



Foreign exchange market developments

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

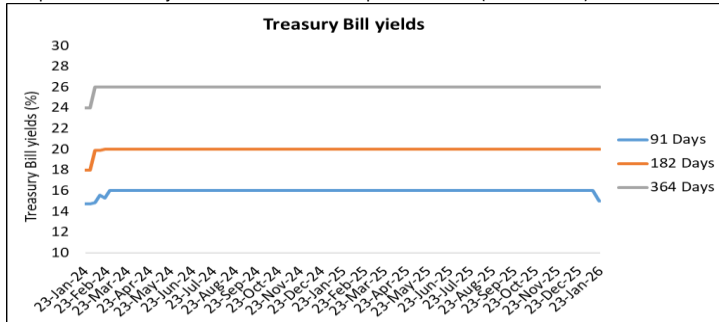
Closing TT middle exchange rates as at the end of the week			
Currency	23-Jan-26	% Δ	16-Jan-26
USD	1750.5779	↑ -0.01%	1750.7462
GBP	2429.9926	↓ 1.15%	2402.4114
EUR	2119.3640	↓ 1.59%	2086.1629
ZAR	111.3320	↓ 1.66%	109.5151

Foreign exchange reserves position			
	30-Nov-25	31-Oct-25	30-Sep-25
Total foreign exchange reserves (Aggregate of RBM, Banks & FCDA)	530.00	526.80	511.80
Total import cover (months)	2.10	2.10	2.00

Data source: Reserve Bank of Malawi (RBM)

Government securities

The Government raised a total of K25.31b from the auction of Treasury Bills (TBs) during the week. Total applications for TBs for all tenors amounted to K201.04b, but only K25.31b for the 91-day TB was allotted, resulting in a rejection rate of 87%. The 91-day TB yield decreased to an average of 15.08% during the week from 16.00% in the previous week. There was no auction of Treasury Notes during the week. Maturities of Government securities for the week amounted to K43.25b, resulting in a net injection of K17.94b into the market during the week compared to a net injection of K144.26b in the previous week (Source: RBM).



Treasury Bill auctions			
Auction date	20, 22 & 23 Jan 2026	% pts Δ	13-Jan-26
Applied - cost value (K'm)	201,039.70	↑ 188.11%	69,777.73
Allotted - cost value (K'm)	25,325.00	0.00	0.00
Overall rejection rate	87.40%	↓ -12.60	100.00%
91 days yield	15.0800%	↓ -0.9200%	16.0000%
182 days yield	20.0000%	→ 0.0000%	20.0000%
364 days yield	26.0000%	→ 0.0000%	26.0000%
All-type yield	20.3600%	↓ -0.3067%	20.6667%

Treasury Note and Bond auctions			
Auction dates	31-Dec-25	18-Dec-25	16-Dec-25
Tenor	5-yr IDB	2, 3, 5, 7, & 10-yr TNs	3-yr TN
Coupon rate	13.50%	10.0%, 11.0%, 12.5%, 13.5% & 15.0%	11.00%
Amount offered - cost value (K'b)	11.00		81.85
Total applied - cost value (K'b)	21.61	61.26	36.26
Total allotted - cost value (K'b)	0.00	61.26	36.26
Allotted - weighted average ytm	32.00%	28.75%, 30.0%, 32.0%, 34.0% & 35.0%	30.00%

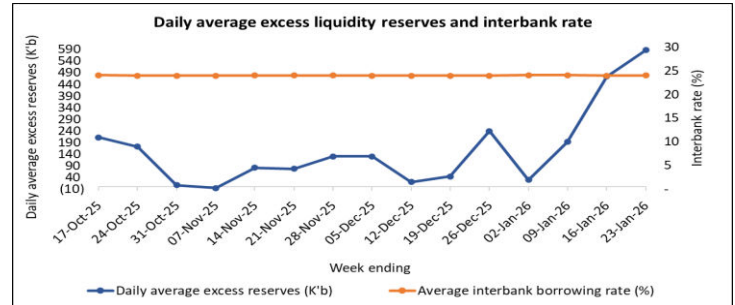
Current yields for Treasury Notes and Bonds			
Tenor	Last auction's yield	Last auction	Next auction
2-year TN	28.75%	18-Dec-25	TBA
2-year Development Bond	28.75%	05-Aug-25	TBA
3-year TN	30.00%	18-Dec-25	TBA
3-year Development Bond	30.00%	18-Nov-25	TBA
5-year TN	32.00%	18-Dec-25	TBA
5-year Development Bond	32.00%	02-Dec-25	TBA
7-year TN	34.00%	18-Dec-25	TBA
7-year Development Bond	34.00%	07-Jan-25	TBA
10-year TN	35.00%	18-Dec-25	TBA
10-year Development Bond	35.00%	20-Jun-24	TBA

