



# RESERVE BANK OF MALAWI

## FINANCIAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

(In Millions of Malawi Kwacha, unless otherwise specified)

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### A. THE BANKING SYSTEM LIQUIDITY EXPECTATIONS

#### i. Liquidity Projections

	Today	Week ending 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
Projected Autonomous Transactions (+= Net injection / - = Net withdrawal)	-13,379	-10,014
Estimated Excess Reserves before OMO	-1,912	5,497
Estimated Excess Reserves after OMO	0	0
Required Reserves	76,974	76,974

#### ii. Known Projected Transactions

	Week ending 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2018	Week ending 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	August 2018
Maturity of normal TBs/TNs/PNs	1,654	4,287	23,320
Maturity of OMO Repos	6,330	6,404	46,528

#### Commentary:

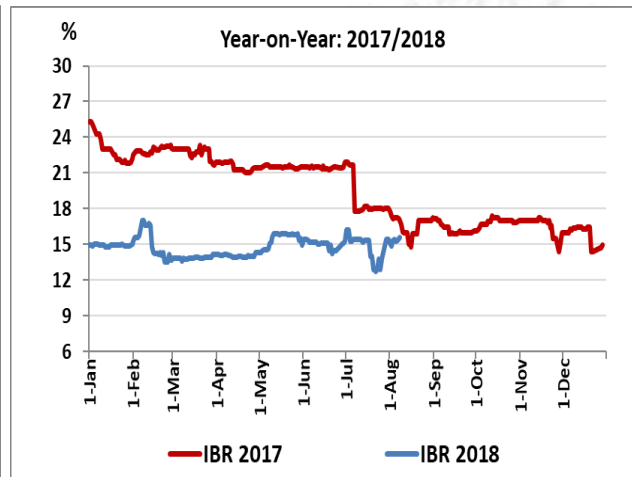
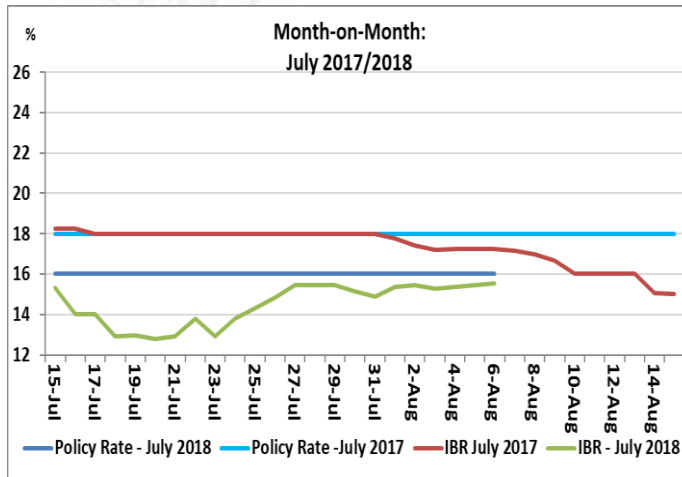
Excess reserves increased to K12.60 billion on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018, from K11.27 billion recorded on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### B. INTER-BANK MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

#### i. Previous Trading Day's Domestic Money Market Activity

(a) Inter-bank borrowing	Volume (Mk'mn)	Average rate (%)
O/N	7,640	15.55
7 days	-	-
<b>(b) RBM Open market operations</b>		
(i) Repos		
O/N		
7 days	-	-
14 days	-	-
31 days	-	-
63 days	-	-
91 days	-	-
182 days	-	-
(ii) Reverse Repos		
7 days	-	-
30 days	-	-
60 days	-	-
<b>(c) Access on the Lombard Facility</b>	11,200	18.00

## Weighted Average Interbank Rates



### Commentary:

- Traded volume on the interbank market decreased slightly to K7.64 billion on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018, from K10.20 billion on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- The overnight interbank market rate (IBR) increased by 8 basis points (bps) and closed at 15.55 percent.
- A total of K11.20 billion was accessed from the Lombard Facility on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

