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IC FIXED INCOME & CURRENCY GUIDE

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REPORT SUMMARY

COUNTRY	FIXED INCOME	CURRENCY
Ghana	• The unrelenting interbank liquidity received further boost in February 2026 with the GHS 10.0bn coupon payment on the DDEP bonds. This sustained the heavy demand for Ghanaian T-bills, culminating in multi-year low yields. We expect the Treasury to maintain downward pressure on yields to support pricing of its upcoming bond issuance around the prevailing DDEP carry levels.	• The Ghanaian Cedi strengthened in February 2026, gaining 2.6% m/m to 10.7/USD as forex demand eased sharply amidst the BOG's twice weekly spot FX auction (USD 902mn in Feb-2026). We expect the fairly balanced supply and demand conditions with the gold-backed flows and improved interbank FX turnover to reinforce the Cedi's stability in March 2026.
Kenya	• Investor demand for Kenyan T-bills strengthened in February 2026 on the back of ample liquidity and rate-cut positioning, pushing yields down by 16bps. We perceive scope for a further modest decline in yields in March 2026 as T-bill maturities ease.	• The Kenyan shilling held steady at 129.0/USD in February 2026, underpinned by FX reserves of USD 12.5bn (5.4 months of import cover). With buffers still strong and proactive debt management easing pressure, we expect the USDKES to remain static in the near term.
Nigeria	• Demand conditions remained supportive of Nigeria's Treasury issuances with bids strengthening further in February 2026 to outpace the unchanged offer size, enabling the Treasury to exceed target for the month at lower yields on the extremes of the T-bill curve.	• The Naira extended its rally in February 2026, appreciating 1.8% m/m to 1,362/USD on sustained portfolio inflows and higher oil earnings. We expect positive sentiment and stable FX conditions to persist in the near term as gross FX reserves surged to a 13-year high of USD 50.45bn (9.7 months' import cover).

Ghana Market Commentary

Fixed Income

A combination of policy rate cut, a lower-than-expected inflation print and over GHS 10.0bn coupon payment on the DDEP bonds boosted an already strong market liquidity in February 2026. This supported firmer demand for Ghanaian T-bills in the month under review as investors scrambled for placement options to minimize excess cash positions on the balance sheet. Resultantly, we noted a third consecutive month of over-subscriptions and the fastest m/m decline in yields since March 2025 to multi-year lows.

Total bids submitted across the three tenors in February 2026 were valued at GHS 82.2bn, exceeding the prior month's bid by 106.1% and the auction target by 196.7%. Notably, the 364-day tenor continued to attract the highest bids at the weekly auctions as investors sought to lock-in double digit yields amid the yield downturn into single digits. The Treasury accepted a total of GHS 38.5bn, exceeding the T-bill maturities for the month by 42.5%. This implies a total rejected amount of GHS 43.7bn which spilled over into the bond market, dragging bond yields lower across the curve.

The yield curve shifted lower with T-bills averaging 403bps m/m decline while average bond yields fell by 320bps m/m/ to 12.2%. The 91-day yield nosedived 474bps to 6.45%, the 182-day yield tumbled 448bps to 8.18% while the 364-day yield shaved off 286bps to 10.21%.

The IC Government Bond Index (IC-GBI) gained 10.3% m/m (YTD: +11.6%) to 130.0pts, translating into a lower weighted yield-to-maturity of 11.72%. We think the Treasury will sustain the yield downturn in the weeks ahead to enable pricing its imminent new bond offers around the carry on the DDEP bonds.

Currency Market

The Ghanaian Cedi embarked on a late-month appreciation in February 2026 as FX demand softened with Chinese New Year holiday in the final 2-weeks of the month strengthening the appreciation tailwind. The interbank rate closed at a mid-rate of 10.7/USD, delivering 2.6% m/m gain (-1.9% YTD). We noticed consistent easing in demand at each FX auction since the 27 Jan-2026 peak while the BOG continued with its twice weekly FX auction. Total FX demand for the month was worth USD 1.95bn (-41.1% m/m), narrowing the demand-supply gap. We perceive a stable outlook for the Cedi as FX Reserves remain fortified by strong gold price around USD 5,000/oz amidst a boost in FX turnover in the interbank market in February 2026 (over USD 400mn | +42.0% m/m).

