



1. Money Market

Government Securities

The government Treasury bill auction held during the week raised a total of K886.11 million from total applications of K886.11 million resulting in a nil rejection rate. The average yields for the 91 days, 182 days and 364 days were 9.99%, 12.80% and 13.80% respectively (previous week: 91 days: no applications, 182 days: 12.80%, 364 days: 13.80%). The government Treasury note (3-year) raised at total of K18.83 billion from total applications of K19.61 billion, resulting in a rejection rate of 4.00%. The average yield was 18.80%. Total maturities for the week stood at K10.59 billion; resulting in a net withdrawal of K9.13 billion (Source: RBM).

2. Interbank Market

Liquidity levels decreased during the week in review to a daily average of K2.27 billion from K8.38 billion recorded in the previous week. The volume on Interbank borrowing increased to a daily average of K28.48 billion (previous week: K15.99 billion) at an average rate of 11.67% (previous week: 11.57%). Access to the Lombard facility during the week in review averaged K24.27 billion (previous week: K11.94 billion) at an average rate of 12.20% (previous week: 12.20%) (Source: RBM).

3. Stock Market

The MASI closed the week at 32,561.09 points (previous week: 32,562.96 points), the Domestic Share Index (DSI) closed at 27,709.05 points (previous week: 27,710.72 points) and the Foreign Stock Index (FSI) closed at remained steady at 1,614.33 points. The decrease in MASI was due to share price loss in TNM. Total volume of 1.33 million shares were traded during the week at a value of K30.71 million in 41 deals (Source: MSE).

4. Local Development

- FDH Bank plc has released its financial statement for the financial year ended 31 December 2020. The results indicate that the company has registered a profit after tax of K14.37 billion and the Bank has reported a profit after tax of K14.96 billion from K5.19 billion in 2019 (Source: FDH Bank).
- Airtel Malawi plc has released its financial statement for the financial year ended 31 December 2020. The results indicate that the company has registered a profit after tax of K22.09 billion from a profit of K15.91 billion recorded in the previous year (Source: Airtel).
- The reference rate for April 2021 has increased to 12.1% from 11.9% recorded in March 2021 (Source: Commercial Banks).

5. Regional Developments in the Week

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has projected that real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Africa will grow by 3.4% in 2021, after contracting by 2.1% in 2020. This projected recovery will be underpinned by a resumption of tourism, a rebound in commodity prices, and the rollback of pandemic-induced restrictions (Source: AfDB).

6. Global Developments in the Week

The economy of Italy is projected to grow by 4.1% in 2021 and 4.2% in 2022, after contracting by 8.9% in 2020. The forecast is based on expectations for progress on vaccinations in both Italy and the rest of Europe. However, risks related to this projected recovery remain high (Source: Reuters).

Stock Market (Source: Malawi Stock Exchange)					
	Div yield %	P/E	P/BV	2-Apr-21	9-Apr-21
Counter				MK/Share	MK/Share
Airtel	4.47	19.33	19.52	27.95	27.95
Blantyre Hotels	1.82	19.79	1.42	11.00	11.00
FDH Bank	0.00	14.50	5.02	16.49	16.49
ICON	1.72	11.22	1.10	12.18	12.18
ILLOVO	2.49	20.96	0.80	80.46	80.46
MPICO	1.20	8.68	1.23	20.89	20.89
NBM	2.76	17.74	3.01	650.05	650.05
NBS Bank	1.52	15.02	4.36	23.00	23.00
NICO	3.66	6.76	1.70	51.93	51.93
NITL	0.79	7.20	1.11	94.94	94.94
PCL	2.17	17.69	0.92	1,199.94	1,199.94
Standard Bank	3.73	11.86	2.66	1,200.12	1,200.12
Sunbird	1.11	9.07	1.01	90.00	90.00
TNM	4.58	10.92	3.58	16.39	16.38
FMBCH	0.00	(18.12)	1.16	27.12	27.12
OMU	2.47	26.35	3.31	2,190.00	2,190.00
DSI	N/A	N/A	N/A	27,710.72	27,709.05
FSI	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,614.33	1,614.33
MASI	N/A	N/A	N/A	32,562.96	32,561.09

MASI= Malawi All Share Index, DSI= Domestic Share Index, FSI= Foreign Share Index