## C. FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

### i. Gross Official Foreign Reserves Position

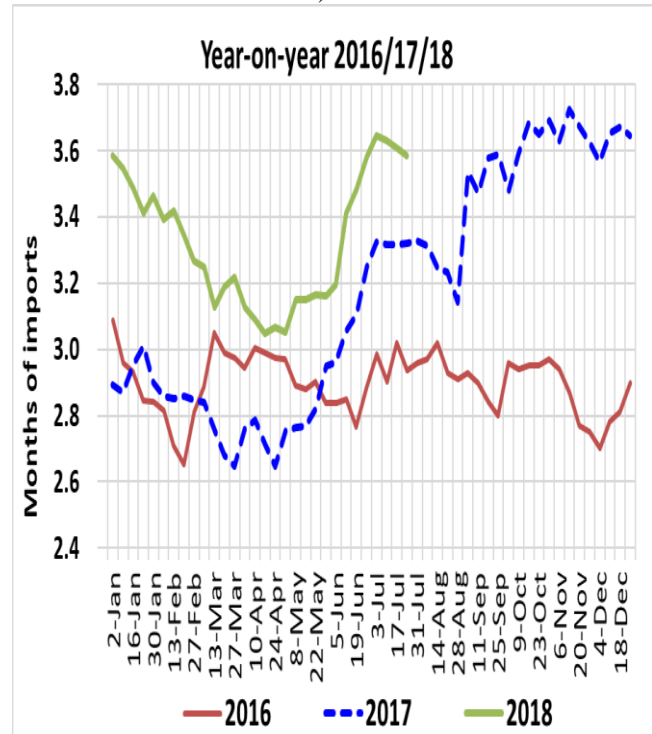
(Foreign reserves under the direct control of the Central Bank)

Date (US\$ mn)	Reserves (US\$ million)	Import Cover * (Months)
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	728.10	3.48
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	748.50	3.58
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	761.51	3.64
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	758.59	3.63
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	754.24	3.61
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018	749.04	3.58

\* US\$209.0 million per month is used in this calculation

### Commentary:

- Gross official reserves increased during the week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 to \$761.83 million (3.65 months of imports) from \$754.24 million (3.61 months of imports) at the end of the preceding week. As at 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018, gross official reserves stood at \$749.04 million (3.58 months of imports)



## 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)
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	-5.02	363.04	358.02	1.71
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	0.51	366.81	367.32	1.76
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	2.99	340.35	343.35	1.64
7 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018	1.11	355.67	356.77	1.71

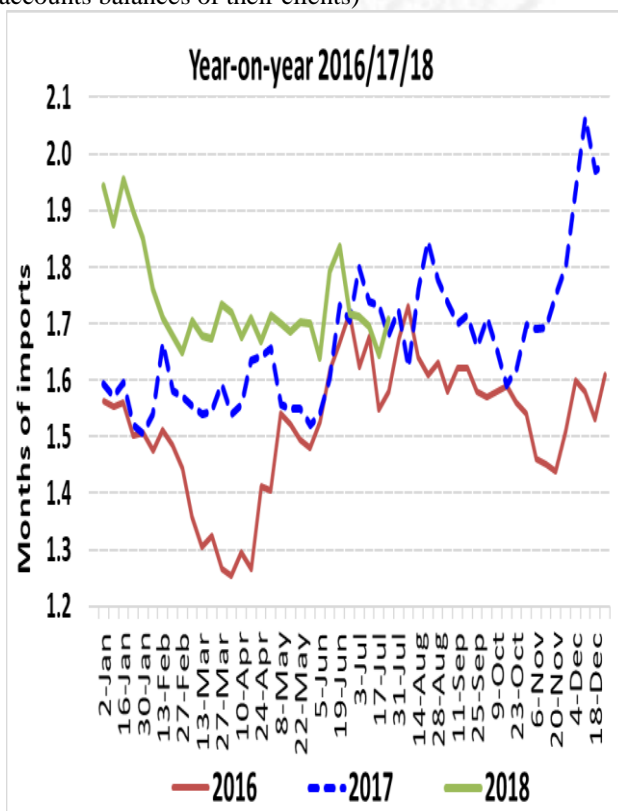
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### ADB's FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADING ACTIVITY

Week Ending (US\$ mn)	ADB's Purchases	ADB's Sales
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	62.33	75.02
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	57.76	60.35
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	50.16	50.50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug 2018	60.18	70.32
On 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018	4.13	10.30

### Commentary:

- ADB's FX trading increased during the week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 compared to the previous week. ADBs purchased a total of US\$60.18 million from the market and sold a total of US\$70.32 million during the week. On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018, ADBs purchased US\$4.13 million from the market and sold US\$10.30 million.

