

LKR volatile ...

USD/LKR volatile and traded around 299.00 - 302.00 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.70% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has slightly increased from the previous day.

	19.05.25		16.05.25	
Opening	299.20	299.50	298.50	298.60
Closing	299.90	300.30	299.20	299.35
	19.05.25		16.05.25	
Call Money Rate (%)	7.70	8.00	7.70	8.00
Repo Rate (%)	7.97	8.03	7.96	8.03
Liquidity (LKR)	157.91 Bn		157.85 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

BOND CURVE as at 19.05. 25



EQUITY

	19.05.25	16.05.25
Turnover	2,609Mn	3,114Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-77.58Mn	-157.23Mn
S&P SL 20	4,835.04	4,820.67
ASPI	16,397.68	16,379.39

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	This Week 16.05.25	Week ago	Year ago
AWPLR (%)	08.58	08.41	09.65
	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	4.3000	4.3227	4.3214	4.2635	4.0606
EUR ESTR	2.1700	2.1050	1.9840	1.8880	1.7780
GBP SONIA	4.2106	4.2218	4.2019	4.1263	3.9950

USD fell against a range of currencies...

The USD fell against a range of currencies including the euro and the yen after a surprise downgrade of the U.S. government's credit rating while trade tensions also continue to weigh on the USD.

The U.S. dollar index (DXY) has tumbled as much as 10.6% from its January highs, one of the sharpest retreats for a three-month period.

EUR/USD drifting briefly...

EUR/USD drifting briefly towards 1.1300, before settling back slightly, although the pair ended the previous day higher. However pair remains trapped in near-term consolidation zone.

The GBP rose against weaker USD...

The GBP rose against a weaker USD, after Britain agreed a major trade and defence reset with the European Union, though FX market attention stayed on U.S. developments. The GBP was up 0.91% versus the USD at 1.34015, having briefly touched its highest level since April 30.

CAD strengthened against USD...

The CAD strengthened against the USD, and the yield on benchmark government debt climbed. The CAD was trading 0.1% higher at 1.3957 to USD.

CNY slipped against the USD ...

CNY slipped against the USD, pressured by some weaker-than-expected data on economic activity, while corporates scrambled to buy cheaper dollars after a surprise downgrade of the U.S. government's credit rating.

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 NZD awaited a government budget that will include painful cost-cutting measures. The AUD inched up 0.1% to \$0.6410. The NZD was 0.2% firmer at \$0.5891.

GOLD prices eased ...

Gold prices eased, as a slightly firmer USD and optimism over a potential ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine dampened investor demand for safe-haven assets. Gold was down 0.4% at 3,215.31 an ounce.

OIL prices edged up ...

Oil prices edged up on a potential breakdown in talks between the U.S. and Iran over Tehran's nuclear program and the weakened prospects of more Iranian oil supplies entering the global market.