



RESERVE BANK OF MALAWI

FINANCIAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

(In Millions of Malawi Kwacha, unless otherwise specified)

Friday, 16 January 2015

A. THE BANKING SYSTEM LIQUIDITY EXPECTATIONS

	Today	Week ending 16 th January 2015
Projected Transactions (+= Net injection / - = Net withdrawal)	-53	-2,406
Estimated Excess Reserves	21,470	21,470
Required Reserves	74,406	74,406

Known Projected Transactions

	Week ending 16 th Jan 2015	Week ending 23 th Jan 2015	Week ending 30 th Jan 2015	January 2015	February 2015
Maturity of normal TBs/TNs/PNs	2,565	2,731	5,778	23,070	28,067
Maturity of OMO	-	-	-	-	-

Commentary:

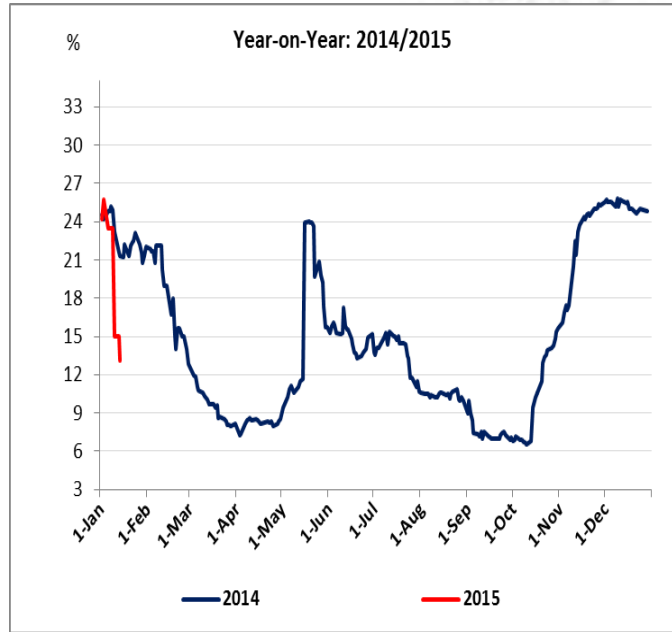
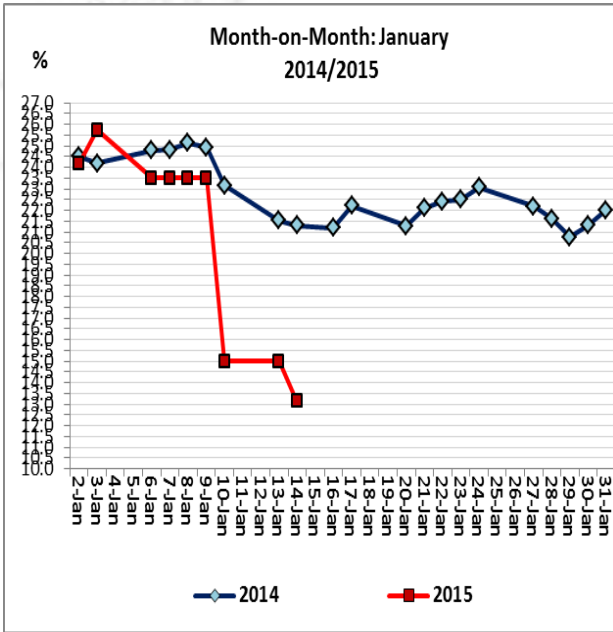
- Excess reserves are estimated to close at K21.47 billion today compared to K25.22 billion recorded on Wednesday, 14th January, 2015.

