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EQUITY MARKET COMMENTARY

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Market activity shrank by 44.5%w/w to USD 9.8M. EABL dominated market activity, accounting for 53.9% of the week's turnover. The counter's price function gained 0.6%w/w to KES 171.75.

Conversely, Standard Chartered and Co-op Bank plummeted by 10.1%w/w and 10.0%w/w to KES 270.00 and KES 14.40, respectively. Notably, both counters' dividend book closures were slated in the week (28th April 2025 for Co-op Bank and 30th April 2025 for StanChart). Equity Group rose by 1.3%w/w to KES 46.05.

Safaricom advanced by 4.7%w/w to KES 18.00 to close as the week's best performing mover.

Foreign investors remained bearish, with net outflows of USD 85.7k. StanChart led the buying charge, while Safaricom led the selling charge. Foreign investor participation edged downwards to 74.7% from 75.9% in the prior week.

Expected in the week: Tuesday, 06th May 2025 – Stanbic April 2025 Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) | Friday, 09th May 2025 – Safaricom PLC FY25 earnings release

Weekly Summary Tables

Indices

Equity Index	Index points	% w/w	% w/w preceding	MTD	QTD	YTD
NASI	125.60	-0.2%	0.4%	-0.4%	-4.0%	1.7%
N10	1,273.62	-1.3%	1.1%	-0.9%	-5.1%	-2.2%
NSE 20	2,106.31	-2.1%	0.0%	-1.4%	-5.4%	4.8%
NSE 25	3,378.62	-1.3%	1.0%	-1.0%	-4.4%	-0.7%

Top 5 Movers

				Turnover	Inflows	Market-cap
Company	Price	% w/w	%YTD	(USD k)	(USD k)	(USD m)
EABL	171.75	0.6%	-2.1%	5,270.9	-73.6	1,048.8
Equity Group	46.05	1.3%	-4.7%	1,316.2	-22.6	1,341.9
Safaricom	18.00	4.7%	5.6%	1,006.3	-187.8	5,568.9
StanChart	270.00	-10.1%	-3.5%	826.9	94.7	787.8
Co-op Bank	14.40	-10.0%	-12.5%	230.2	-2.1	652.4

Top 5 Gainers

Company	Price	% w/w	%YTD	Turnover (USD k)	Inflows (USD k)	Market-cap (USD m)
Olympia Capital Holdings	3.70	18.6%	32.1%	0.3	0.0	1.1
NBV	2.00	6.4%	-0.5%	0.6	0.0	20.9
Eaagads	12.75	6.3%	6.3%	0.1	0.0	3.2
Crown Paints Kenya	36.90	5.7%	12.2%	0.9	0.5	40.6
Jubilee Holdings	200.00	4.7%	15.3%	13.3	-1.1	111.9

Top 5 Losers

Company	Price	% w/w	%YTD	Turnover (USD k)	Inflows (USD k)	Market-cap (USD m)
Sanlam Kenya	7.38	-17.6%	49.1%	0.6	0.0	8.2
Longhorn Kenya	2.66	-10.4%	15.7%	0.7	0.0	5.6
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B.O.C Kenya	80.00	-9.1%	-9.9%	0.8	0.0	12.1

Top 5 Foreign Net Inflows

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StanChart	270.00	-10.1%	-3.5%	826.9	94.7	787.8
Kenya Power	6.28	0.0%	30.6%	151.8	84.4	94.6
KCB Group	38.55	0.1%	-7.3%	126.1	22.1	956.6
Nairobi Securities Exchange	7.14	0.6%	19.0%	10.1	9.7	14.3
Kenya Re-Insurance	1.62	1.3%	26.6%	84.2	7.3	70.0

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Equity Group	46.05	1.3%	-4.7%	1,316.2	-22.6	1,341.9
BAT Kenya	372.50	0.4%	-0.9%	59.5	-14.6	287.6
Kenya Airways	4.16	-3.3%	8.6%	13.8	-7.4	182.5

Top 5 Gainers YTD

Company	Price	% w/w	%YTD	Turnover (USD k)	Inflows (USD k)	Market-cap (USD m)
Trans-Century	1.26	-3.1%	223.1%	2.4	0.0	3.7
Home Afrika	0.75	2.7%	102.7%	9.5	0.0	2.3
Uchumi Supermarket	0.32	-8.6%	88.2%	2.6	0.0	0.9
E.A. Cables	2.02	0.6%	87.0%	2.1	0.0	3.9
Liberty Kenya Holdings	11.40	-0.9%	70.7%	0.7	0.0	47.2

