

# TREASURY COMMENTARY - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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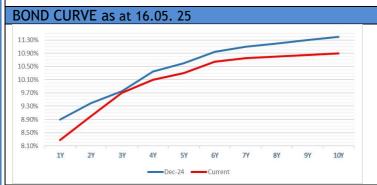


#### LKR volatile ...

USD/LKR volatile and traded around 298.00 - 301.00 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.69% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has increased from the previous day.

	16.0	5.25	15.05.25		
Opening	298.50	298.60	298.55	298.65	
Closing	299.20	299.35	298.47	298.51	
	16.05.25		15.05.25		
Call Money Rate (%)	7.70	8.00	7.70	8.00	
Repo Rate (%) Liquidity (LKR)	7.96	8.03	7.95	8.05	
	157.85 Bn		123.84 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 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			



#### EQUITY

	16.05.25	15.05.25
Turnover	3,114Mn	4,556Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-157.23Mn	-96.80Mn
S&P SL 20	4,820.67	4,795.63
ASPI	16,379.39	16,314.79

ECONOMIC INDICATORS						
			This Week		ek ago	Year ago
			16.05.25			
AWPLR (%)		08.5	08.58		08.41	09.65
		Mar '25		F	eb'25	Year ago
AWDR (%)		07.1	07.15		07.21	10.30
INFLATION (%)		Apr'	Apr'25		\ar '25	Year ago
NCPI-YoY		-	-		-1.9	2.7
NCPI-Core		-	-		-0.6	3.0
CCPI -YoY		-2.0	-2.0		-2.6	1.5
CCPI -Core		0.8	0.8		0.7	3.4
Bench Mark Rates	O/N	1M	31	۸	6M	12M
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USD SOFR	4.3100	4.3243	4.3219		4.2602	4.0678
EUR ESTR	2.1720	2.1130	1.9910		1.9020	1.8070
GBP SONIA	4.2111	4.2218	4.2	025	4.1181	3.9671

#### USD strengthened...

The USD strengthened after the latest round of economic data showed a rebound in import prices while consumer sentiment remained subdued as tariff worries jumped, putting it on pace for a fourth straight weekly advance. The USD is up about 0.7% on the week, which would mark its biggest weekly gain in about 2-1/2 months. The dollar index (DXY), which measures the greenback against a basket of currencies, rose 0.36% to 101.13.

#### EUR/USD fell amid broad USD gains...

EUR/USD fell amid broad USD gains and modest position squaring before the weekend. EUR/USD will be heading toward a test of the bottom of a narrow Bollinger Band at 1.1097 on further losses.

# The GBP rose...

The pound rose 0.05% to 1.33303.GBP was on track for its fifth straight weekly rise against the euro on Friday, while hovering near its highest levels since early April.President Donald Trump's April 2 announcement of aggressive trade duties triggered a sharp but brief selloff in U.S.

#### CAD weakened against USD...

The CAD weakened agai against the greenback on Friday, and the yield on benchmark government debt slipped.The CAD trading lower at 1.3958 to the USD, after trading in a range of 1.3936 to 1.3973.

### USD/JPY reversed earlier losses ...

USD/JPY reversed earlier losses and looks to close above a conversion line at 145.50 as downside risks fade and option skews ease. Further gains will test the bottom of the daily Ichimoku cloud at 146.45.

# AUD was bracing for a central bank policy ...

The AUD was bracing for a central bank policy meeting where a quarter-point cut has been widely expected, while the kiwi awaited a government budget that will include painful costcutting measures even as the economy struggles. The AUD inched up 0.1% to \$0.6410. The NZD was 0.2% firmer at \$0.5891.

## GOLD prices climbed ...

Gold prices climbed as a softer dollar and renewed trade tensions following U.S. Treasury Secretary 's reaffirmation of President's tariff threats safe...Spot gold was up 0.7% at \$3,223.55 \$3,228.70.

## OIL prices changed ...

The Oil prices were little changed with investors eyeing the outcome of Iran-U.S. nuclear talks and economic data due from China to assess the impact on its commodities demand following trade tensions with the United States.