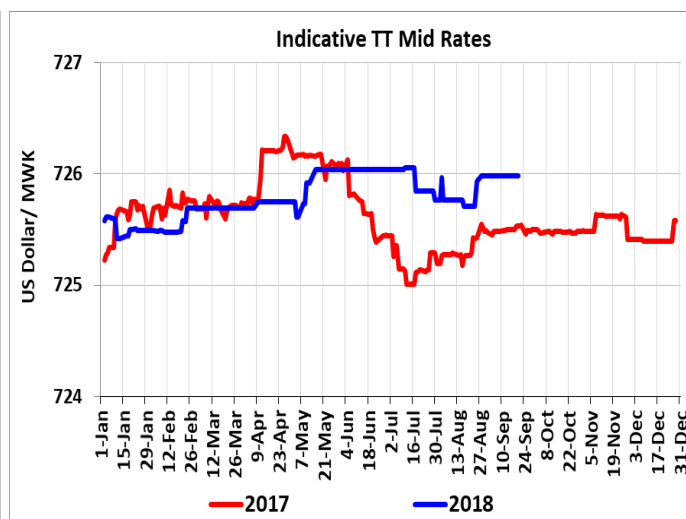
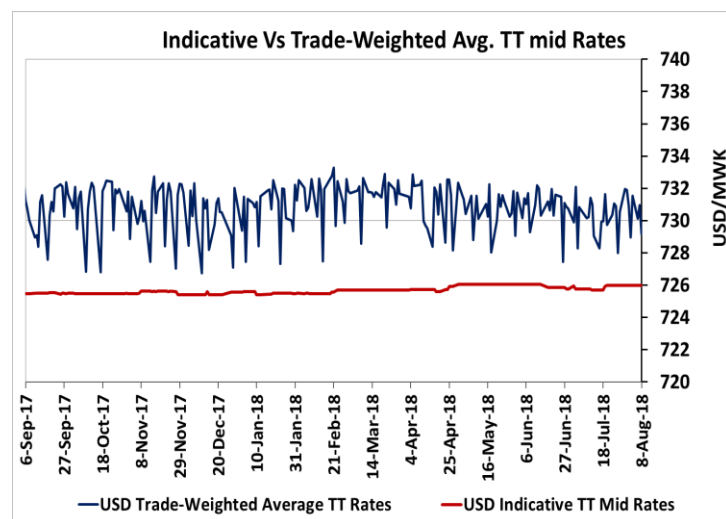


## iii. Exchange Rate Developments

	2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2018	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	7 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Today's indicative Rates
MWK/USD	728.9677	731.5339	730.1228	730.9517	729.1486	725.9868
MWK/GBP	955.4906	943.8511	943.7894	947.3580	944.8485	935.2162
MWK/EUR	849.9340	841.0905	842.3805	841.9492	848.8630	842.8707
MWK/ZAR	54.6679	53.8282	54.5613	54.6803	54.5036	54.1434