B. INTER-BANK MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

i. Previous Day's Domestic Money Market Activity

(a) Inter-bank borrowing	Volume	Average rate (%)
O/N	3,500	13.14
07 days	-	-
14 days	-	-
30 days	-	-
(b) RBM Open market operations		
(i) Repos		
7 days	-	-
14 days	-	-
30 days	-	-
60 days	-	-
(ii) Reverse Repos		
7 days	-	-
14 days	-	-
30 days	-	-
60 days	-	-
(iii) Outright Purchase of Securities		
	-	-
(c) Access on the Lombard Facility		
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ii. Weighted Average Interbank Rates



Commentary:

- A total of MK3.50 billion was traded on the interbank market on Wednesday, 14th January, 2015 after no trade was recorded the previous day.
- The interbank rate (IBR) went down to 13.14 percent from 15.00 percent recorded on Monday, 12th January, 2015.
- No access on the Lombard Facility was observed on Wednesday, 14th January, 2015.

A. FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

i. Gross Official Foreign Reserves Position

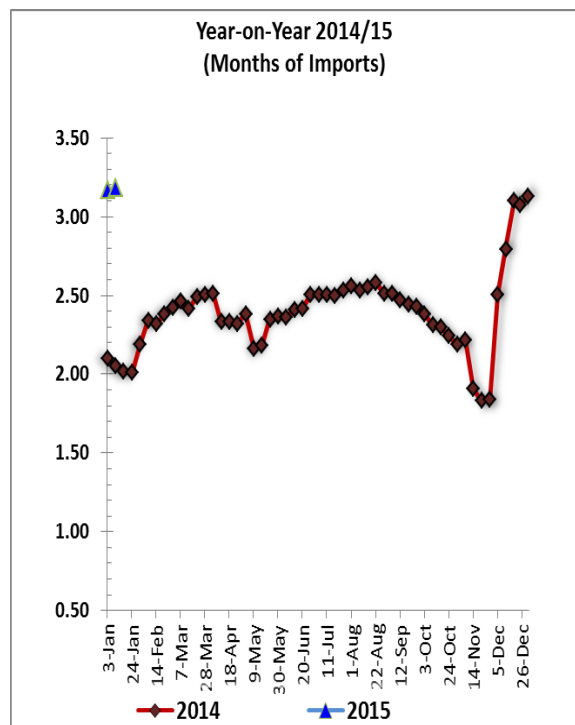
(Foreign reserves under the direct control of the Central Bank)

Date (US\$ mn)	Reserves (US\$ million)	Import Cover* (Months)
02 nd January 2015	606.19	3.17
09 th January 2015	607.95	3.18
13 th January 2015	647.24	3.39

* US\$191.0 million per month is used in this calculation

Commentary:

- Gross Official Reserves increased during the week ending 9th January 2015 compared to the preceding week. The Gross Official Reserves stood at US\$607.95 million (3.18 months of imports) as at 9th January, 2015 compared to US\$606.19 million (3.17 months of imports) recorded on 2nd January, 2015. The Gross Official Reserves went up further and stood at US\$647.24 million (3.39 months of imports) as at Tuesday, 13th January, 2015.



ii. Private Sector Foreign Exchange Reserves

(Foreign reserves under the direct control of authorized dealer banks (ADB) which consists of ADBs own forex positions and foreign currency denominated accounts balances of their clients)

Date (US\$ mn)	ADB's Own Position	FCDA	Total	Import Cover * (Months)
02 nd January, 2015	7.40	307.09	314.49	1.65
9 th January, 2015	2.29	335.80	338.09	1.77
14 th January, 2015	2.74	315.06	317.80	1.66

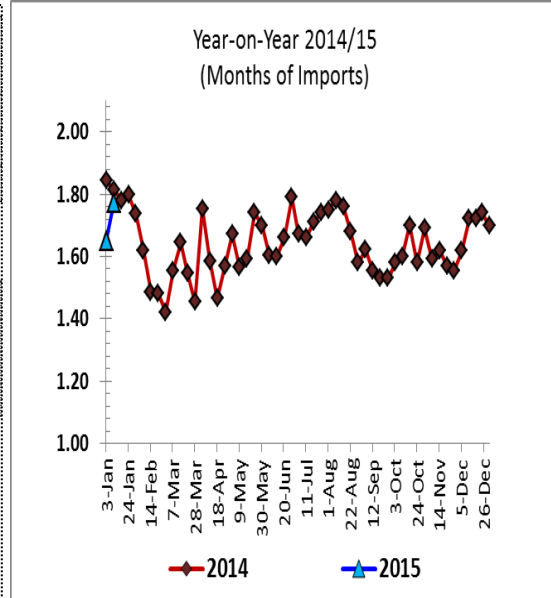
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ADB's FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADING ACTIVITY