	2020	2021
MASI Return (YTD)	-3.93%	0.52%

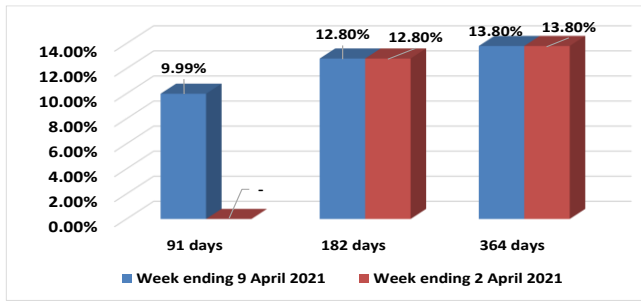
Annual Year Financial Results for companies listed on the Malawi Stock Exchange (Source: Respective Companies)

Published Financials for 2020 and 2019						
Period	Net Profit/(Loss) (MK' Billion)			Total Dividend (Per Share) (Kwacha)		
	Aug-20	Aug-19	% Change	Aug-20	Aug-19	% Change
ILLOVO	2.74	10.08	↓ -72.84%	2.00	0.50	↑ 300.00%
Period	Sep-20	Sep-19	% Change	Sep-20	Sep-19	% Change
BHL	(0.45)	(0.47)	↓ -4.26%	0.00	0.10	↓ -100.00%
Period	Dec-20	Dec-19	% Change	Dec-20	Dec-19	% Change
NBS BANK	7.05	4.46	↑ 58.14%	0.70	0.35	↑ 100.00%
STANDARD	23.74	15.88	↑ 49.52%	21.31	21.31	0.00%
NITL	1.48	1.78	↓ -16.97%	0.80	0.25	↑ 220.00%
AIRTEL	22.09	15.91	↑ 38.84%	2.10	1.25	↑ 68.00%
FDH	14.96	5.19	↑ 188.25%	N/A	N/A	N/A
MPICO	Expects its half year ending 30 June 2020 profit after tax to be at least 25% lower than the previous corresponding period					
TNM	Expects its annual year ending 31 December 2020 profit after tax to be at least 25% lower than the previous corresponding period					
FMBCH	Expects its annual year ending 31 December 2020 profit after tax to be at least 200% higher than the previous corresponding period					
NICO	Expects its annual year ending 31 December 2020 profit after tax to be at least 20% higher than the previous corresponding period					
MPICO	Expects its annual year ending 31 December 2020 profit after tax to be at least 40% lower than the previous corresponding period					
ICON	Expects its annual year ending 31 December 2020 profit after tax to be at least 20% higher than the previous corresponding period					

Forex Reserves (Source: RBM)

CURRENCY	Mar-21	Feb-21	Mar-20	Movement 1 month	Movement 12 months
MK/USD	784.10	780.13	741.10	↓ -0.51%	↓ -5.80%
MK/GBP	1,077.67	1,087.27	944.52	↑ 0.88%	↓ -14.10%
MK/ZAR	52.58	52.08	47.12	↓ -0.97%	↓ -11.60%
MK/EUR	919.20	948.17	813.85	↑ 3.06%	↓ -12.95%

Prevailing Government Security Interest Rates (Source: RBM)



Government Securities for Week ending 9 April 2021 (Source: RBM)

TENORS	VOLUME (K'MILLION)	AVERAGE YIELD (%)
91 days TB	0.68	9.99
182 days TB	2.00	12.80
364 days TB	883.42	13.80
3-Yr TN	18,830.00	18.80
TOTAL	19,716.11	

Exchange Rates - Middle Rates (Source: RBM)

CURRENCY	02-Apr-21	09-Apr-21	% Change
MK/US Dollar	784.10	784.10	→ 0.00%
MK/GBP	1078.45	1074.85	↑ 0.33%
MK/ZAR	53.01	53.85	↓ -1.59%
MK/EUR	918.97	932.69	↓ -1.49%

Global Market Rates (Source: Bloomberg, WSJ, CNBC)

	2-Apr-21	9-Apr-21	Change
US Fed Rate	0.250%	0.250%	→ 0.000%
US Libor (3 months)	0.202%	0.188%	↑ 0.014%
US Libor (6 months)	0.207%	0.211%	↓ -0.004%
US Treasury yield (10 years)	1.719%	1.662%	↑ 0.057%
BOE Rate	0.100%	0.100%	→ 0.000%
ECB Rate	0.000%	0.000%	→ 0.000%

*LIBOR = London Interbank Offered Rates *BOE= Bank of England
*ECB= European Central Bank

Malawi Real GDP Projections (Source: EIU, IMF, World Bank, Malawi Government)

Real GDP Growth Projections				
	2019	2020	2021	2022
EIU	4.10%	-1.00%	2.30%	4.00%
IMF	4.00%	0.60%	2.20%	6.00%
WORLD BANK	4.40%	1.00%	3.30%	5.30%
GOVERNMENT	5.10%	0.90%	3.50%	
Average Real GDP	4.40%	0.38%	2.83%	5.10%

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