



KENYA WEEKLY MARKET WRAP

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EQUITY MARKET COMMENTARY

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Market activity declined to USD 14.80m (-26.1%w/w). Equity Group dominated market activity accounting for 31.2% of the week's turnover. The counter's price function rose by 0.9%w/w to KES 45.40. KCB Group, on the other hand, eased by 1.2%w/w to KES 37.95.

Safaricom was the week's best-performing top mover, rallying by 8.3%w/w to close at KES 16.25 – a 4-week high. Similarly, EABL gained 3.8% to close at KES 172.00 while Kenya-Re declined by 7.0%w/w to close at KES 1.06 – having touched a 10-week low of KES 1.05 within the week.

Foreign investors remained bearish, with net outflows of USD 7.91m. Kenya Power led the buying charge while Equity Group led the selling charge. Foreign investor participation edged downwards to 54.6% from 80.1% in the prior week.

Weekly Summary Tables

Indices

Equity Index	Index points	% w/w	% w/w preceding	MTD	QTD	YTD
NASI	115.21	3.3%	-1.1%	3.3%	7.6%	25.1%
N10	1204.69	3.0%	-2.6%	3.0%	7.1%	32.7%
NSE 20	1831.01	-1.6%	-1.6%	-1.6%	3.1%	22.0%
NSE 25	3139.06	2.5%	-1.8%	2.5%	8.3%	31.9%

Top 5 Movers

Company	Price	% w/w	% YTD	Turnover (USD k)	Inflows (USD k)	Market-cap (USD m)
Equity Group	45.40	0.9%	34.9%	4,608.7	-3,392.1	1,325.0
Safaricom	16.25	8.3%	16.9%	3,783.5	-392.7	5,035.3
EABL	172.00	3.8%	50.9%	2,860.4	-2,687.1	1,051.9
KCB Group	37.95	-1.2%	73.3%	925.4	-586.2	943.2
Kenya Re-Insurance	1.06	-7.0%	-43.6%	607.7	-536.4	45.9

Top 5 Gainers

Company	Price	% w/w	% YTD	Turnover (USD k)	Inflows (USD k)	Market-cap (USD m)
Olympia Capital Holdings	3.40	16.0%	4.0%	3.1	0.0	1.1
DTB	60.25	12.6%	33.7%	251.7	-1.7	130.3
WPP Scangroup	2.20	8.9%	0.9%	3.2	0.0	7.4
NBV	2.27	8.6%	-15.9%	0.5	-0.4	23.8
Safaricom	16.25	8.3%	16.9%	3783.5	-392.7	5035.3

Top 5 Losers

Company	Price	% w/w	% YTD	Turnover (USD k)	Inflows (USD k)	Market-cap (USD m)
Kenya Power	3.54	-21.9%	149.3%	198.5	38.9	53.4
Sanlam Kenya	4.00	-11.5%	-33.3%	2.3	0.0	4.5
Bamburi Cement	56.50	-10.7%	57.6%	29.0	0.0	158.6
BK Group	30.25	-10.6%	-15.5%	1.3	0.0	209.8
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KenGen	3.48	0.6%	73.1%	123.7	27.0	177.5
Nairobi Securities Exchange	5.86	-1.7%	-2.7%	20.4	15.5	11.8
ABSA Bank Kenya	15.10	1.0%	31.9%	100.8	11.8	634.3
BAT Kenya	350.00	0.0%	-14.1%	70.1	4.6	270.7

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Stanbic	130.00	0.0%	19.5%	516.6	-415.9	397.5

Top 5 Gainers YTD

Company	Price	% w/w	% YTD	Turnover (USD k)	Inflows (USD k)	Market-cap (USD m)
E.A. Portland Cement	33.90	1.5%	323.8%	9.2	0.0	23.6
Kenya Orchards	70.00	0.0%	259.0%	-	0.0	7.0
Kenya Power	3.54	-21.9%	149.3%	198.5	38.9	53.4
Liberty Kenya Holdings	6.90	-3.1%	87.0%	0.2	0.0	28.6
I&M Holdings	30.75	2.2%	75.7%	197.2	1.2	393.3

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Nation Media Group	11.75	-1.7%	-41.4%	5.5	-0.2	17.3
Standard Group	5.04	7.2%	-34.9%	0.6	-0.3	3.2
Sanlam Kenya	4.00	-11.5%	-33.3%	2.3	0.0	4.5
Sasini	14.95	3.8%	-25.3%	1.8	0.0	26.4

