

LKR volatile continued ...

USD/LKR volatility continued and traded around 298.50 - 301.50 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.71% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has increased from the previous day.

	20.05.25		19.05.25	
Opening	300.00	300.50	299.20	299.50
Closing	300.75	301.20	299.90	300.30
	20.05.25		19.05.25	
Call Money Rate (%)	7.92	8.00	7.70	8.00
Repo Rate (%)	7.97	8.03	7.97	8.03
Liquidity (LKR)	174.11 Bn		157.91 Bn	

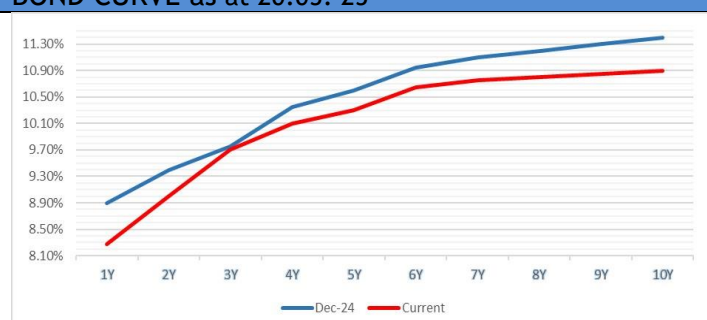
TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 14.05.2025

	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 20.05. 25



EQUITY

	20.05.25	19.05.25
Turnover	1,511Mn	2,609Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	169.91Mn	-77.58Mn
S&P SL 20	4,811.19	4,835.04
ASPI	16,336.25	16,397.68

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

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	O/N	1M	3M	6M	12M
USD SOFR	4.2900	4.3274	4.3262	4.2697	4.0773
EUR ESTR	2.1710	2.0890	1.9820	1.8920	1.7890
GBP SONIA	4.2109	4.2191	4.1951	4.1108	3.9730

USD edged lower...

The USD edged lower, extending a two-day slide against major peers, as President failed to convince Republican holdouts to back his sweeping tax bill. A Moody's downgrade of the U.S. sovereign debt rating on Friday may have only had a limited impact on markets, but it has added to the narrative of less faith in U.S. assets as safe havens. The dollar index (DXY), which measures the U.S. currency against four peers and two other rivals, edged down 0.03% to 99.938, following a 1.3% two-day decline.

EUR/USD caught a bounce...

EUR/USD caught a bounce for a second day in a row, bolstering the pair back to 1.1310. EUR/USD remain well back from recent multi-year highs

The GBP held steady...

The GBP held steady against the USD but stayed close to a near three-week high hit on Monday after Britain agreed a major trade and defence reset with the European Union. The GBP flat against the USD at \$1.33640, having earlier risen around 0.25%.

CAD strengthened against USD...

The CAD strengthened against its U.S. counterpart as investors slashed bets on a Bank of Canada interest rate cut next month after domestic data showed underlying inflation heating up. The CAD was trading 0.2% higher at 1.3925.

JPY increased against USD ...

The JPY increased 0.14% to 144.31 against USD early in Asia's day, ahead of an expected meeting with U.S. Treasury Secretary that talks on exchange rates would be based on their shared view that excessive currency volatility is undesirable.

AUD and NZD regain some ground ...

The AUD and NZD regained some ground as economic worries undermined their U.S. counterpart. The AUD edged up 0.3% against a broadly softer greenback to stand at \$0.6442. The NZD inched up to \$0.5940.

GOLD prices rose...

Gold prices rose to their highest levels in a week as the USD weakened and investors sought safety amid U.S. fiscal uncertainty, with Congress debating a sweeping tax bill. Gold was up 0.2% at \$3,293.98 an ounce.

OIL prices jumped more than 1%...

Oil prices jumped more than 1% after reports Israel is preparing a strike on Iranian nuclear facilities, raising fears that a conflict could upset supply availability in the key Middle East producing region.