

Foreign exchange market developments

During the week, the Kwacha remained relatively stable against the USD, depreciating marginally by 0.01%. It appreciated against the GBP, EUR and ZAR, as shown by the TT middle exchange rates below (Source: RBM).

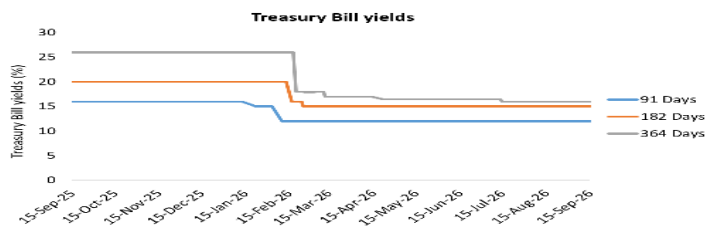
Closing TT middle exchange rates as at the end of the week				
Currency	18-Sep-26	% Δ	11-Sep-26	
USD	1750.2016	▼ -0.01%	1750.0918	
GBP	2401.1594	▲ 1.22%	2430.9153	
EUR	2056.2846	▲ 0.87%	2074.4185	
ZAR	110.9078	▲ 0.78%	111.7830	
Foreign exchange reserves position				
	31-Jul-26	30-Jun-26	31-May-26	
Total foreign exchange reserves (Aggregate of RBM, Banks & FCDAs) (USD'm)	600.60	616.30	596.50	
Total import cover (months)	2.40	2.50	2.40	
Cumulative tobacco sales statistics as at Week 21				
Date	Week 21 2026 (10 Sep 2026)	% Δ	Week 21 2025 (29 Aug 2025)	
Volume (million kg)	144.99	▼ -29.38%	205.32	
Value (USD'million)	286.73	▼ -44.55%	517.07	
Average price (USD/Kg)	1.98	▼ -21.43%	2.52	

Data source: Reserve Bank of Malawi (RBM)

Government securities

During the week, the Government raised K64.29b from the Treasury Bills auction, which recorded a rejection rate of 47.59%. At the 2-year Treasury Note auction, applications totalled K0.24b, but no bids were successful.

Government securities worth K122.96b matured during the week, resulting in a net market injection of K58.67b, compared with a net withdrawal of K4.79b in the previous week (Source: RBM).

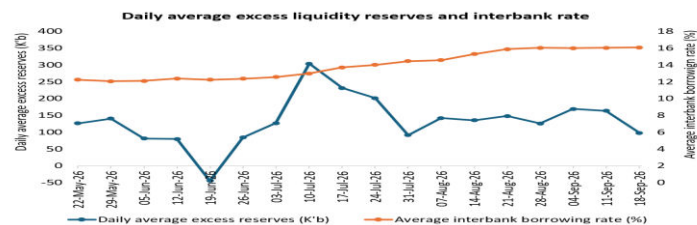


Treasury Bill auctions				
Auction date	15-Sep-26	% pts Δ	8-Sep-26	
Applied - cost value (K'm)	122,663.08	▼ -1.46%	124,475.00	
Allotted - cost value (K'm)	64,291.54	▼ -33.82%	97,149.34	
Overall rejection rate	47.59%	▲ 25.63%	21.95%	
91 days yield	12.0000%	0.00%	12.0000%	
182 days yield	15.0000%	0.00%	15.0000%	
364 days yield	16.0000%	0.00%	16.0000%	
All-type yield	14.3333%	0.00%	14.3333%	
Treasury Note and Bond auctions				
Auction dates	15-Sep-26	7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Sep 2026	2 & 4 Sep 2026	
Tenor	2-year Treasury Note	2-year Treasury Note	2-year Treasury Note	
Coupon rate	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	
Amount offered - cost value (K'b)				
Total applied - cost value (K'b)	0.24	57.19	39.87	
Total allotted - cost value (K'b)		50.85	34.87	
Overall rejection rate	100.00%	11.09%	12.54%	
Allotted - weighted average ytm		18.00%	18.00%	
Current yields for Treasury Notes and Bonds				
Tenor	Last auction's yield	Last auction	Next auction	
2-year Treasury Note	18.00%	10-Sep-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	18-Sep-26	25-Sep-26	2-Oct-26	
Treasury Bills, Promissory Notes & Treasury Notes (K'm)	122,962	63,746	84,691	
Open Market Operations repos (K'm)	0	158,601	0	
Open Market Operations reverse repos (K'm)	0	0	0	

Data source: RBM

Market liquidity and interbank market activity

Daily excess liquidity reserves averaged K97.48b during the week, decreasing from an average of K163.48b in the previous week. Interbank borrowing averaged K101.10b per day from an average of K98.00b per day in the previous week. Borrowing on the Lombard Standing Facility amounted to K374.00b during the week, up from K296.00b in the previous week. The average interbank borrowing rate marginally increased to 16.08% from 16.03% in the previous week. The Lombard rate remained fixed at 24.20% (Source: RBM).