Local Currency "General Category" Bonds (GHS)			
Maturity	Coupon	Price	Yield
Feb-27	8.35%	98.68	9.80%
Feb-28	8.50%	97.17	10.12%
Feb-29	8.65%	94.06	11.05%
Feb-30	8.80%	89.19	12.33%
Feb-31	8.95%	87.69	12.34%
Feb-32	9.10%	85.75	12.57%
Feb-33	9.25%	83.37	12.95%
Feb-34	9.40%	80.49	13.47%
Feb-35	9.55%	79.75	13.52%
Feb-36	9.70%	79.74	13.45%
Feb-37	9.85%	79.80	13.42%
Feb-38	10.00%	79.91	13.42%

Ghana Restructured Eurobonds (USD)		
Maturity	Coupon	Yield
DISCO BOND		
Jul-29	5.00%	5.86%
Jul-35	5.00%	7.06%
PAR BOND		
Jan-37	1.50%	7.38%
DOWN PAYMENT BOND		
Jul-26	Zero-coupon	5.54%
PAST DUE INTEREST (PDI) BOND		
Jan-30	Zero-coupon	3.60%

	Nominal Yield	M/M Change (bps)	YTD Change (bps)
91-day	6.45%	-474	-464
182-day	8.18%	-448	-434
364-day	10.21%	-286	-273

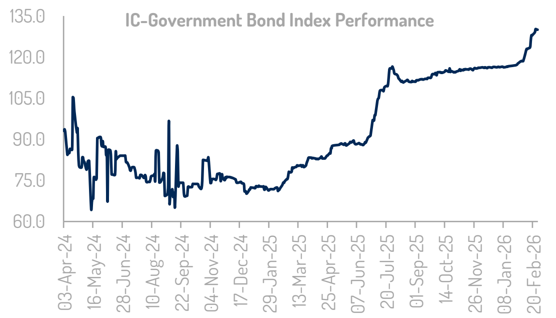
	Upcoming Maturities* (Mar-2026)	Upcoming Avg weekly Target*	M/M Change in Maturities
91-day	17,996.43	5,679.0	27.2%
182-day	3,782.35		-3.7%
364-day	4,616.53		-48.5%

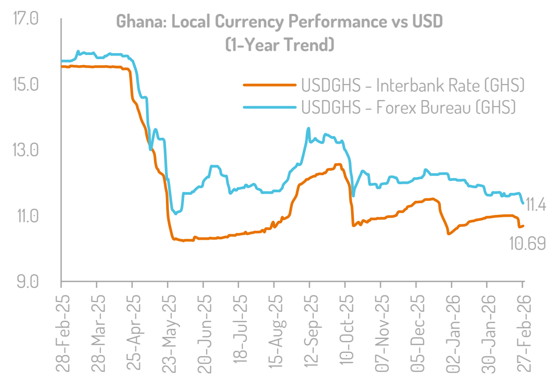
*GHS Million

Spot Exchange Rate (GHS)			
	Current Mid-Rate	Last Month	M/M Change*
USDGHS	10.68	10.95	2.58%
GBPGHS	14.39	14.98	4.15%
EURGHS	12.61	12.97	2.87%

*Negative change means Depreciation while Positive change means Appreciation

Performance of the IC Government Bond Index (IC-GBI)			
Month-End	Index Level (pts)	Yield-to-Maturity	YTD Return on Index
Nov-25	115.8	15.4%	61.6%
Dec-25	116.4	15.4%	62.4%
Jan-26	117.8	14.8%	1.2%
Feb-26	130.0	11.7%	11.6%





Kenya Market Commentary

Fixed Income

We observed a rebound in bids for Kenyan Treasury bills in February 2026 as investors ramped up demand amid a boost in market liquidity and portfolio positioning to lock-in rates after the 10th successive policy rate cut in February.

Investors submitted total bids worth KES 256.5bn (USD 2.0bn) across the 91-day to the 364-day tenors, representing a 141.2% m/m upsurge in demand. The 364-day tenor attracted 76.4% of total bids (vs 59.3% in the prior month), reflecting strategic allocations to minimise re-investment risk as the dovish policy stance revives modest downside risk for yields. The Treasury accepted KES 191.1bn (USD 1.5bn), exceeding the gross target by 99.0% and the refinancing obligation by 25.0% This translated into total rejected bids worth KES 65.5bn which would support liquidity conditions in the money market.

Yields came under renewed downward pressure in February 2026, declining by an average of 16bps (vs stability in the prior month) as investors priced-in the dovish policy stance of the Central Bank amid strong liquidity. The 91-day yield fell by 14bps m/m to 7.59% while the 364-day yield shaved off 30bps to 8.9%. The 182-day yield posted the least decline of 4bps to 7.75% as the T-bill curve dropped to its lowest level since November 2021.

