

Foreign exchange market developments

The Reserve Bank of Malawi conducted a foreign exchange auction with Authorised Foreign Exchange Dealer Banks on 28th November 2023. Based on the results of the auction, the market selling price remains at K1,700.00 per USD.

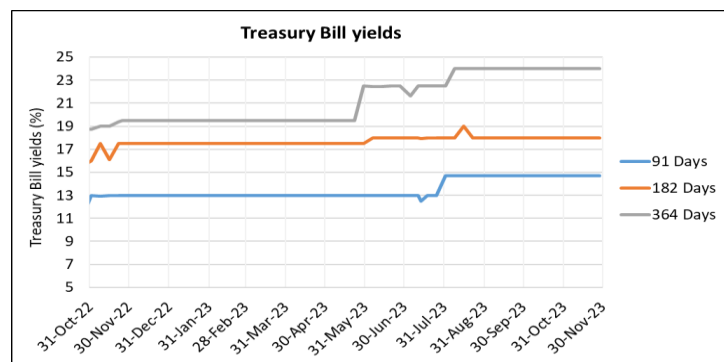
During the week, the Kwacha appreciated against the USD, EUR and ZAR but depreciated against the GBP as indicated in the table below:

| Closing TT middle exchange rates as at the end of the week | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Currency | 1-Dec-23 | % Δ | 24-Nov-23 |
| USD | 1696.9885 | ↑ -0.04% | 1697.6121 |
| GBP | 2209.0959 | ↓ 0.53% | 2197.3957 |
| EUR | 1905.8265 | ↑ -0.20% | 1909.6962 |
| ZAR | 92.1527 | ↑ -0.39% | 92.5143 |
| Gross official foreign exchange reserves position | | | |
| | 30-Sep-23 | 31-Aug-23 | 31-Jul-23 |
| Reserves (USD'm) | 242.68 | 239.56 | 267.91 |
| Import cover (months) | 0.97 | 0.96 | 1.07 |
| Benchmark import cover (months) | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |

Data source: Reserve Bank of Malawi (RBM)

Government securities

The Government raised K2.46b from auction of Treasury Bills, K5.88b from auction of a 5-year Development Bond and K65.18b from auction of Treasury Notes during the week. Maturities of Government securities for the week amounted to K117.82b, resulting in a net injection of K44.30b into the market, compared to a net withdrawal of K59.59b in the previous week (Source: RBM).

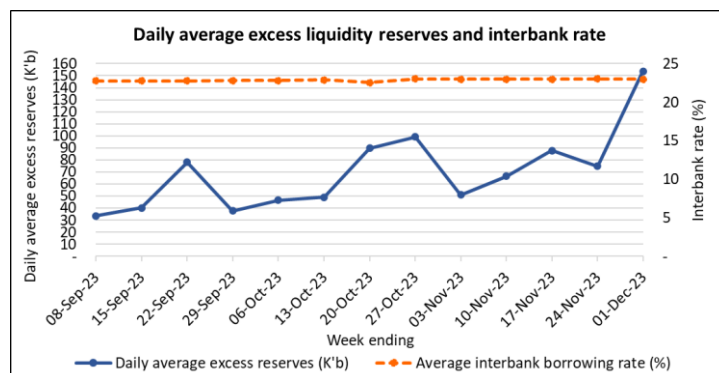


| Treasury Bill auctions | | | |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Auction date | 28-Nov-23 | % pts Δ | 21-Nov-23 |
| Amount offered - cost value (K'm) | 10,380.00 | → 0.00% | 10,380.00 |
| Applied - cost value (K'm) | 2,458.52 | ↑ 52.15% | 1,615.82 |
| Allotted - cost value (K'm) | 2,458.52 | ↑ 52.15% | 1,615.82 |
| Overall rejection rate | 0.00% | → 0.00% | 0.00% |
| 91 days yield | 14.7000% | → 0.0000% | 14.7000% |
| 182 days yield | 18.0000% | → 0.0000% | 18.0000% |
| 364 days yield | 24.0000% | → 0.0000% | 24.0000% |
| All-type yield | 18.9000% | → 0.0000% | 18.9000% |
| Treasury Note and Bond auctions | | | |
| Auction date | 28-Nov-23 | 21 & 22 Nov 2023 | |
| Tenors | 5-yr DB, 2, 3, 5, 7 & 10 yr TNs | 2, 3, 5 & 10 yr TNs | |
| Coupon rate | 13.50%, 10.00%, 11.00%, 12.50%, 13.50% & 15.00% | 10.00%, 11.00%, 12.50% & 15.00% | |
| Amount offered - cost value (K'b) | 15.00 | K36.79b for 2-year TN | |
| Total applied - cost value (K'b) | 10.44 | 65.18 | 78.53 |
| Total allotted - cost value (K'b) | 5.88 | 65.18 | 77.41 |
| Allotted - weighted average ytm | 30.00% | 26.75%, 28.00%, 30.00%, 32.00% & 33.00% | 26.75%, 28.00%, 30.00% & 33.00% |
| Current yields for Treasury Notes and Bonds | | | |
| Tenor | Last auction's yield | Last auction | Next auction |
| 2-year TN | 26.75% | 28-Nov-23 | TBA |
| 3-year TN | 28.00% | 28-Nov-23 | 12-Dec-23 |
| 5-year TN | 30.00% | 28-Nov-23 | TBA |
| 5-year Development Bond | 28.00% | 28-Nov-23 | TBA |
| 7-year TN | 32.00% | 28-Nov-23 | 26-Dec-23 |
| 7-Year Development Bond | 27.50% | 28-Feb-23 | TBA |
| 10-year TN | 33.00% | 28-Nov-23 | 05-Dec-23 |
| 10-year Development Bond | 23.35% | 26-Apr-22 | TBA |
| Upcoming auctions of Treasury Notes and Bonds | | | |
| Auction date | Tenor (years) | Amount (K'b) | Last auction's coupon rate |
| 05-Dec-23 | 10 | 19.51 | 10.00% |
| 12-Dec-23 | 3 | 33.64 | 11.00% |
| 26-Dec-23 | 7 | 27.43 | 13.50% |
| Projected maturities | | | |
| Week ending | 1-Dec-23 | 8-Dec-23 | 15-Dec-23 |
| TBs, PNs & TNs (K'm) | 117,819 | 47,819 | 42,085 |
| OMO repos (K'm) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OMO reverse repos (K'm) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Data source: RBM