ECONOMY NEWS

CBK MPC lowers base rate by 75bps to 11.25%

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met on 5th December 2024 and decided to lower the Central Bank Rate (CBR) by 75 basis points to 11.25%. The MPC's decision was made in response to the improved global economic outlook, lower global inflation, and the expectation of further rate cuts by major central banks. Domestically, Kenya's inflation remained below the target range, supported by lower fuel prices and stable food prices and is expected to remain below the mid-point of the target range in the near term. Despite a slowdown in economic growth in the first half of 2024, the MPC expects a recovery in the second half, mainly supported by resilience of key service sectors and the agricultural sector, as well as improved exports.

November inflation rate rises marginally to 2.8%

In November 2024, the overall prices of goods and services rose by 2.8% y/y, a modest uptick from the 2.7% increase recorded in October and exceeding our projections. Meanwhile, core inflation held firm at 3.2%, a marginal dip from 3.3% in October, underscoring the persistent strain on the cost of living. The y/y increase was driven by gains across all indices except the transport index. Among the major categories, the food and non-alcoholic beverages index posted the largest rise at 4.5%, while the housing and utilities index recorded the smallest increase of 0.1%. It is worth noting the impact of the higher base effect, given the substantial increases recorded during the comparison period. Fuel inflation, a key driver of overall inflation, showed considerably slower growth compared to the same period last year and dipped slightly below October's level, as fuel prices remained stable and electricity costs continued to decline. In the near term, we project annual inflation to remain above the midpoint of the Central Bank of Kenya's 5% target range, hovering closer to the lower bound. This trend is largely driven by declining fuel inflation. However, persistently elevated core inflation highlights deeper structural challenges that monetary policy alone cannot address.

November PMI expands to 50.9

Kenya's private sector experienced a notable improvement in business conditions in November 2024, as indicated by the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which rose to 50.9 from 50.4. This marks a sustained expansion for the second consecutive month. The growth was attributed to a significant increase in sales, the fastest since May, alongside a moderate rise in output and purchasing activity. However, while new orders grew at their highest rate in six months, this growth was primarily concentrated in the services and wholesale sectors, with declines noted in the agriculture, manufacturing, and construction sectors. Input costs rose sharply due to increased taxes, leading to a substantial hike in selling prices—the highest in nine months. Despite these positive developments, job creation remained subdued as many firms opted to maintain stable workforce levels amidst cautious business expectations for the upcoming year.

COMPANY NEWS

Savannah Clinker withdrew its competing offer for Bamburi Cement before deal closure

With the approval of Capital Markets Authority pursuant to Regulation 17(1) of the Capital Markets (Takeovers and Mergers) Regulations, 2002, Savannah Clinker Limited formally withdrew its Competing Offer to takeover Bamburi Cement Plc, on 4th December 2024. This implied that the only valid offer was by Amsons Industries (K) Limited as was already approved by the regulator without any changes.

Following this development, shareholders of Bamburi Cement who had accepted the offer by Savannah Clinker had until 5.00pm on Thursday, 5th December 2024 to reconsider their decision. Shareholders who did not change their decision will be deemed to have declined the offer by Amsons Industries (K) Limited and will remain shareholders of Bamburi Cement.

Trading of Bamburi Cement was suspended from 9.00am on 6th December 2024 to facilitate reconciliation.

Please find the NSE circular, [here](#).

Centum 1H25 Results Highlights; Real Estate drags group performance

Centum Investment Company Plc printed a consolidated net loss (aggregate of subsidiaries) of KES 181.7m in the six months ended 30th September 2024 from a KES 206.5m profit in the prior year. Worth noting, earnings attributable to shareholders remained positive at KES 20.8m despite shrinking from KES 690.1m in 1H24. Behind the turn of profitability into the negative territory was a decline in income from financial services and a drag from the real estate segment.

Financial services retreated by 60.3% y/y to KES 80.2m from KES 201.7m in 1H24 – largely on the back of lower revenues (with its topline down 93.0%y/y to KES 240.9m) following the exclusion of consolidated results for Sidian now that Centum is a minority shareholder. Real estate turned from a profit of KES 518.9m last year to a loss position of 165.3m driven by net finance income play that declined from an income of KES 568.6m in the previous year to a cost of KES 39.1m in the current year. Two Rivers Special Economic Zone (TRIFIC SEZ) posted a loss of KES 288.0m which management linked to a timing mismatch with expenses booked ahead of rental revenue.