Our estimate shows a 22.3% m/m decline in T-bill maturities to KES 118.8bn (USD 921.0mn) in March 2026 but higher than the fixed indicative monthly target of KES 96.0b. In our view, the lower T-bill maturities signals moderation in refinancing pressure with modest downside risk to yields.

Currency Market

The Kenyan Shilling remained flat against the major trading currencies in Feb-2026, sustaining the narrative of unresponsiveness to market forces as the USDKES pair was unchanged at 129.0/USD. Gross FX reserves expanded by 1.6% m/m to USD 12.5bn, equivalent to 5.4 months of import cover, partly supported by remnant from the USD 2.25bn Eurobond flows and consistently exceeding the statutory minimum of 4.0 months import cover.

We do not expect a change in narrative around the KES stability in the month ahead as FX buffer remains strong while the authorities continue to proactively manage external debt service obligation to ease FX pressure.

Local Currency Bonds (KES)				Kenya Eurobonds (USD)		
Maturity	Coupon	Price	Yield	Maturity	Coupon	Yield
Jul-27	12.97%	105.17	8.89%	May-27	7.00%	5.98%
Feb-28	11.25%	103.38	9.30%	Feb-28	7.25%	5.73%
Aug-28	12.69%	106.15	9.80%	Feb-31	9.75%	7.38%
Dec-28	12.50%	106.33	9.82%	May-32	8.00%	7.16%
Feb-29	12.44%	106.70	9.77%	Oct-33	7.88%	7.91%
May-31	10.00%	97.32	10.68%	Jan-34	6.30%	8.13%
Nov-32	12.00%	103.42	11.25%	Mar-36	9.50%	8.69%
May-33	12.65%	107.00	11.20%	Feb-48	8.25%	8.91%
Jan-34	12.86%	106.96	11.49%			
Mar-34	16.00%	121.13	11.85%			
Jul-34	12.34%	108.26	10.81%			
May-35	11.25%	97.14	11.76%			

Source: Central Bank of Kenya, Bloomberg, IC Insights

	Nominal Yield	M/M Change (bps)	YTD Change (bps)
91-day	7.59%	-14	-14
182-day	7.75%	-4	-5
364-day	8.90%	-30	-31

	Upcoming Maturities* (Mar-2026)	Upcoming Target* (This Week)	M/M Change in Maturities
91-day	39,896.86	24,000.0	-28.9%
182-day	17,322.07		-33.8%
364-day	61,607.18		-12.7%

*KES Million

	Spot Exchange Rate (KES)		
	Current Mid-Rate	Last Month	M/M Change*
USDKES	128.99	128.95	-0.03%
GBPKES	173.56	176.83	1.88%
EURKES	152.26	153.13	0.57%

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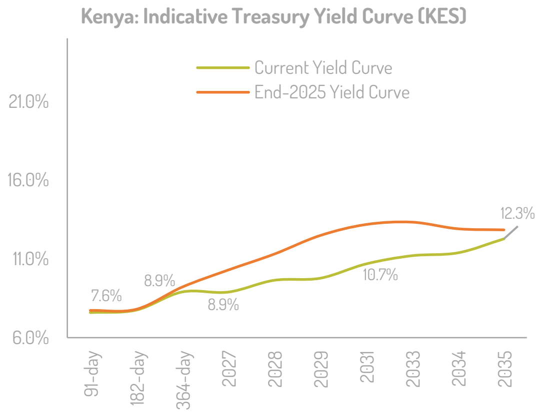

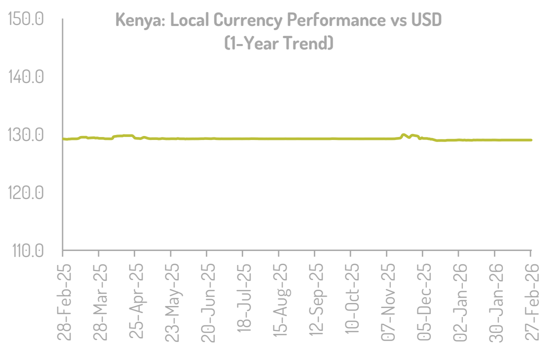

Nigeria Market Commentary

Fixed Income

Demand conditions remained supportive of Nigeria's Treasury issuances with bids strengthening further in February 2026 to outpace the unchanged offer size, enabling the Treasury to exceed target for the month at lower yields on the extremes of the T-bill curve.`

Investors tendered total bids worth NGN 8.87 trillion (USD 6.5bn) across the 91-day to the 364-day tenors, representing a 78.0% m/m surge in demand and translating into a bid-to-cover ratio of 3.9x (vs 2.2x in Jan-2026). The 364-day tenor maintained its dominant attraction, accounting for 95.5% of bids (vs 94.9% in Jan-2026) as investors sought to lock-in yields around the 20.0% area. The Treasury allotted NGN 2.86 trillion (USD 2.11bn), exceeding the target by 24.4% and making up for the prior month's under-allocation.