Top 5 Losers YTD

Company	Price	% w/w	%YTD	Turnover (USD k)	Inflows (USD k)	Market-cap (USD m)
Africa Mega Agricorp	51.00	0.0%	-27.1%	-	0.0	5.1
Nation Media Group	11.75	-7.5%	-18.4%	5.0	0.0	17.3
Express Kenya	3.00	-3.5%	-16.7%	0.0	0.0	1.1
I&M Holdings	30.30	0.2%	-16.4%	52.2	0.6	386.9
Eveready East Africa	0.98	-8.4%	-14.8%	0.9	-0.4	1.6

Source: NSE, Standard Investment Bank

ECONOMY NEWS

April 2025 y/y inflation jumps to 4.1% from 3.6% in March 2025

In April 2025, the general prices of goods and services increased by 4.1% y/y, marking the sixth consecutive increase that started in November 2024. This faster pace compared to the 3.6% y/y inflation rate in March reflects price increases in key categories, including food (+7.1%), transport (+2.3%), and household utilities (0.8%), which contribute more than 50% to the inflation basket. Month-on-month (m/m), all indices rose, leading to a 0.3% m/m inflation rate, with food and non-alcoholic beverages increasing the most. Core inflation, however, remained high and persistent, ticking up to 2.5% from 2.2% in March, while noncore inflation jumped 100 bps to 8.4% from 7.4%, largely driven by a surge in vegetable prices.



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	12.75	3.2	6.3	14.5	10.4	10.9	-1.9	0.3	0.0	0.3	44.0	55
Kakuzi	411.0	62.3	6.8	440.0	342.0	2.8	-5.3	1.5	5.4	-6.7	-61.2	703
Kapchorua	209.5	12.7	-10.9	280.0	200.0	-7.3	-12.7	0.9	11.9	40.2	5.2	1,114
Limuru	320.0	5.9	-8.6	380.0	299.0	6.7	-3.0	4.0	0.3	-6.3	-50.5	135
Sasini	15.4	27.2	2.7	21.2	14.1	-0.3	3.0	0.2	0.0	-2.4	-6.4	1,589
Williamson	210.3	28.5	-7.2	290.0	202.0	-3.1	-2.1	0.54	7.1	28.4	7.4	2,510
		139.8									-27.7	
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES												
Longhorn	2.7	5.6	15.7	3.5	2.0	-11.9	-3.3	30.9	0.0	-0.9	-3.1	241
NBV	2.0	20.9	-0.5	2.6	1.8	2.6	-2.4	4.0	0.0	0.8	2.6	283
Nation Media	11.8	17.3	-18.4	22.0	11.5	-14.9	-15.5	0.3	0.0	-1.5	-7.8	1,932
Standard Group	6.3	4.0	24.7	7.5	4.5	4.3	25.2	-0.5	0.0	-14.3	-0.4	82
TPS East Africa	14.0	30.6	-6.0	18.7	11.7	-3.8	-7.3	0.3	0.0	2.9	4.8	775
Uchumi	0.3	0.9	88.2	0.4	0.2	-5.9	14.3	0.2	0.0	-4.6	-0.1	1,256
WPP Scangroup	2.9	9.6	15.3	4.0	1.8	-4.0	-13.9	0.2	0.0	0.3	9.2	525
		88.9									1.5	
TELECOMMUNICA- TIONS												
Safaricom	18.0	5,578.8	5.6	19.4	14.1	-3.0	4.7	2.1	6.7	1.6	11.3	935,768
		5,578.8									11.3	
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES												
CarGen	19.8	12.3	-13.0	27.5	18.0	-10.0	-14.1	0.3	0.0	6.5	3.1	163
Sameer	3.1	6.7	27.6	3.8	1.9	-6.6	11.1	1.2	0.0	0.9	3.3	738
		19.0									3.2	
BANKING												
Absa Bank Kenya	17.2	722.7	-4.7	20.0	11.5	-8.5	-4.2	1.1	10.2	3.8	4.5	67,623
Diamond Trust	72.8	157.4	5.4	85.0	43.1	-1.7	3.9	0.2	9.6	27.3	2.7	35,051
Equity Bank	46.1	1,344.3	-4.7	51.0	38.4	-3.1	-2.4	0.7	9.2	12.3	3.7	461,029
KCB Bank	38.6	958.3	-7.3	47.0	29.1	-8.0	-9.8	0.5	7.8	11.7	2.1	690,215
HF Group	6.2	90.4	37.5	9.7	3.3	-9.4	-7.5	0.7	0.0	0.9	6.9	29,350
I&M Holdings	30.3	395.8	-16.4	39.0	17.3	-0.2	-10.1	0.5	9.9	7.3	3.3	59,850
NCBA Bank	49.5	630.2	2.6	56.5	36.0	-7.6	2.0	0.7	11.1	32.8	3.7	32,774
Stanbic Holdings	174.5	533.6	27.1	181.5	107.0	6.4	25.5	1.1	11.9	34.7	5.0	62,960
StanChart	270.0	789.2	-3.5	315.0	168.0	-10.1	-3.1	1.4	16.7	52.7	5.1	87,670
Co-op Bank	14.4	653.6	-12.5	18.4	11.5	-10.6	-13.0	0.6	10.4	4.3	3.3	86,398
		6,275.5						0.8			4.0	

