

LKR volatility stabilised ...

USD/LKR volatility stabilised and traded around 298.25 - 301.00 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.79% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has decreased from the previous day.

	23.05.25		22.05.25	
Opening	299.20	299.40	299.40	299.60
Closing	299.35	299.45	299.35	299.45
	23.05.25		22.05.25	
Call Money Rate (%)	7.72	7.75	7.40	7.75
Repo Rate (%)	7.75	7.80	7.75	7.80
Liquidity (LKR)	157.78 Bn		173.67 Bn	

TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 21.05.2025

	This week	Last week	Year ago
03 Months	07.65	07.65	8.76
06 Months	07.97	07.98	9.17
12 Months	08.29	08.30	9.29

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 23.05. 25



EQUITY

	23.05.25	22.05.25
Turnover	3,743Mn	4,542Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	155.94Mn	313.38Mn
S&P SL 20	4,842.08	4,842.51
ASPI	16,494.46	16,473.37

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	This Week 23.05.25	Week ago	Year ago
AWPLR (%)	08.47	08.58	09.68
	Mar '25	Feb'25	Year ago
AWDR (%)	07.15	07.21	10.30

	Apr'25	Mar '25	Year ago
INFLATION (%)			
NCPI-YoY	-0.8	-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	4.2600	4.3285	4.3299	4.2714	4.0681
EUR ESTR	2.1670	2.0550	1.9570	1.8660	1.7630
GBP SONIA	4.2114	4.2194	4.2059	4.1484	4.0214

USD dropped across the board ...

The USD dropped across the board, as investors dumped the currency after U.S. President once again ratcheted up his trade war, recommending that the European Union be hit with 50% tariffs beginning June 1. That rekindled concern about the impact of duties on the world economy and global trade. The dollar index (DXY), which measures the greenback against a basket of currencies, fell 0.8% to 99.09, hitting a three-week trough.

EUR rose against USD...

The EUR rose 0.8% against the USD to 1.1363. Earlier in the session, it touched a two-week peak, and was on track for its biggest weekly rise in six weeks.

The GBP strengthened...

The GBP strengthened 0.9% against the USD to 1.3533 after earlier climbing to a more than three-year high. For the week, the pound was up 1%, posting its largest weekly gain in five weeks.

CAD strengthened ...

The CAD strengthened to a seven-month high against its U.S. counterpart as the USD posted broad-based declines and domestic retail sales data supported bets that the Bank of Canada would remain on the sidelines. The CAD, trading 1% higher at 1.3712 per USD.

JPY got a boost ...

The JPY, got a boost earlier from data showing Japan's core inflation accelerated at its fastest annual pace in more than two years in April, raising the odds of another interest rate hike by year-end from the Bank of Japan. The USD rebounded as much as 0.4% to 143.085 JPY, after diving 1%.

The AUD & NZD gained ...

The AUD and NZDs gained, as an overnight bounce in the U.S. currency faded, but they still face some heavy resistance levels that have kept them mostly range-bound. The AUD rose 0.4% to \$0.6437 & The NZD inched up 0.3% to \$0.5917.

GOLD prices slipped...

Gold prices slipped from a two-week high on Monday after U.S. President set a July 9 deadline for a trade deal with the European Union, rescinding his earlier threat of a 50% tariff from June 1.

OIL prices gained...

Oil prices gained in early Asian trade after U.S. President extended a deadline for trade talks with the European Union, easing concerns about U.S. tariffs on the bloc that could hurt the global economy and fuel demand.