The T-bill curve rotated downwards in a bull flattening movement as the back end fell at each of the two auctions in the month while front-end inched down only at the final auction, with the mid-curve staying flat throughout. The 91-day yield inched down by 4bps m/m to 16.46%, the 364-day yield nosedived 358bps to 18.91% while the 182-day yield remained unchanged at 18.17%.

Following the 50bps cut in the policy rate 26.5%, signalling a gradual dovish pivot, we foresee continued downward pressure on yields in the months ahead as investors bid to lock-in double digit yields.

Currency Market

The Nigerian Naira remained on the front foot in February 2026, posting a 1.8% m/m appreciation against the US Dollar (YTD: +6.0%) to close the month with a mid-rate of 1,362/USD. The Naira's bullish run, which continued from 2025, was aided by ongoing foreign portfolio inflows as investors take advantage of stock market rally and prospects of lower interest rates. By mid-February 2026, the Central Bank approved access to FX for Bureau De Change (BDC) operators to boost FX liquidity in the parallel market, helping to narrow the FX premium across markets. Gross FX reserves also strengthened to a 13-year high of USD 50.45bn as of mid-February 2026 (9.7 months import cover), aided by a general uptrend in crude oil price since mid-January 2026, supporting investor confidence and Central Bank flows.

We foresee continued positive sentiment in the domestic FX market as portfolio and Central Bank flows continue to anchor the Naira.

Local Currency Bonds (NGN)				Nigeria Eurobonds (USD)		
Maturity	Coupon	Price	Yield	Maturity	Coupon	Yield
Apr-29	14.55%	96.92	15.80%	Nov-27	6.50%	5.46%
Feb-31	18.50%	109.15	15.78%	Sep-28	6.13%	5.69%
Apr-32	12.50%	87.96	15.60%	Mar-29	8.38%	5.95%
Feb-34	19.00%	115.27	15.59%	Feb-30	7.14%	6.25%
Jul-34	12.15%	83.78	15.68%	Jan-31	8.75%	6.57%
Mar-35	12.50%	85.85	15.44%	Feb-32	7.88%	6.82%
Mar-36	12.40%	84.99	15.38%	Sep-33	7.38%	7.06%
Apr-37	16.25%	104.96	15.30%	Feb-38	7.70%	7.67%
Jun-38	15.45%	101.22	15.22%	Nov-47	7.63%	8.11%
Jan-42	13.00%	88.17	14.96%	Jan-49	9.25%	8.24%
Apr-49	14.80%	102.26	14.45%	Sep-51	8.25%	8.28%
Mar-50	12.98%	90.54	14.39%			
Jun-53	15.70%	110.56	14.16%			

Source: FMDQ, Bloomberg, Central Bank of Nigeria, National Bureau of Statistics, IC Insights

	Nominal Yield	M/M Change (bps)	YTD Change (bps)
91-day	16.46%	-4	33
182-day	18.17%	NO CHNG	83
364-day	18.91%	-358	-232

Selected Macroeconomic Indicators			
	Latest Available	Same Period Last Year	Y/y Change (bps)
Inflation*	15.10%	27.60%	-12.50%
GDP growth**	4.07%	3.76%	0.31%
MPR	26.50%	27.50%	-1.00%

*January 2026 I **4Q2025

Official Spot Exchange Rate (NGN)			
	Current Mid-Rate	Last Month	M/M Change
USDNGN	1362.44	1386.48	1.76%
GBPNGN	1836.98	1897.54	3.30%
EURNGN	1609.38	1643.12	2.10%