On the brighter side, losses from the trading business reduced by 14.9%y/y to KES 306.0m with Two Rivers Development losses easing from KES 777.3m to KES 67.7m – primarily on lower finance costs that reduced from KES 738.3m in 1H24 to KES 12.1m in the period under review. Profits from investment operations were the star for the period under review, up 6,602.3% to KES 561.7m driven by interest and dividend income from the portfolio. The group reported a KES 181.7m loss position for the six months ended 30th September 2024 with KES 202.5m in losses passed to minority interests leaving shareholders with a net profit of KES 20.8m. No interim dividend was declared.

Please find the full 1H25 report, [here](#).



MARKET SUMMARY

	Price KES	Mkt Cap \$mn	YTD %	52 Wk High	52 Wk Low	1m %	3m %	P/B	Div Yield	EPS	P/E	AVG Daily 3m USD*
AGRICULTURAL												
Eaagads	12.00	3.0	-14.0	14.5	10.4	-9.1	-6.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	41.4	31
Kakuzi	400.0	60.7	3.9	440.0	342.0	-7.8	-1.8	1.3	5.5	23.1	17.3	2,198
Kapchorua	235.0	14.2	9.3	280.0	207.0	-12.8	4.9	1.0	10.6	40.2	5.8	626
Limuru	350.0	6.5	-7.9	380.0	350.0	-4.1	-4.1	4.4	0.3	3.4	103.6	4
Sasini	15.0	26.4	-25.3	22.0	14.2	-8.3	-14.6	0.2	3.3	2.4	6.2	1,063
Williamson	211.0	28.6	1.4	290.0	199.5	-4.5	-3.5	0.5	11.8	28.4	7.4	2,701
		139.3									16.5	
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES												
Longhorn	2.3	4.9	-3.3	2.7	2.0	-4.1	1.3	2.2	0.0	-2.1	-1.1	36
NBV	2.3	23.8	-15.9	2.8	1.9	5.6	-0.9	4.6	0.0	0.8	3.0	367
Nation Media	11.8	18.9	-41.4	22.4	11.6	-18.7	-18.1	0.3	0.0	-1.1	-10.7	1,584
Standard Group	5.0	3.2	-34.9	7.9	4.6	-6.7	-18.2	-0.4	0.0	-14.3	-0.4	51
TPS East Africa	14.0	30.6	-14.9	20.2	11.7	-1.4	4.5	0.3	0.0	2.9	4.8	237
Uchumi	0.2	0.6	17.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	11.1	0.1	0.0	-4.6	0.0	186
WPP Scangroup	2.2	7.4	0.9	2.9	1.8	-18.2	10.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	7.1	824
		89.3									0.7	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS												
Safaricom	16.3	5,037.2	16.9	21.2	13.0	-0.6	9.8	1.9	7.4	1.6	10.2	743,215
		5,037.2									10.2	
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES												
CarGen	20.4	12.6	-18.6	31.8	18.0	-5.6	-3.1	0.3	0	-3.3	-6.2	160
Sameer	2.3	4.9	0.4	2.8	1.9	-4.6	-5.0	1.3	0.0	0.2	13.4	155
		17.5									0.4	
BANKING												
Absa Bank Kenya	15.1	634.6	31.9	16.7	11.0	-0.3	7.5	1.2	10.3	3.0	5.0	23,758
Diamond Trust	60.3	130.3	33.7	61.0	43.1	13.7	32.4	0.2	10.0	24.6	2.4	23,609
Equity Bank	45.4	1,325.5	34.9	51.0	33.6	-4.5	5.2	0.8	6.6	11.1	4.1	348,105
KCB Bank	38.0	943.5	73.3	41.0	18.5	-1.4	12.6	0.5	0.0	11.7	3.3	270,704
HF Group	4.0	12.0	16.1	4.9	3.0	3.3	7.4	0.2	0.0	1.0	4.0	7,310
I&M Holdings	30.8	393.4	75.7	35.0	17.0	8.1	39.8	0.5	8.3	7.6	4.0	30,642
NCBA Bank	44.6	568.5	14.5	47.0	35.0	1.8	2.1	0.8	10.7	13.0	3.4	27,738
Stanbic Holdings	130.0	397.6	19.5	137.0	100.0	-0.2	7.2	0.7	11.8	30.8	4.2	26,522
StanChart	250.3	731.6	54.5	251.0	148.0	6.9	19.2	1.5	11.6	36.6	6.8	32,596
Co-op Bank	14.2	644.6	24.6	15.2	10.8	0.4	8.4	0.7	10.6	3.9	3.6	40,144
		5,781.7						0.7			4.3	

