



Foreign exchange market developments

During the week, the Kwacha was generally stable against the USD, registering a marginal appreciation of 0.05%. The Kwacha, however, 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	29-May-26	% Δ	22-May-26
USD	1749.4579	↑ -0.05%	1750.2925
GBP	2421.2987	↓ 0.41%	2411.3509
EUR	2099.6819	↓ 0.36%	2092.1181
ZAR	110.2854	↓ 1.37%	108.7962

Foreign exchange reserves position			
	31-Mar-26	28-Feb-26	31-Jan-26
Total foreign exchange reserves (Aggregate of RBM, Banks & FCDAs)	571.60	625.70	664.90
Total import cover (months)	2.30	2.50	2.70

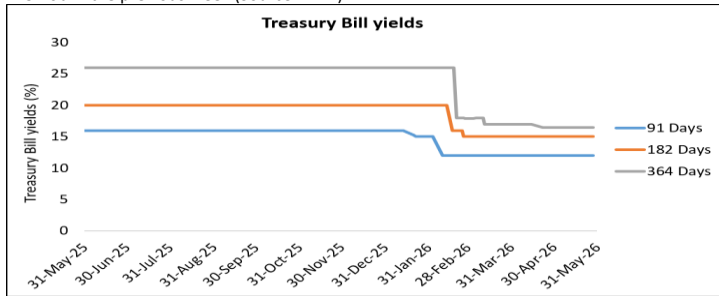
Cumulative tobacco sales statistics as at Week 5			
Date	Week 5 2026 (22 May 2026)	% Δ	Week 5 2025 (9 May 2025)
Volume (million kg)	29.01	↓ -15.29%	34.24
Value (USD'million)	61.02	↓ -24.51%	80.83
Average price (USD/Kg)	2.10	↓ -11.02%	2.36

Data source: Reserve Bank of Malawi (RBM)

Government securities

During the Treasury Bills auction held in the week, the Government raised K64.94b with no rejection rate. There was no auction for Treasury Notes during the week.

Maturities of Government securities amounted to K16.81b and access on the Re-discounting Standing Facility amounted to K3.05b during the week. These transactions resulted in a net withdrawal of K45.08b from the market during the week, compared to a net injection of K45.26b in the previous week (Source: RBM).



Treasury Bill auctions			
Auction date	25, 26 & 28 May 2026	% pts Δ	20-May-26
Applied - cost value (K'm)	64,939.86	↑ 44.22%	45,028.05
Allotted - cost value (K'm)	64,939.86	↑ 44.22%	45,028.05
Overall rejection rate	0.00%	→ 0.00%	0.00%
91 days yield	12.0000%	→ 0.0000%	12.0000%
182 days yield	15.0000%	→ 0.0000%	15.0000%
364 days yield	16.5000%	↑ 0.0527%	16.4473%
All-type yield	14.5000%	↑ 0.0176%	14.4824%

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%

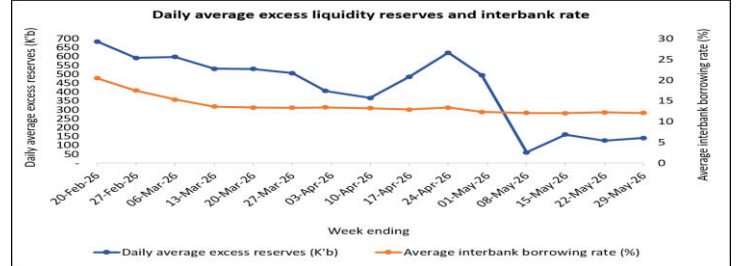
Current yields for Treasury Notes and Bonds			
Tenor	Last auction's yield	Last auction	Next auction
2-year Treasury Note	18.00%	31-Mar-26	TBA
2-year Development Bond	28.75%	05-Aug-25	TBA
3-year Treasury Note	30.00%	18-Dec-25	TBA
3-year Development Bond	30.00%	18-Nov-25	TBA
5-year Treasury Note	32.00%	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	29-May-26	5-Jun-26	12-Jun-26
Treasury Bills, Promissory Notes & Treasury Notes (K'm)	16,810	58,988	36,091
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 K140.66b, increasing from an average of K126.25b in the previous week. The interbank borrowing averaged K59.70b per day from an average of K83.40b per day in the previous week. Borrowing on the Lombard Standing Facility amounted to K314.00b during the week, compared to K480.00b in the previous week. The average interbank borrowing rate decreased to 12.07% from 12.25% in the previous week. The Lombard rate remained fixed at 24.20% (Source: RBM).



