

TREASURY COMMENTARY -30th APRIL 2025

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LKR stable...

USD/LKR stable and traded around 298.00 - 301.00 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.87% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has increased from the previous day.

	29.04.25		28.04.25	
Opening	299.55	299.65	299.50	299.80
Closing	299.60	299.70	299.60	299.70
	29.04.25		28.04.25	
Call Money Rate (%) Repo Rate (%)	7.90	8.00	7.90	8.00
	7.96	8.05	7.96	8.05
Liquidity (LKR)	145.47 Bn		144.02 Bn	

TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 29.04.2025				
	This week	Last week	Year ago	
03 Months	07.65	07.62	9.90	
06 Months	07.97	07.98	10.08	
12 Months	08.30	08.29	10.21	

TREASURY BOND latest Auction on 28.04.2025				
Maturity date	15.06.29	15.03.31	15.03.35	
Yield (w.a) %	10.30	10.96	11.22	
Coupon rate (p.a)(%)	11.75	11.25	11.50	

BOND CURVE as at 29.04. 25



EQUITY		
	29.04.25	28.04.25
Turnover	2,069Mn	2,794Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	25.53Mn	-101.37Mn
S&P SL 20	4,671.26	4,653.39
ASPI	15,867.34	15,811.47

ECONOMIC INDI	CATORS		
	This Week 25.04.25	Week ago	Year ago
AWPLR (%)	08.39	08.44	10.41
	Feb '25	Jan'25	Year ago
AWDR (%)	07.21	07.31	10.80
INFLATION (%)	Mar'25	Feb '25	Year ago
NCPI-YoY	-1.9	-3.9	2.5
NCPI-Core	-0.6	-0.6	3.4
CCPI -YoY	-2.6	-4.2	0.9
CCPI -Core	0.7	0.7	3.1

Bench Mark Rates	0/N	1M	3M	6M	12M
USD SOFR	4.3600	4.3242	4.2759	4.1121	3.8247
EUR ESTR	2.1670	2.1680	2.0350	1.8790	1.7270
GBP SONIA	4.4590	4.2817	4.1815	4.0282	3.8251

USD at weakest monthly performance...

The U.S. dollar steady but poised for its weakest monthly performance since November 2022 as erratic U.S. trade policies under U.S.A. left the greenback vulnerable while boosting the euro, yen and Swiss franc. The dollar index (DXY), which measures the U.S. currency against six other units, was last at 99.219, not far from the three year low it touched last week. The index is down 4.76% this month, its weakest performance since November 2022.

EURO steady at \$1.1387%...

The euro steady at \$1.1387 after dropping 0.33% in the previous session. Still, the common currency has benefited from investors fleeing U.S. assets and is up 5.26% in April, set for best monthly performance since November 2022.

GBP last fetched \$1.3403...

Sterling last fetched \$1.3403, on course for 3.8% rise in April, its strongest monthly performance since November 2023.

CAD weakened against USD.

The Canadian dollar weakened against the greenback, and the yield on benchmark government debt climbed. The loonie was trading 0% lower at C\$1.3831 to the greenback, or 72.3 U.S. cents, after trading in a range of 1.3809 to 1.3871.

JPY steady at 142.32%...

The yen steady at 142.32 per dollar ahead of the Bank of Japan's policy decision, the central bank is expected to keep interest rates unchanged. The yen has risen over 5% against the dollar in April, its strongest monthly performance since last July.

AUD& NZD at a topside resistance...

The Australian and New Zealand dollars were making another attempt at topside resistance as conflicting comments over tariff policies undermined confidence in their U.S. counterpart. In other currencies, the Australian dollar was little changed at \$0.63835, set for an over 2% rise in the month. The New Zealand dollar bought \$0.59295 and was up 4.4% in the month.

GOLD prices held to their ground...

Gold prices held to their ground as investors awaited potential trade developments between the United States and its trading partners and also key U.S. inflation data for clues on the Federal Reserve's policy path.

OIL prices edged lower...

Oil prices edged lower in Asian trading as U.S. erratic tariff policies raised concerns about weakening global economic growth and fuel demand.