



Foreign exchange market developments

During the week, the Kwacha was generally stable against the USD, registering a marginal appreciation of 0.05%. The Kwacha also appreciated 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	30-Apr-26	% Δ	24-Apr-26	
USD	1749.6786	↑ -0.05%	1750.6054	
GBP	2426.1099	↑ -0.002%	2426.1534	
EUR	2099.6784	↑ -0.32%	2106.4422	
ZAR	107.0422	↑ -0.41%	107.4834	

Foreign exchange reserves position			
	28-Feb-26	31-Jan-26	31-Dec-25
Total foreign exchange reserves (Aggregate of RBM, Banks & FCDAs) (USD'm)	625.70	664.90	608.90
Total import cover (months)	2.50	2.70	2.40

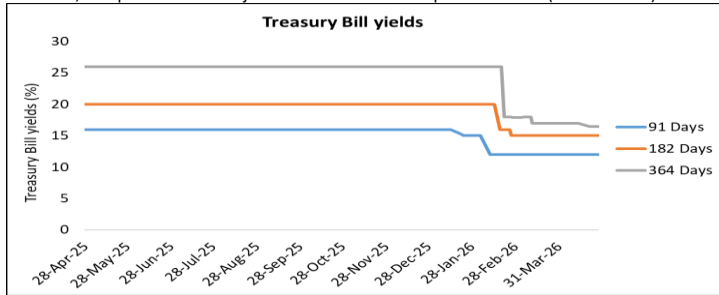
Cumulative tobacco sales statistics as at Week 2			
Date	Week 2 2026 (29 April 2026)	% Δ	Week 2 2025 (17 April 2025)
Volume (million kg)	5.01	↓ -25.31%	6.71
Value (USD'million)	10.80	↓ -29.57%	15.33
Average price (USD/Kg)	2.15	↓ -5.70%	2.28

Data source: Reserve Bank of Malawi (RBM)

Government securities

During the Treasury Bills auction held during the week, total applications amounted to K172.76b, of which successful bids amounted to K90.00b, resulting in a rejection rate of 47.90%. There was no auction for Treasury Notes during the week.

The RBM also conducted auctions for OMO Repos during which a total of K199.86b was withdrawn from the market. Maturities of Government securities for the week amounted to K47.04b. These transactions resulted in a net withdrawal of K242.82b from the market during the week, compared to a net injection of K50.86b in the previous week (Source: RBM).



Treasury Bill auctions			
Auction date	28-Apr-26	% pts Δ	22-Apr-26
Applied - cost value (K'm)	172,758.49	↓ -6.43%	184,637.72
Allotted - cost value (K'm)	90,000.00	↑ 24.64%	72,207.35
Overall rejection rate	47.90%	↓ -12.99	60.89%
91 days yield	12.0000%	→ 0.0000%	12.0000%
182 days yield	15.0000%	→ 0.0000%	15.0000%
364 days yield	16.5000%	→ 0.0000%	16.5000%
All-type yield	14.5000%	→ 0.0000%	14.5000%

Treasury Note and Bond auctions			
Auction dates	30 & 31 Mar 2026	24, 25 & 27 Mar 2026	16 & 19 Mar 2026
Tenor	2-year Treasury Note	2-year Treasury Note	2-year Treasury Note
Coupon rate	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%
Total applied - cost value (K'b)	34.73	36.73	67.65
Total allotted - cost value (K'b)	34.73	27.14	67.65
Overall rejection rate	0.00%	26.11%	0.00%
Allotted - weighted average ytm	18.00%	18.00%	18.50%

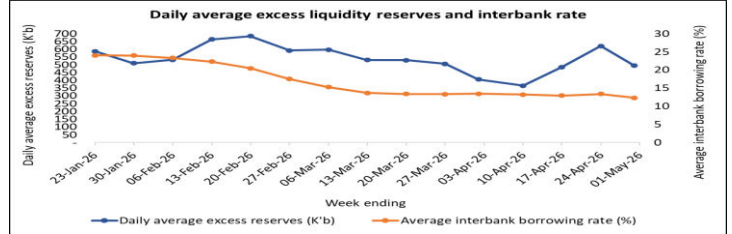
Current yields for Treasury Notes and Bonds			
Tenor	Last auction's yield	Last auction	Next auction
2-year Treasury Note	18.00%	31-Mar-26	TBA
2-year Development Bond	28.75%	05-Aug-25	TBA
3-year Treasury Note	30.00%	18-Dec-25	TBA
3-year Development Bond	30.00%	18-Nov-25	TBA
5-year Treasury Note	32.00%	18-Dec-25	TBA
5-year Development Bond	32.00%	02-Dec-25	TBA
7-year Treasury Note	34.00%	18-Dec-25	TBA
7-year Development Bond	34.00%	07-Jan-25	TBA
10-year Treasury Note	35.00%	18-Dec-25	TBA
10-year Development Bond	35.00%	20-Jun-24	TBA