Source: Bloomberg, Standard Investment Bank, *3m average traded volume

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INSURANCE												
Kenya Re	1.1	45.9	12.8	1.8	0.8	-3.6	-3.6	0.1	14.2	0.9	1.2	41,269
Britam	6.0	116.8	24.8	6.5	4.3	7.9	3.8	0.6	0.0	1.3	4.6	2,206
CIC Insurance	2.0	41.3	-8.9	2.5	2.0	-8.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.6	3.6	1,447
Liberty Kenya Holdings	6.9	28.6	87.0	8.2	3.6	-8.7	23.2	0.4	0.0	1.2	5.7	238
Jubilee Holdings	172.5	96.7	-5.5	199.4	150.0	4.5	11.3	0.2	7.0	59.0	2.9	8,004
Sanlam Kenya	4.0	4.5	-33.3	7.7	4.0	-31.5	-34.4	0.0	0.0	96.3	0.0	393
		333.7									3.6	
INVESTMENT												
Centum	9.6	49.2	13.8	10.5	7.6	-0.6	19.2	0.2	3.3	4.3	2.2	16,020
TransCentury	0.4	1.2	-23.1	0.7	0.3	-2.4	17.6	0.0	0.0	-6.6	-0.1	454
		50.4									2.3	
INVESTMENT SERVICES												
NSE	5.9	11.8	-2.7	6.8	5.2	0.7	8.9	0.8	2.7	0.1	83.7	5,179
		11.8									83.7	
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED												
BOC	90.0	13.6	9.8	96.0	67.0	11.1	13.9	1.0	6.7	10.1	8.9	2,662
BAT	350.0	270.8	-14.1	455.0	325.0	-1.2	1.3	2.2	17.7	55.7	6.3	41,530
Carbacid	18.0	35.5	20.0	24.5	14.5	-9.1	-25.2	1.0	9.4	3.3	5.4	7,425
EABL	172.0	1,052.3	50.9	204.0	99.0	-6.9	13.7	3.7	6.4	10.3	16.7	171,750
Eveready	1.0	1.6	-6.5	1.7	1.0	-12.9	-14.4	-2.4	0.0	-0.2	-4.8	166
Unga Group	16.2	9.5	-4.2	18.5	11.1	-1.2	21.9	0.2	0.0	-8.4	-1.9	417
Flame Tree Group	1.0	1.4	-5.8	1.4	0.9	-8.4	-3.9	0.1	0.0	-0.4	-2.3	218
		1,384.7									14.1	
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED												
Bamburi	56.5	158.7	103.8	72.0	25.5	-9.2	-7.5	0.5	9.7	-0.2	-269.0	27,339
Crown Berger	32.5	35.7	-9.0	40.1	29.0	0.5	8.5	1.5	0.0	-0.2	-162.3	199
EA Cables	1.1	2.1	11.3	1.1	0.8	-0.9	20.0	0.7	0.0	-0.8	-1.3	196
EA Portland	33.9	23.6	323.8	55.8	4.4	16.5	263.0	0.2	0.0	-15.1	-2.2	1,686
		220.1									-220.5	
ENERGY & PETROLEUM												
KenGen	3.5	177.6	73.1	4.6	1.9	-13.2	43.8	0.1	5.7	1.0	3.4	49,967
Kenya Power	3.5	53.4	149.3	6.0	1.3	-27.0	36.7	0.1	0.0	15.4	0.2	57,556
TotalEnergies Kenya	20.9	28.2	15.8	25.0	15.9	4.3	4.0	0.1	9.2	4.5	4.7	798
Umeme	16.1	251.3	0.3	17.9	13.0	-1.5	0.0	0.0	10.8	2.4	6.7	3,555
		510.6									4.7	
Market Ratios									10.05		4.92	

Source: Bloomberg, Standard Investment Bank, *3m average traded volume

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