amounted to 139.98m, with recoveries of more than 118.92m and 3.00m deaths as at 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (Source: Worldometer).

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Stock market			
MASI	16-Apr-21 32,901.81	% Δ 1.05%	9-Apr-21 32,561.09
DSI	27,900.12	0.69%	27,709.05
FSI	1,757.52	8.87%	1,614.33
Traded volume	2,074,082	55.70%	1,332,132
Number of trades	67	63.41%	41
Value of shares traded (K'm)	67.47	119.73%	30.71
Market capitalisation (K'm)	1,788,618.20	1.05%	1,770,008.09
Gainers	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)
AIRTEL	29.01	3.79%	27.95
FMBCH	30.01	10.66%	27.12
STANDARD	1200.13	0.001%	1200.12
Losers	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)
ICON	12.16	-0.16%	12.18
MPICO	20.88	-0.05%	20.89
Debt market			
Symbol	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)
NFB03	100.2026	0.20%	100.0000
Treasury Bill auctions			
Auction date	13-Apr-21	% pts Δ	6-Apr-21
Amount offered - cost value (K'm)	4,830.00	0.00%	4,830.00
Applied - cost value (K'm)	2,736.82	208.86%	886.10
Allotted - cost value (K'm)	2,734.94	208.65%	886.10
Overall rejection rate	0.07%	0.07	0.00%
91 days yield	9.9885%	-0.03%	9.9917%
182 days yield	12.6965%	-0.81%	12.8000%
364 days yield	13.7997%	-0.002%	13.8000%
All-type yield	12.1616%	-0.29%	12.1972%
Treasury Note auctions			
Auction date	6-Apr-21	23-Mar-21	9-Mar-21
Tenors	3 years	5 years	2 years
Coupon rate	11.00%	12.50%	10.00%
Amount offered - cost value (K'b)	42.73	23.47	38.34
Total applied - cost value (K'b)	19.61	21.24	40.86
Total allotted - cost value (K'b)	18.83	20.99	38.57
Allotted - weighted average ytm	18.80%	19.98%	16.50%
Current yields for Treasury Notes			
Tenor	Last auction's yield	Last auction	Next auction
2-year	16.50%	9-Mar-21	18-May-21
3-year	18.80%	6-Apr-21	29-Jun-21
5-year	19.98%	23-Mar-21	1-Jun-21
7-year	20.50%	9-Feb-21	20-Apr-21
10-year	22.50%	16-Feb-21	4-May-21
Upcoming Treasury Note auctions			
Auction date	Tenor	Amount (K'b)	Last coupon rate
20-Apr-21	7	20.00	13.50%
4-May-21	10	9.95	15.00%
18-May-21	2	21.00	10.00%
1-Jun-21	5	20.47	12.50%
15-Jun-21	7	28.86	13.50%
Projected maturities			
Week ending	16-Apr-21	23-Apr-21	30-Apr-21
TBs, PNs & TNs (K'm)	4,075	8,320	16,865
OMO repos (K'm)	0	0	0
OMO reverse repos (K'm)	69,735	19,180	10,554
Reference rate			
Rate	Apr-21 12.10%	% pts Δ 0.20	Mar-21 11.90%
Inflation rate			
Rate	Feb-21 8.3%	% pts Δ 0.6	Jan-21 7.7%
Actual market closing mid exchange rates			
USD	15-Apr-21 790.5266	% Δ -0.17%	8-Apr-21 791.8674
GBP	1139.5391	0.04%	1139.0765
EUR	1010.9299	1.16%	999.3671
ZAR	58.4644	0.63%	58.1006
Gross official foreign exchange reserves position			
Reserves (USD'm)	31-Mar-21 410.16	28-Feb-21 483.38	31-Jan-21 502.98
Import cover (months)	1.96	2.31	2.41

Data sources: MSE, RBM, NSO, AHL

**Published financial results**

Company	2020 profit after tax (K'b)	Movement	2019 profit after tax (K'b)
<b>Banks</b>			
CDH Investment Bank Ltd	3.086	34%	2.309
Ecobank	7.750	9%	7.097
FDH Bank Plc	14.956	188%	5.193
First Capital Bank Plc	8.026	21%	6.630
MyBucks Banking Corporation	2.243	53%	1.469
National Bank of Malawi Plc	22.450	31%	17.155
NBS Bank Plc	7.050	58%	4.458
Standard Bank Plc	23.743	50%	15.879
<b>Listed non-bank companies</b>			
Airtel Malawi Plc	22.091	39%	15.908
Blantyre Hotels Plc	0.252	-46%	0.464
Illovo Sugar Plc	2.739	-73%	10.083
National Investment Trust Plc	1.480	-17%	1.780
Old Mutual Group Plc (Rb)	5.097	-46%	9.386
Sunbird Tourism Plc	1.180	-53%	2.530
<b>Unlisted non-bank financial institutions</b>			
Bridgepath Capital Ltd (12 months in 2020 Vs 3 months in 2019)	0.037	306%	0.009
Emeritus reinsurance company Ltd	0.266	-30%	0.380
First Discount House Ltd	3.258	45%	2.241
NBM Development Bank Ltd	0.060	378%	(0.022)