

Corporate and Investment Banking



# Access the world

Foreign Exchange



With a team of over 300 sales, trading and research employees, on-the-ground presence in 10 African countries, and an extensive deal track record in 20 more, Absa is your Pan-African foreign exchange partner.



## Access a world of...

- Market and regulatory expertise
- World-class digital capabilities
- Sleek and efficient trading processes
- Award-winning market research

Absa offers world-class foreign exchange (forex, or FX) risk management solutions for corporate, business and institutional clients through our market-leading Global Markets teams. Our extensive experience and deep local knowledge are underpinned by our global standards and robust governance. With our global connectivity and local differentiation, we operate at the core of your organisation's African strategy.

We trade on behalf of our clients across a range of forex products on over-the-counter "OTC" and exchange-traded markets – including spot, forwards, swaps, options and futures. We view your forex exposures in a dynamic manner, harnessing the power of our global experience and African expertise, together with the combined skills of our Forex Sales and Trading teams, to provide bespoke solutions tailored to your organisation.

When you partner with us, you benefit from award-winning, Pan-African foreign exchange expertise, leveraging the strength of our intellectual capital, access to African markets, and leading technology platforms.

# Expert relationships

## Absa Forex is your Pan-African forex partner, helping you thrive through global turbulence

Our team is located across our presence countries on the African continent, where Absa is a leading bank in each market. Our in-country expertise will guide you on the prevailing market conditions and will craft solutions tailored to your business's unique requirements.

Let our relationship network enable you to draw on the insights and on-the-ground expertise of foreign exchange experts located across the continent – whether you are a small business, a large corporate, or an institutional client.

Our international banking specialists are perfectly placed to guide you on all your cross-border payments and exchange control requirements.

Ours is a unique proposition: deep African forex liquidity, backed by a strong on-the-ground presence.

### Africa full operation

- 1 Botswana
- 2 Ghana
- 3 Kenya
- 4 Mauritius
- 5 Mozambique
- 6 Seychelles
- 7 South Africa
- 8 Tanzania
- 9 Uganda
- 10 Zambia

### Africa satellite offices

- 11 Namibia
- 12 Nigeria



Key Market Capabilities								
	Botswana	Ghana	Kenya	Mauritius	South Africa	Tanzania	Uganda	Zambia
Foreign Exchange	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spot	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swaps/Forwards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Options	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ <small>With restrictions</small>	✓	✓	✓

Other Markets		
	FX	Swaps/Forwards
Mozambique	✓ - With restrictions	✓ - With restrictions
Seychelles	✓	✓ - With restrictions
Swaziland	✓	✗
Namibia	✓	✓
Lesotho	✓	✗
Malawi	✓ - With restrictions	✗

# World-class digital capabilities

Technology never stands still. Absa continues to innovate on digital platforms and efficiencies for forex trading, providing greater flexibility across platforms.

Absa Forex is far more than just another execution platform. We are your Pan-African forex partner, providing mobile flexibility with integrated forex and international payments, all through our single sign-on "SSO" platforms.

## Absa Access FX

Africa's biggest and most advanced forex trading platform provides 24-hour trading on desktop, web and mobile. Use Absa Access FX to place and manage limit orders (including call orders), supported by a fully auditable trade blotter with forward exchange contract "FEC" management capabilities, including extensions and drawdowns.

## Managing your Foreign Exchange

**Absa's flagship FX trading platform is the easiest way to trade FX**

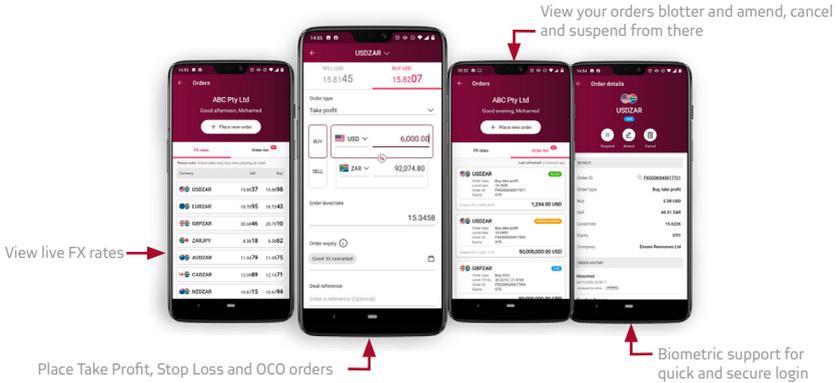


- Improved control over FX execution
- 24-hour exchange rates for anytime execution
- Instant execution in local and major currency pairs
- Instant execution of forward cover up to two years forward
- 24-hours orders functionality with real-time execution and order management capabilities
- Instant deal confirmation
- An audit trail on all transactions on the blotter with downloadable historic deal information
- Intraday chart to assist with informed decision-making
- Single login with One Time Pin or Digital Certificate or Multi-Factor Authentication with biometrics for secure access



# Absa Access FX – Mobile Orders

Putting advanced FX risk management in your pocket



## Multi-dealer platform

We offer innovative execution across a range of foreign exchange aggregator platforms, including 24-hour streaming with world-class liquidity in all major currencies. Our platform provides Orders support on global platforms like Bloomberg, 360T and FXall.

## FIX or Absa Access API

Receive Absa's liquidity into your treasury management system. Our range of application programming interface "API" connections covers rates, trading and orders, providing a complete forex solution for your business.

## Efficient settlement process

With seamless integration into your preferred forex trading method, Absa makes it easy for you to settle your outward and inward transfers, either digitally or via Standard Settlement Instructions "SSIs".

## Absa Access TRO

**Our state-of-the-art, cross-border payment solution allows you to:**

-  Pay approved beneficiaries
-  Use templates or previous beneficiary payments for faster and easier processing
-  View account balances
-  Link an existing forex deal (including drawdown) or book a new one

## Absa Access TRI

**Our new online system for redeeming incoming funds allows you to:**

-  View all incoming funds in one place, including their status
-  View swift messages
-  Bulk upload a list of unique consignment references "UCRs"
-  Enable straight-through processing "STP" for fast clearing of funds

## Award-winning market research

At Absa, we understand that your decision-making requires expert input. That's why our advice and expertise are built on our award-winning research capabilities. We provide world-class expert research analysis – based on real, on-the-ground insights – to help you with an informative and well-researched planning, budgeting and decision-making process. We also provide forecasts for the US dollar to South African rand exchange rate, as well as for the major sub-Saharan African currencies, and we forecast other major currencies as well.

## Our Forex analysis and research include:



Technical analysis



Macroeconomic insights



Sub-Saharan Africa intelligence



Forex strategy fundamentals



## Industry-leading awards



### 2022

Absa Access FX was a Round One winner in the Best Corporate/Institutional Digital Banks awards:

- Best Online Portal/User Experience Design
- Best Mobile Banking App



- First place: Fixed Interest Securities
- Top 3 in Research: Economic Analysis (Domestic)
- Top 5 in Research: Technical Analysis
- Top 3 in Research: Credit Analysis



### 2021

- Overall **Best Research House** (for the fifth consecutive year)  
**First** in the following categories:
  - Best Research Team: Africa
  - Best Research Team: Forex
  - Best Research Team: Economics
  - Best Research Team: Fixed Income
  - Best Market Making Team: FX Options

### 2020

- Overall Best Research House
- Overall Best Forex House  
**First** in the following categories:
  - Best Market Making Team: FX Options
  - Best Research Team: Economics
  - Best Research Team: Forex
  - Best Research Team: Africa

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