

TREASURY COMMENTARY -02nd May 2025

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LKR less volatile...

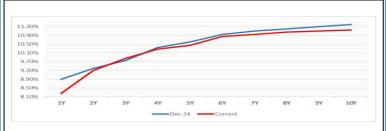
USD/LKR less volatile and traded around 298.00 – 301.00 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.87% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has increased from the previous day.

	30.04.25		29.04.25	
Opening	299.60	299.70	299.55	299.65
Closing	299.60	299.68	299.60	299.70
	30.04.25		29.04.25	
Call Money Rate (%) Repo Rate (%)	7.98	7.98	7.90	8.00
	7.95	8.05	7.96	8.05
Liquidity (LKR)	168.88 Bn		145.47 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 30.04.25



EQUITY		
	30.04.25	29.04.25
Turnover	2,377Mn	2,069Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-90.58Mn	25.53Mn
S&P SL 20	4,643.66	4,671.26
ASPI	15,799.94	15,867.34

ECONOMIC INDICATORS				
	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 (%)	Apr'25	Mar '25	Year ago	
NCPI-YoY	-	-1.9	2.7	
NCPI-Core	-	-0.6	3.0	
CCPI -YoY	-2.0	-2.6	1.5	
CCPI -Core	0.8	0.7	3.4	

Bench Mark Rates	0/N	1M	3M	6M	12M
USD SOFR	4.3300	4.3285	4.2597	4.0776	3.7462
EUR ESTR	2.1670	2.1670	2.0210	1.8730	1.7200
GBP SONIA	4.4592	4.2566	4.1665	4.0012	3.7808

USD headed for a third-straight weekly gain...

The U.S. dollar headed for a third-straight weekly gain as signs of progress in Washington's talks with some of its trading partners and better-than-expected data eased concerns over investments in the world's largest economy.

The dollar index (DXY) little changed in early Asian trading, poised for a 0.5% gain in a week of relatively light trading due to holidays.

EURO soften around 1.1290...

The EUR/USD pair softens to around 1.1290 during the early Asian session. The US Dollar edges higher against the Euro amid optimism about a de-escalation in the global trade conflict.

GBP down less than 0.1%...

The pound was at \$1.3327, down less than 0.1% on the day. It touched its highest level since February 2022 on Monday, having risen 3.2% last month, its biggest monthly gain against the dollar since November 2023.

CAD weakened against USD...

The Canadian dollar weakened against its U.S. counterpart. The loonie trading 0.4% lower at 1.3850 per U.S. dollar, or 72.20 U.S. cents, after trading in a range of 1.3785 to 1.3862.

JPY dropped to a four-week low...

Yen dropped to a four-week low against the dollar, which rose 1.7% to 145.52 yen, on track for the greenback's largest daily gain since November 2024.

AUD& NZD edged up...

The Australian and New Zealand dollars edged up as investors hoped there might be some tentative progress on U.S.-China trade talks.

The Aussie firmed 0.4% to \$0.640, recouping overnight losses.

The kiwi dollar nudged up to \$0.5920, after dropping 0.5% overnight before finding support at \$0.5890. It remains well short of the recent peak of \$0.6029 and technical risks are for a further retreat toward \$0.5820.

GOLD prices worst weekly performance..

Gold prices were poised for their worst weekly performance in more than two months as receding trade tensions tempered safe-haven demand, while the market's focus shifted to the U.S. non-farm payrolls report, due later in the day.

OIL prices pulled ahead...

Oil prices pulled ahead in early Asian hours on after China said its door is open for talks with the United States, raising hopes of a de-escalation in a bitter trade war between the world's two largest economies.