Market liquidity and interbank market activity

Average daily excess liquidity reserves increased to K153.85b during the week from K74.70b in the previous week. Daily average interbank borrowing decreased to K19.95b from K42.97b. Borrowing on the Lombard facility slightly increased to the average of K54.48b per day from K53.72b per day in the previous week. The average interbank borrowing rate marginally decreased to 23.00% from 23.02%. The Lombard rate remained fixed at 24.20% (Source: RBM).



| Policy Rate | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Rate | 27-Oct-23 | % pts Δ | 27-Jul-23 |
| | 24.00% | → 0.00 | 24.00% |
| Market Reference Rate | | | |
| Rate | Dec-23 | % pts Δ | Nov-23 |
| | 23.60% | ↑ 0.10 | 23.50% |
| Inflation Rate | | | |
| Rate | Oct-23 | % pts Δ | Sep-23 |
| | 26.9% | ↓ -0.90 | 27.8% |

Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE) trading activity

The Malawi All Share Index (MASI) registered a loss of -0.11% to close the week at 113,079.47 points from 113,206.94 points in the previous week due to share price losses in AIRTEL (-11.26%), FDHB (-0.01%), NBS (-0.32%) and TNM (-3.83%), which offset share price gains in ILLOVO (2.62%) and STANDARD (12.90%). The market traded 17,621,279 shares at a consideration of K4.08b in 216 trades, compared to 7,559,454 shares traded at a consideration of K4.42b in 274 trades in the previous week. The year-to-date return on MASI stands at 82.28% compared to 31.80% for the same period in 2022 (Source: MSE).

| Stock market trading activity | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| | 01-Dec-23 | % Δ | 24-Nov-23 |
| MASI | 113,079.47 | ↓ -0.11% | 113,206.94 |
| DSI | 88,835.35 | ↓ -0.13% | 88,948.77 |
| FSI | 15,048.88 | → 0.00% | 15,048.88 |
| Traded volume | 17,621,279 | ↑ 133.10% | 7,559,454 |
| Number of trades | 216 | ↓ -21.17% | 274 |
| Value of shares traded (K'm) | 4,076.23 | ↓ -7.77% | 4,419.71 |
| Market capitalisation (K'm) | 6,107,407.86 | ↓ -0.11% | 6,114,238.30 |
| Gainers | | | |
| | Closing price (K) | % Δ | Opening price (K) |
| ILLOVO | 1250.00 | ↑ 2.62% | 1218.10 |
| STANDARD | 3500.00 | ↑ 12.90% | 3100.02 |
| Losers | | | |
| | Closing price (K) | % Δ | Opening price (K) |
| AIRTEL | 79.99 | ↓ -11.26% | 90.14 |
| FDHB | 67.94 | ↓ -0.01% | 67.95 |
| NBS | 106.73 | ↓ -0.32% | 107.07 |
| TNM | 26.90 | ↓ -3.83% | 27.97 |

| Dividends announced | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Company | Dividend type | Dividend (K/share) | Last day to trade | Last day to register | Payable |
| SUNBIRD | Interim declared | 2.00 | 5-Dec-23 | 8-Dec-23 | 15-Dec-23 |
| FDHB | Interim declared | 0.95 | 13-Dec-23 | 15-Dec-23 | 21-Dec-23 |
| NBS | 2nd interim declared | 1.20 | 6-Dec-23 | 8-Dec-23 | 29-Dec-23 |
| NICO | 2nd interim declared | 2.00 | 20-Dec-23 | 22-Dec-23 | 28-Dec-23 |
| ILLOVO | 2nd interim declared | 12.60 | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| ILLOVO | Final proposed | 5.80 | TBA | TBA | TBA |

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