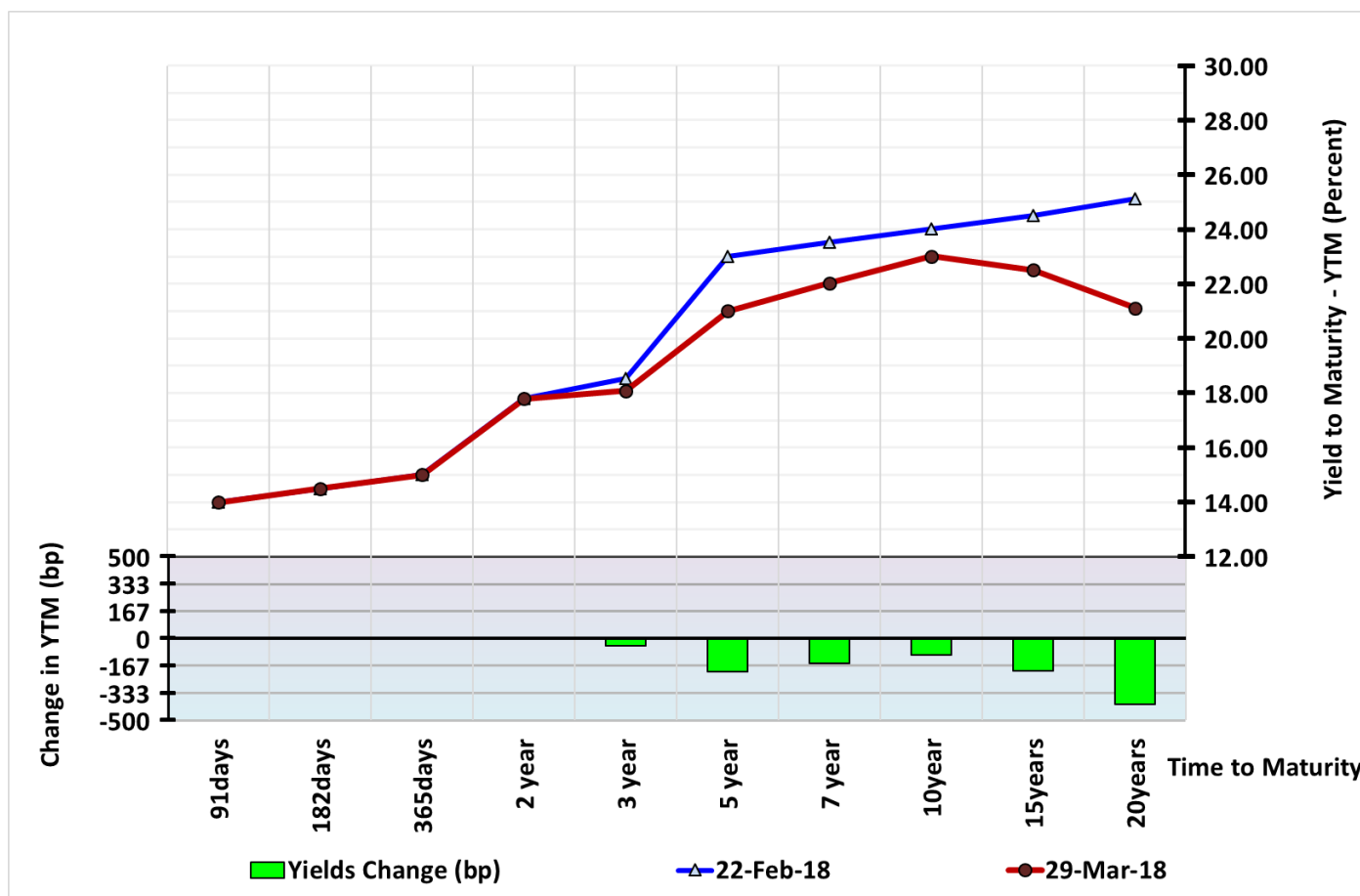
Note: Reported rates are closing weighted average TT mid-rates based on actual trades except for today's rates that are indicative and based on market consensus

**Commentary:** On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018, the Kwacha appreciated against the USD, the GBP, the EUR and the ZAR. Indicatively, the local currency is expected to trade at K725.9868 per US Dollar today, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018.



#### D. INDICATIVE YIELD CURVE FOR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES (Based on Market Consensus)

Tenor	91 day	182 day	364 day	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	10 Year	15 Year	20 Year
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	14.50%	14.70%	15.00%	16.06%	19.04%	21.12%	22.20%	22.46%	23.35%	24.41%
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	13.22%	14.20%	14.80%	16.06%	19.04%	21.12%	22.20%	22.46%	23.35%	24.41%
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	14.32%	14.79%	14.73%	17.03%	19.04%	20.56%	20.79%	21.12%	20.60%	21.07%
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017	14.44%	14.75%	16.00%	19.18%	20.06%	20.64%	21.09%	21.16%	22.58%	22.44%
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	14.93%	15.50%	16.00%	17.21%	18.61%	20.71%	21.43%	22.45%	23.91%	25.17%
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	14.00%	14.50%	15.00%	17.02%	19.24%	22.02%	22.51%	23.00%	23.64%	24.07%
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	13.91%	14.50%	15.00%	17.79%	20.00%	23.01%	23.54%	24.01%	24.51%	25.12%
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018	14.00%	14.50%	15.00%	17.79%	18.53%	23.01%	23.54%	24.01%	24.51%	25.12%
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	14.00%	14.50%	15.00%	17.79%	18.09%	21.01%	22.04%	23.01%	22.51%	21.12%
29 Mar - 22 Feb 2018 Change in Yield (Bp)	0	0	0	0	-44	-200	-150	-100	-200	-400



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