

TREASURY COMMENTARY -08th May 2025

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LKR broadly stable...

USD/LKR broadly 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 a marginal increase from the previous day.

	07.05.25		06.05.25	
Opening	299.50	299.60	299.45	299.60
Closing	299.40	299.48	299.55	299.65
	07.05.25		06.05.25	
Call Money Rate (%)	7.95	7.98	7.95	7.96
Repo Rate (%)	7.95	8.05	8.00	8.05
Liquidity (LKR)	163.47 Bn		157.29 Bn	

TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 07.05.2025 This week Last week

	i nis week	Last week	Year ago	
03 Months	07.65	07.65	9.43	
06 Months	07.98	07.97	9.76	
12 Months	08.30	08.30	9.90	

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 07.05.25



EQUITY

	07.05.25	06.05.25
Turnover	3,201Mn	1,486Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-67.34Mn	-177.30Mn
S&P SL 20	4,634.14	4,674.92
ASPI	15,841.60	15,961.59

FCONOMIC INDICATORS

	This Week 02.05.25	Week ago	Year ago
AWPLR (%)	08.36	08.39	10.13
AWFLR (707	Mar '25	Feb'25	Year ago
AWDR (%)	07.15	07.21	10.30

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	4.3200	4.3374	4.2982	4.1695	3.8932
EUR ESTR	2.1670	2.1670	2.0060	1.8640	1.7260
GBP SONIA	4.4590	4.2064	4.1445	3.9907	3.7821

USD interest rates unchanged...

The Federal Reserve has decided to keep interest rates unchanged, citing economic uncertainties related to tariffs despite US President's calls for a reduction.

The U.S. dollar index (DXY), which measures the greenback against six major peers, was stable at 99.842 after rising 0.26% on yesterday.

EURO steady...

EUR/USD steady to its middling ways, remaining entrenched near the 1.1300 after the Federal Reserve's latest rate call, albeit with a fresh batch of "wait-and-see" warnings from Fed Chairman.

GBP fell back...

GBP/USD fell back, shedding six-tenths of one percent as markets kept one foot firmly planted in the safe haven Greenback. The Federal Reserve kept rates on hold, as markets broadly expected, but Fed policymakers remaining firmly stuck in a "wait-and-see" approach hampered risk appetite during the midweek market session.

CAD fails to capitalize...

The USD/CAD pair fails to capitalize on the previous day's modest recovery move from the vicinity of the year-to-date low and meets with a fresh supply during the Asian session.

USD/JPY falling towards 143.50 ...

JPY is falling back towards 143.50 in early Asian trading, amid broadly weaker US Dollar demand despite the FED's hawkish pause.

AUD rebounds...

AUD/USD rebounds above 0.6450 as the US Dollar struggles to capitalize on hawkish Fedinspired gains aimd uncertain economic outlook. Furthermore, a generally positive risk tone due to China rate cut lends some support to the Aussie. US-China trade updates eyed.

GOLD prices increased...

Gold prices increased after the Federal Reserve warned of rising inflation and labor market risks fueling economic uncertainty, while investors awaited the U.S.-China trade talks.

OIL prices steadied...

Oil prices steadied after falling more than \$1 in the previous session as uncertainty over the outcome of trade talks between the U.S. and China, the world's two largest oil consumers, weighed on investor sentiment.