Projected maturities			
Week ending	1-May-26	8-May-26	15-May-26
Treasury Bills, Promissory Notes & Treasury Notes (K'm)	47,040	57,827	186,067
Open Market Operations repos (K'm)	0	0	0
Open Market Operations reverse repos (K'm)	0	0	0

Data source: RBM

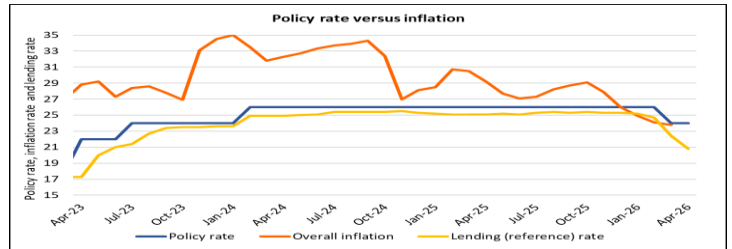
Market liquidity and interbank market activity

During the week, daily excess liquidity reserves averaged K494.31b, decreasing from an average of K621.39b in the previous week. The interbank borrowing amounted to K62.00b from K20.00b 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 decreased to 12.35% from 13.38% in the previous week. The Lombard rate remained fixed at 24.20% (Source: RBM).



Monetary policy

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held its second meeting of 2026 on 29th and 30th April 2026 during which they decided to maintain the Policy rate at 24.0% and the Lombard rate at 20 basis points above the Policy rate (24.2%). The Liquidity Reserve Requirement Ratio (LRR) for local currency deposits was increased to 12.0% from 10.0% to address excess liquidity in the banking system, while the LRR for foreign currency deposits was maintained at 3.75% (Source: RBM).



Policy Rate			
Rate	30-Apr-26	% pts Δ	05-Mar-26
Rate	24.00%	→ 0.00	24.00%

Market Reference Rate			
Rate	May-26	% pts Δ	Apr-26
Rate	20.70%	↓ -0.10	20.80%

Inflation Rate			
Rate	Mar-26	% pts Δ	Feb-26
Rate	23.80%	↓ -0.30	24.1%

Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE) trading activity

The Malawi All Share Index (MASI) registered a loss of -0.30% to close the week at 524,387.05 points from 525,973.43 points in the previous week. The market traded 6,414,464 shares at a consideration of K2.33b in 731 trades, compared to 2,186,470 shares traded at a consideration of K3.20b in 687 trades in the previous week. The year-to-date return on MASI stood at -12.32% as at the end of the week, compared to 68.39% during the same period in 2025 (Source: MSE).

Stock market trading activity					
	30-Apr-26	% Δ	24-Apr-26		
MASI	524,387.05	↓ -0.30%	525,973.43		
DSI	394,615.70	↓ -0.26%	395,635.99		
FSI	92,021.47	↓ -0.53%	92,508.81		
Traded volume	6,414,464	↑ 193.37%	2,186,470		
Number of trades	731	↑ 6.40%	687		
Value of shares traded (K'm)	2,330.62	↓ -27.24%	3,203.02		
Market capitalisation (K'm)	28,590,066.41	↓ -0.30%	28,674,865.49		

Gainers					
	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
BHL	15.09	↑ 0.13%	15.07	16.12	1.23
ILLOVO	2,948.66	↑ 0.0003%	2,948.65	27.24	9.77

No movement					
	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
ICON	15.99	→ 0.00%	15.99	3.27	0.61
MPICO	19.50	→ 0.00%	19.50	3.3	0.58
OMU	5,300.00	→ 0.00%	5,300.00	30.53	3.95
PCL	7,820.80	→ 0.00%	7,820.80	6.48	1.82
SUNBIRD	2,248.06	→ 0.00%	2,248.06	47.12	4.28

Loser					
	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
NBM	10,999.57	↓ -0.001%	10,999.70	25.32	12.59
NITL	3,930.82	↓ -0.002%	3,930.88	2.63	1.94
FDHB	583.90	↓ -0.09%	584.41	27.27	16.20
NICO	1,645.81	↓ -0.17%	1,648.58	10.23	5.73
AIRTEL	112.37	↓ -0.17%	112.56	24.12	20.14
TNM	29.84	↓ -0.50%	29.99	16.19	3.35
FMBCB	1,820.00	↓ -0.55%	1,829.99	22.86	8.90
STANDARD	4,143.47	↓ -0.64%	4,169.95	39.95	13.94
NBS	764.27	↓ -0.92%	771.38	14.79	10.05

Data source: MSE

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