Week Ending (US\$ mn)	ADB's Purchases	ADB's Sales
02 nd January 2015	38.88	51.39
09 th January 2015	41.33	48.88
As at 14 th January 2015	8.29	8.42

Commentary:

- ADB's sales to the market at US\$48.88 million surpassed corresponding purchases by US\$7.55 million during the week ending 9th January 2015.
- ADB's bought US\$8.29 million from the market against sales of US\$8.42 million on Wednesday, 14th January, 2015.

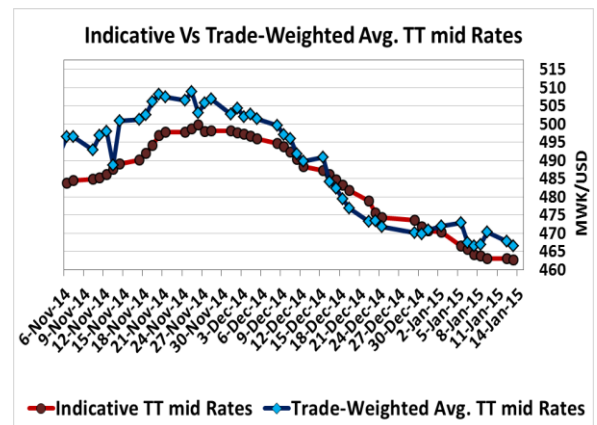
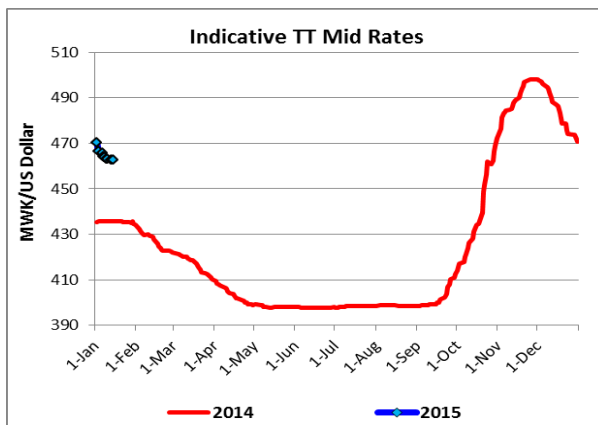


iii. Exchange Rate Developments

	07 Jan 2015	08 Jan 2015	09 Jan 2015	12 Jan 2015	13 Jan 2015	14 Jan 2015	Today Indicative
USD/MWK	466.5688	466.9138	470.4046	467.7090	466.5601	464.3087	462.2665
GBP/MWK	708.3398	704.9491	709.2879	703.2257	684.1576	694.4861	701.8592
EUR/MWK	541.9481	545.1506	549.1079	553.3731	546.7500	533.8913	537.7546
ZAR/MWK	39.0876	39.0477	40.4248	39.0971	40.9130	40.9829	39.9739

Note: Reported rates are closing weighted average TT mid-rates based on actual trades except for today's rates which are indicative based on market consensus

Commentary: The Kwacha appreciated against the USD and the EUR and depreciated against the GBP and the ZAR. Indicatively, the Malawi Kwacha is expected to trade at around MK462.2665 against the USD today.



B. MONEY MARKET YIELD CURVE

	Overnight	07 days	14 days	30 days	91 days	182 days	364 days
6 th January 2015	23.50%	-	-	-	26.96%	26.99%	26.97%
13 th January 2015	15.00%	-	-	-	26.84%	26.79%	26.71%
Change in yield (bp)	-850	-	-	-	-12	-20	-26

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