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

Market Reference Rate			
Rate	May-26	% pts Δ	Apr-26
	20.60%	↓ -0.20	20.80%

Inflation Rate			
Rate	Apr-26	% pts Δ	Mar-26
	24.30%	↑ 0.50	23.8%

Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE) trading activity

The Malawi All Share Index (MASI) registered a loss of -1.16% to close the week at 513,462.78 points from 519,488.81 points in the previous week. The market traded 13,143,694 shares at a consideration of K2.42b in 984 trades, compared to 11,267,974 shares traded at a consideration of K2.07b in 910 trades in the previous week. The year-to-date return on MASI stood at -14.15% as at the end of the week, compared to 64.28% during the same period in 2025 (Source: MSE).

Stock market trading activity					
	29-May-26	% Δ	22-May-26		
MASI	513,462.78	↓ -1.16%	519,488.81		
DSI	391,735.45	↓ -1.35%	397,104.56		
FSI	83,672.89	↓ -0.06%	83,725.57		
Traded volume	13,143,694	↑ 16.65%	11,267,974		
Number of trades	984	↑ 8.13%	910		
Value of shares traded (K'm)	2,415.96	↑ 17.13%	2,062.55		
Market capitalisation (K'm)	27,994,465.45	↓ -1.16%	28,323,009.84		

Category	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
Gainners					
PCL	8,700.00	↑ 2.35%	8,500.00	7.2	2.03
BHL	17.50	↑ 0.06%	17.49	18.69	1.43
MPICO	19.55	↑ 0.05%	19.54	3.31	0.58
ILLOVO	3,500.02	↑ 0.04%	3,498.62	32.34	11.60
SUNBIRD	3,100.06	↑ 0.002%	3,100.00	64.98	5.90
No movement					
ICON	16.01	→ 0.00%	16.01	3.28	0.61
OMU	5,300.02	→ 0.00%	5,300.02	30.53	3.95
Loser					
STANDARD	3,999.91	↓ -0.002%	3,999.97	38.56	13.46
NITL	3,930.18	↓ -0.01%	3,930.57	2.62	1.94
FMBCH	1,648.83	↓ -0.07%	1,649.91	20.71	8.06
AIRTEL	112.22	↓ -0.11%	112.34	24.09	20.12
TNM	29.80	↓ -0.17%	29.85	16.17	3.35
NICO	1,627.36	↓ -0.83%	1,640.98	10.11	5.66
FDHB	534.53	↓ -2.77%	549.78	24.96	14.83
NBM	10,394.57	↓ -3.04%	10,720.48	23.92	11.89
NBS	730.56	↓ -3.51%	757.15	14.14	9.61

Data source: MSE

Dividends announced					
Company	Dividend type	Dividend (K/share)	Ex-dividend date	Last day to register	Payment date
AIRTEL	Final declared	3.50	27-May-26	29-May-26	1-Jun-26
FMBCH	Final declared	11.62 (0.67 cents)	17-Jun-26	19-Jun-26	3-Jul-26
NBS	Final proposed	4.70	TBA	TBA	TBA
NICO	Final proposed	8.05	TBA	TBA	TBA
NBM	Final proposed	111.79	TBA	TBA	TBA
ICON	Final proposed	0.16	TBA	TBA	TBA
MPICO	Final proposed	0.50	TBA	TBA	TBA
TNM	Final proposed	0.23	TBA	TBA	TBA
PCL	Final proposed	66.52	TBA	TBA	TBA
SUNBIRD	Final proposed	11.35	TBA	TBA	TBA
ILLOVO	Interim declared	8.00	TBA	TBA	TBA

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