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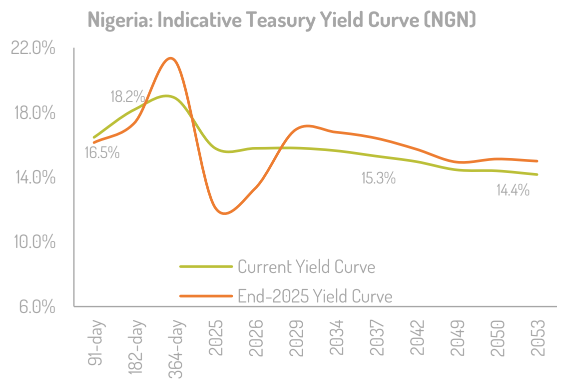
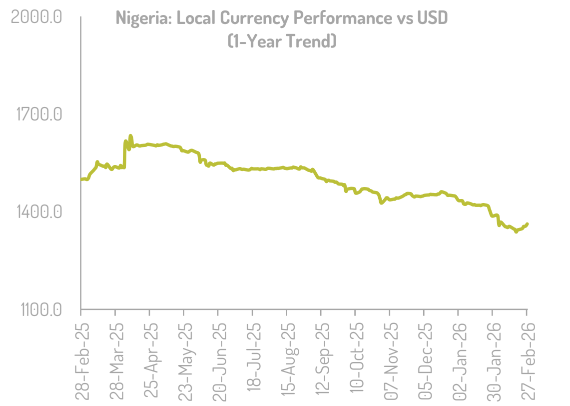
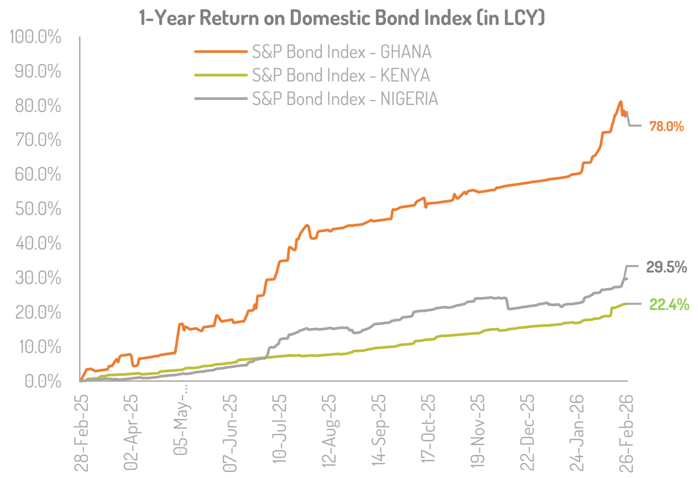


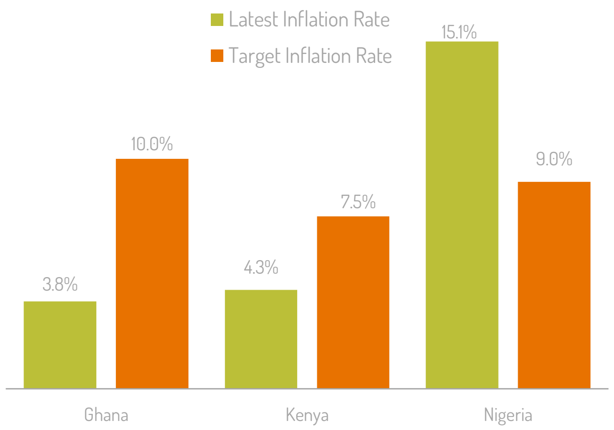


	Comparative Yields for Domestic Treasury Bonds in LCY and USD-adjusted Rates					
	Ghana		Kenya		Nigeria	
	GHS Yield	USD-adjusted Yield	KES Yield	USD-adjusted Yield	NGN Yield	USD-adjusted Yield
2027	9.80%	5.62%	8.89%	4.26%	15.60%	3.41%
2028	10.12%	5.93%	9.64%	4.98%	15.59%	3.40%
2029	11.05%	6.82%	9.77%	5.10%	15.68%	3.48%
2030	12.33%	8.05%	10.23%	5.54%	15.61%	3.41%
2031	12.34%	8.06%	10.68%	5.97%	15.52%	3.33%
2032	12.57%	8.28%	11.25%	6.52%	15.53%	3.34%
2033	12.95%	8.65%	11.20%	6.47%	15.45%	3.27%