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

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	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*
INSURANCE												
Kenya Re	1.6	70.2	26.6	2.1	0.9	0.6	-3.0	0.2	9.3	8.0	2.1	34,887
Britam	6.6	128.1	13.1	8.9	5.0	-13.7	-9.6	0.6	0.0	1.3	5.1	28,938
CIC Insurance	2.9	59.5	50.4	3.1	1.8	8.2	18.9	0.7	0.0	0.9	3.1	4,356
Liberty Kenya Holdings	11.4	47.2	70.7	12.2	4.4	11.8	73.3	0.6	0.0	2.6	4.4	83,851
Jubilee Holdings	200.0	112.1	15.3	227.0	150.0	5.3	0.0	0.3	6.0	65.0	3.1	24,980
Sanlam Kenya	7.4	8.2	49.1	11.0	3.9	-12.1	4.2	0.0	0.0	145.7	0.1	496
		425.3						0.4			3.6	
INVESTMENT												
Centum	11.3	58.2	14.4	16.5	7.7	-8.5	5.6	0.2	2.8	4.3	2.6	4,041
TransCentury	1.3	11.0	223.1	1.8	0.3	-9.4	-6.7	-0.1	0.0	-6.6	-0.2	3,295
	_	69.2									2.3	
INVESTMENT SERVICES												
NSE	7.1	14.3	19.0	7.5	5.2	1.4	12.3	1.0	2.2	0.5	15.9	4,361
		14.3									15.9	
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED												
ВОС	80.0	12.1	-9.9	96.0	76.0	-0.6	-7.0	0.9	7.6	10.1	7.9	764
BAT Kenya	372.5	288.2	-0.9	413.0	325.0	-1.4	2.8	2.4	13.4	44.8	8.3	52,241
Carbacid	19.4	38.1	-7.6	24.5	16.3	-2.0	-2.0	1.1	8.8	3.3	5.8	8,728
EABL	171.8	1,050.6	-2.1	204.0	140.0	-6.9	-4.8	3.7	6.4	10.3	16.7	171,443
Eveready	1.0	1.6	-14.8	1.7	0.9	-16.9	-19.0	-2.3	0.0	-0.2	-4.7	240
Unga Group	22.4	13.1	49.3	27.6	11.1	-15.8	12.8	0.3	0.0	-5.9	-3.8	254
Flame Tree Group	1.2	1.6	16.0	2.3	0.9	2.7	-34.5	0.2	0.0	1.1	1.0	1,022
		1,405.3									14.4	
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED												
Bamburi	56.5	158.4	2.7	84.0	40.8	0.0	-0.9	0.8	0.0	-0.2	-20.3	1,132
Crown Berger	36.9	40.6	12.2	39.0	29.0	23.0	17.3	1.7	0.0	3.8	9.7	306
EA Cables	2.0	4.0	87.0	3.3	0.8	-9.8	-18.2	1.4	0.0	-1.0	-2.1	1,657
EA Portland	39.0	27.1	27.3	55.8	4.4	2.5	44.3	0.2	0.0	11.8	3.3	1,078
		230.1									-2.3	
ENERGY & PETROLEUM												
KenGen	4.9	250.0	34.6	5.4	2.2	-1.2	16.4	0.1	4.1	1.0	4.8	49,640
Kenya Power	6.3	94.8	30.6	9.0	1.6	-4.8	-16.9	0.1	0.0	15.4	0.4	57,553
TotalEnergies Kenya	22.9	30.9	14.3	25.0	17.3	0.0	4.3	0.1	8.4	2.4	9.7	1,266
Umeme	16.0	250.6	-4.5	17.9	14.5	0.0	-5.3	0.0	10.8	2.4	6.6	4,754
		626.3									5.1	
Market ratios									8.51		4.69	

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

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