

### 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 decreased from the previous day.

	02.05.25		30.04.25	
Opening Closing	299.50	299.65	299.60	299.70
	299.52	299.57	299.60	299.68
	02.05.25		30.04.25	
Call Money Rate (%)	7.95	7.98	7.98	7.98
Repo Rate (%)	7.95	8.05	7.95	8.05
Liquidity (LKR)	163.28 Bn		168.88 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 02.05.25



### EQUITY

	02.05.25	30.04.25
Turnover	5,900Mn	2,377Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-87.12Mn	-90.58Mn
S&P SL 20	4,638.29	4,643.66
ASPI	15,851.74	15,799.94

### ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	This Week 02.05.25	Week ago	Year ago
AWPLR (%)	08.36	08.39	10.13
	Mar '25	Feb '25	Year ago
AWDR (%)	07.15	07.21	10.30

	Apr '25	Mar '25	Year ago
INFLATION (%)			
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	O/N	1M	3M	6M	12M
USD SOFR	4.3300	4.3315	4.2605	4.0828	3.7623
EUR ESTR	2.1560	2.1670	2.0160	1.8650	1.7090
GBP SONIA	4.4586	4.2457	4.1576	3.9945	3.7721

### USD struggling to hold its ground...

The dollar struggling to hold its ground even as concerns about a U.S. recession eased just a little, while investors awaited actual evidence of a thaw in Sino-U.S. trade relations, as opposed to just hints from officials.

The solid March payrolls report had offered the dollar support by lengthening the odds on a Federal Reserve rate cut in June, and making it more likely the central bank will lean hawkish at its policy meeting this week.

The dollar index (DXY) dipped 0.2% to 99.857.

### EURO edged up 0.2%...

The euro edged up 0.2% to \$1.1324, and away from last week's low at \$1.1266.

### GBP edged up against a weaker USD...

Sterling edged up against a weaker dollar, staying near a three-year high scaled earlier in the week as the U.S. currency lost ground over U.S. announced sweeping tariffs.

### CAD strengthened to near seven-month high...

The Canadian dollar strengthened to a near seven-month high against its U.S. counterpart.

The loonie was trading 0.4% higher at 1.38 per U.S. dollar, or 72.46 U.S. cents, after touching its strongest intraday level since October 17 at 1.3761. For the week, the currency was also up 0.4%.

### JPY reached the new week on a negative note...

USD/JPY reached the new week on a negative note, testing 144.00 amid thin trading. Doubts over a US-Japan trade deal help revive demand for the safe-haven Japanese Yen. Additionally, broad US Dollar weakness on tariff uncertainty drag the pair lower. The dollar also eased 0.2% to 144.63 yen, and away from it's top around 145.91.

### AUD steady at \$0.6441...

The Aussie was steady at \$0.6441 having hit a five month high as a solid U.S. jobs report boosted risk appetite globally. Further, renewed US Dollar weakness on tariff uncertainty and pre-Fed repositioning support the pair.

### GOLD prices edged higher...

Gold prices edged higher, helped by a weaker dollar, while investors awaited more clarity on trade policy between the U.S. and its trading partners, and looked forward to the Federal Reserve's policy decision due later this week.

### OIL prices fell...

Oil prices fell more than \$2 a barrel in early Asian trade as OPEC+ is set to further speed up oil output hikes, spurring concerns about more supply.