Source: Bloomberg, IC Insights

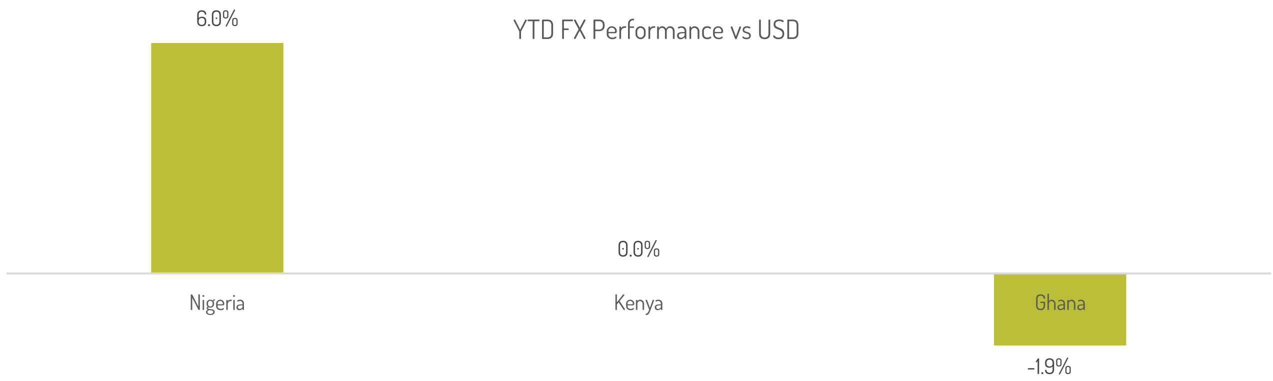


Source: S&P Global



Source: Country Statistical Office, Country Central Banks

	Comparative Currency Performance Dashboard								
	USD	m/m Change	YTD Change	GBP	m/m Change	YTD Change	EUR	m/m Change	YTD Change
Ghana	10.68	2.6%	-1.9%	14.39	4.1%	-1.9%	12.61	2.9%	-2.4%
Kenya	128.99	0.0%	0.0%	173.56	1.9%	0.0%	152.26	0.6%	-0.6%
Nigeria	1362.44	1.8%	6.0%	1836.98	3.3%	5.8%	1609.38	2.1%	5.4%



Source: Bloomberg, IC Insights

DEFINITION OF KEY CONCEPTS

Amortized cost (book value)	Valuation of bonds using the face value (par value) plus the interest spread over the bond's life
Appreciation	A gain in the value of a currency against another currency
Basis Points (bps)	Used to describe percentage change in the value of financial instruments. 0.01% equals 1bps
Bid	The demand or buy-side in a transaction
Bid-to-Cover Ratio	The amount of demand for a security against the amount accepted. It indicates demand condition
BOG	Bank of Ghana
CBK	Central Bank of Kenya
CBN	Central Bank of Nigeria
Coupon Rate	Interest rate paid on the face value of the bond purchased
Depreciation	A loss in the value of a currency against another currency
Exit bonds	New Treasury bonds created or restructured from the old bonds under the DDEP
Face Value (Par Value)	The amount repaid by the issuer of a bond when the bond matures
Fixed income security	A debt instrument that pays a fixed amount (interest) on a fixed (pre-determined) schedule until maturity
Liquidity	Volume of money supply or volume of trade executed in a particular bond. Use within a context
Mark-to-Market	Valuation of bonds using the current or prevailing market prices for the bonds
Maturity	When a security (bills/bonds) is due for repayment by the issuer to investors
Month-on-Month (m/m)	A change measured over a one-month period
Net-bid position	When the volume of securities demanded (bid) is greater than the volume offered for sale. Excess demand
Net-offered position	When the volume of securities offered for sale is greater than the volume demanded. Excess supply
Offer	The sell-side in a transaction
Old bonds	All pre-existing Treasury bonds not restructured under the domestic debt exchange programme (DDEP)
Subscription/Subscribe	The size of investor bids or demand at an auction
Tenor	The period from issuing a security (bills/bonds) to the repayment date (maturity)
Term-to-Maturity	The remaining life of a bond security until it matures. Can be measured in Days, Months, or Years
Treasury bills (T-bills)	Debt securities issued by the Government ("the Treasury") with maturity of 1-year or less
Treasury bonds & Notes	Debt securities issued by the Government with maturity of 2-year or longer
Uptake/Allotment	The amount of bid accepted in a bond or T-bills auction
Week-on-Week (w/w)	A change measured over a one-week period
Year-on-Year (y/y)	A change measured over a one-year (or 12-months) period
Year-to-Date (YTD)	The period from the last trading day of the previous year to the date of the report
Yield Curve	A graph which shows the interest rates for T-bills and bonds plotted against their respective maturities
Yield-to-Maturity (YTM)	The total return earned on a fixed income security (bills/bonds) if the security is held to maturity

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