Projected maturities			
Week ending	23-Jan-26	30-Jan-26	6-Feb-26
TBs, PNs & TNs (K'm)	43,246	45,494	48,718
OMO repos (K'm)	0	0	0
OMO reverse repos (K'm)	0	0	0

Data source: RBM

Market liquidity and interbank market activity

During the week, daily excess liquidity reserves averaged K586.67b, increasing from an average of K474.09b in the previous week. The daily interbank borrowing averaged K61.44b during the week, from K90.00b in the previous week. There was no borrowing on the Lombard facility during the week as was the case in the previous week. The average interbank borrowing rate increased to 24.02% from 23.98% in the previous week. The Lombard rate remained fixed at 26.20% (Source: RBM).



Policy Rate			
	30-Oct-25	% pts Δ	31-Jul-25
Rate	26.00%	→ 0.00	26.00%

Market Reference Rate			
	Jan-26	% pts Δ	Dec-25
Rate	25.20%	↓ -0.10	25.30%

Inflation Rate			
	Dec-25	% pts Δ	Nov-25
Rate	26.00%	↓ -1.90	27.9%

Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE) trading activity

The Malawi All Share Index (MASI) registered a loss of -1.04% to close the week at 591,983.80 points from 598,180.06 points in the previous week. The market traded 4,613,696 shares at a consideration of K1.19b in 1,010 trades, compared to 3,266,885 shares traded at a consideration of K1.24b in 905 trades in the previous week. The year-to-date on the MASI stood at -1.02% as at the end of the week, compared to 18.14% during the same period in 2025 (Source: MSE).

Stock market trading activity					
	23-Jan-26	% Δ	16-Jan-26		
MASI	591,983.80	↓ -1.04%	598,180.06		
DSI	407,759.93	↓ -0.21%	408,604.18		
FSI	149,330.52	↓ -3.67%	155,019.41		
Traded volume	4,613,696	↑ 41.23%	3,266,885		
Number of trades	1,010	↑ 11.60%	905		
Value of shares traded (K'm)	1,190.30	↓ -3.77%	1,236.93		
Market capitalisation (K'm)	32,273,665.33	↓ -0.91%	32,568,960.13		

Gainers					
Company	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
ILLOVO	2,679.86	↑ 2.42%	2,616.60	24.76	8.88

No movement					
Company	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
AIRTEL	120.00	→ 0.00%	120.00	30.90	41.10
ICON	16.00	→ 0.00%	16.00	4.38	0.73
OMU	3,790.04	→ 0.00%	3,790.04	44.73	5.96
SUNBIRD	1,700.01	→ 0.00%	1,700.01	41.85	6.36

Loser					
Company	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
NITL	3,934.79	↓ -0.004%	3934.94	17.85	7.20
STANDARD	4,247.40	↓ -0.02%	4,248.32	57.70	19.18
PCL	7,824.00	↓ -0.04%	7,827.00	14.55	2.69
MPICO	19.47	↓ -0.10%	19.49	5.24	0.69
NICO	1,724.97	↓ -0.16%	1,727.80	24.99	11.56
NBS	890.55	↓ -0.29%	893.13	35.51	23.12
FDHB	595.86	↓ -0.34%	597.89	55.52	42.22
BHL	14.98	↓ -0.40%	15.04	(64.27)	1.36
NBM	11,840.00	↓ -0.99%	11,958.13	54.05	20.59
FMBCH	3,013.39	↓ -3.72%	3,129.96	62.64	22.51
TNM	29.99	↓ -4.12%	31.28	34.41	6.67

Data source: MSE

Dividends announced					
Company	Dividend type	Dividend (K/share)	Ex-dividend date	Last day to register	Payment date
FDHB	2nd Interim declared	7.25	4-Feb-26	6-Feb-26	12-Feb-26
ILLOVO	Final proposed	1.00	TBA	TBA	TBA

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