Policy Rate			
Rate	06-Aug-26	% pts Δ	30-Apr-26
	24.00%	0.00%	24.00%
Market Reference Rate			
Rate	Sep-26	% pts Δ	Aug-26
	21.20%	▲ 0.40%	20.80%
Inflation Rate			
Rate	Jul-26	% pts Δ	Jun-26
	20.80%	▼ -0.30%	21.1%

Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE) trading activity

The Malawi All Share Index (MASI) registered a loss of 0.14% to close the week at 497,043.45 points from 497,741.71 points in the previous week. The market traded 5,847,589 shares at a consideration of K1.51b in 800 trades, compared to 4,695,340 shares traded at a consideration of K5.55b in 780 trades in the previous week. The year-to-date return on MASI stood at -16.89% as at the end of the week, compared to 233.37% during the same period in 2025 (Source: MSE).

Stock market trading activity					
	18-Sep-26	% Δ	11-Sep-26		
Malawi All Share Index (MASI)	497,043.45	▼ -0.14%	497,741.71		
Domestic Share Index (DSI)	367,925.39	▼ -0.12%	368,363.96		
Foreign Share Index (FSI)	94,586.48	▼ -0.24%	94,816.06		
Traded volume	5,847,589	▲ 24.54%	4,695,340		
Number of trades	800	▲ 2.56%	780		
Value of shares traded (K'm)	1,509.09	▼ -72.81%	5,549.17		
Market capitalisation (K'm)	27,681,217.82	▼ -0.14%	27,720,105.18		
Gainers					
AIRTEL	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
	101.97	▲ 0.30%	101.66	21.89	18.28
No movement					
BHL	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
	17.52	0.00%	17.52	18.71	1.43
ICON	16.97	0.00%	16.97	3.47	0.65
MPICO	19.61	0.00%	19.61	3.32	0.58
PCL	312.80	0.00%	312.80	9.07	2.55
Loser					
SUNBIRD	Closing price (K)	% Δ	Opening price (K)	P/E ratio	P/BV ratio
	3,500.00	▼ -0.0003%	3,500.01	73.37	6.66
ILLOVO	3,502.00	▼ -0.001%	3,502.04	32.36	11.60
STANDARD	3,938.58	▼ -0.003%	3,938.69	37.97	13.25
NBM	9,246.91	▼ -0.02%	9,248.94	21.28	10.58
FMBCH	1,892.99	▼ -0.05%	1,893.88	23.78	9.25
NICO	1,339.47	▼ -0.14%	1,341.38	8.32	4.66
CHL	209.35	▼ -0.20%	209.78	15.66	8.3
TNM	28.14	▼ -0.32%	28.23	15.27	3.16
NITL	3,288.99	▼ -0.33%	3,300.00	2.20	1.62
FDHB	467.93	▼ -0.42%	469.89	21.85	12.98
NBS	629.92	▼ -0.56%	633.45	12.19	8.29
OMU	3,700.00	▼ -7.50%	4,000.00	21.56	2.79

Data source: MSE

Dividends announced					
Company	Dividend type	Dividend (K/share)	Ex-dividend date	Last day to register	Payment date
ICON	Final declared	0.16	9-Sep-26	11-Sep-26	25-Sep-26
NITL	Final declared	4.30	16-Sep-26	18-Sep-26	25-Sep-26
NBM	Interim declared	64.25	9-Sep-26	11-Sep-26	1-Oct-26
FMBCH	Interim declared	Approx. 7.62	16-Sep-26	18-Sep-26	2-Oct-26
OMU	Interim declared	42.90	30-Sep-26	2-Oct-26	5-Oct-26
ICON	Interim declared	0.16	13-Oct-26	16-Oct-26	30-Oct-26
PCL	Interim declared	1.00	13-Oct-26	16-Oct-26	30-Oct-26
SUNBIRD	Interim declared	3.46	13-Oct-26	16-Oct-26	6-Nov-26

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