

TREASURY COMMENTARY - 16th May 2025

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LKR stable ..

USD/LKR stable and traded around 297.00 – 300.00 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.68% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has decreased from the previous day.

	15.05.25		14.05.25	
Opening	298.55	298.65	298.85	299.10
Closing	298.47	298.51	298.60	298.65
	15.05.25		14.05.25	
Call Money Rate (%)	7.70	8.00	7.95	7.98
Repo Rate (%)	7.95	8.05	7.95	8.03
Liquidity (LKR)	123.84 Bn		183.15 Bn	

TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 14.05.2025						
	This week	Last week	Year ago			
03 Months	07.65	07.65	9.43			
06 Months	07.98	07.98	9.76			
12 Months	08.30	08.30	9.90			
TREASURY BOND	D latest Auction on 09.05.2025					
Maturity date		15.10.29	01.11.33			
Yield (w.a) %		10.22	10.97			
Coupon rate (p.a)(%)		10.35	9.00			



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	15.05.25	14.05.25
Turnover	4.556Mn	3,361Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-96.80Mn	25.53Mn
S&P SL 20	4,795.63	4,734.03
ASPI	16,314.79	16,131.24

ECONOMIC INDICATORS						
			/eek V	Week ago	Year ago	
		09.05	.25			
AWPLR (%)		08.2	.41 08.36		09.92	
		Mar '	25	Feb'25	Year ago	
AWDR (%)		07.1	5	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		0.0	3	0.7	3.4	
Bench Mark Rates	O/N	1M	3M	6M	12M	

O/N	1M	3M	6M	12M
4.2900	4.3267	4.3244	4.2686	4.0900
2.1720	2.1350	2.0040	1.9170	1.8250
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USD fell in tandem...

The dollar fell in tandem with U.S. Treasury yields after downside surprises on U.S. economic data this week cemented bets of more Federal Reserve rate cuts this year. Against a basket of currencies , the USD index(DXY) fell 0.1% to 100.70, though was on track for a marginal weekly gain of 0.3% .

EURO rose against USD

The European Central Bank hopes to have all the political decisions in place by early next year to issue a digital euro and would then need two to three years to launch the currency. The Euro was up 0.1% to \$1.1197

The GBP climbed againt USD...

The pound climbed against the U.S. dollar after data showed the British economy grew faster than expected, further making the case for fewer interest rate cuts from the Bank of England. Sterling rose 0.2% to \$1.327 against a sluggish dollar.

CAD strengthened...

The Canadian dollar strengthened against its U.S. counterpart as U.S. economic data fueled speculation the Federal Reserve will resume interest rate cuts in the coming months. CAD was trading 0.1% higher at 1.3970 per U.S. dollar,

JPY up against USD.

Japan's economy shrank for the first time in a year in the March quarter and at a faster pace than expected, underscoring the fragile nature of its recovery now under threat from U.S trade policies. The dollar was down 0.26% against the yen at 145.30 .

AUD marginally high ...

The Australia dollar was last marginally higher at \$0.6406 while the New Zealand dollar ticked down 0.02% to \$0.5874 and was set to lose more than 0.5% for the week.

GOLD prices eased ..

Gold prices eased and were on track for their steepest weekly decline in six months, as a stronger dollar and waning trade war concerns dampened its appeal as a safe-haven asset.

OIL prices edged up.

Oil prices edged up following a sharp drop in the previous session, heading for a weekly gain of more than 1% as U.S.-China trade optimism outweighed the prospects of Iranian supply returning to the market