

TREASURY COMMENTARY – 28th May 2025

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LKR volatility continued...

USD/LKR volatility continued 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 increased from the previous day.

	27.05.25		26.05.25	
Opening	299.65	299.85	299.40	299.55
Closing	299.80	299.90	299.70	299.90
	27.05.25		26.05.25	
Call Money Rate (%) Repo Rate (%)	7.72	7.75	7.70	7.74
	7.75	7.80	7.74	7.80
Liquidity (LKR)	203.24 Bn		192.21 Bn	

TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 21.05.2025 This week Last week Year ago

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03 Months	07.65	07.65	8.76	
06 Months	07.97	07.98	9.17	
12 Months	08.29	08.30	9.29	
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TREASURY BOND latest Auction on 09.05.20≥5 Maturity date 15.10.29 01.11.33 Yield (w.a) % 10.22 10.97

10.35

9.00

Year ago

BOND CURVE as at 27.05. 25

Coupon rate (p.a)(%)



EQUITY

CCPI -YoY

CCPI -Core

27	.05.25 26.0	5.25
Turnover	3,743Mn	3,760Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	203.79Mn	70.07Mn
S&P SL 20	4,909.07	4,838.94
ASPI	16,657.63	16,496.24

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	23.05.25		
AWPLR (%)	08.47	08.58	09.68
	Mar '25	Feb'25	Year ago
AWDR (%)	07.15	07.21	10.30
INFLATION (%)	Apr'25	Mar '25	Year ago
INFLATION (%) NCPI-YoY	Apr'25	Mar '25	Year ago

-2.0

8.0

This Week Week ago

Bench Mark Rates	0/N	1M	3M	6M	12M
USD SOFR	4.2600	4.3284	4.3286	4.2678	4.0505
EUR ESTR	2.1680	2.0310	1.9450	1.8470	1.7350
GBP SONIA	4.2108	4.2182	4.2027	4.1390	4.0075

USD steadied...

The U.S. dollar steadied after a strong end to the previous session due to upbeat economic data. The dollar index, which tracks the greenback against six other major trading partners, was at 99.574.

EUR flat at 1.1325...

The euro was flat at \$1.1325 after dropping 0.5% in the previous session as a bout of dollar buying hit the markets amid signs of possible trade deals and data showing U.S. consumer confidence in May was much better than expected.

GBP close to three year high...

Sterling bought \$1.3516 but stayed close to the three-year high touched on Monday, while worries about Britain's stretched finances have also weighed on investor appetite for the country's debt.

CAD weakened against USD...

The Canadian dollar weakened against its U.S. counterpart on Tuesday as the greenback notched broad-based gains and importers took advantage of recent market moves to lock in prices at better levels.

The loonie was trading 0.4% lower at 1.3790 per U.S. dollar, or 72.52 U.S. cents, extending its pullback from a seven-month intraday high that it touched on Monday at 1.3684.

JPY wobbled in volatile trading ...

The Japanese yen wobbled in volatile trading as ructions in the bond market kept the spotlight on the fiscal health of major economies.

AUD & NZD weaker...

The Australian dollar was muted at \$0.6443, a week after the country's central bank lowered interest rates by 50 basis points.

The New Zealand dollar was slightly weaker at \$0.5941, ahead of a central bank decision on Wednesday where economists polled by Reuters expect a 25 basis point interest rate cut.

GOLD prices edged...

Gold prices edged, as investors bought on the dip, although gains were capped by easing U.S.-EU trade tensions, with the market now awaiting the upcoming U.S. core Personal Consumption Expenditures report for interest rate clues.

OIL prices ticked...

Oil prices ticked up in early trading on Wednesday as the U.S. barred Chevron CVX.N from exporting crude from Venezuela under a new authorization on its assets there, raising the prospect of tighter supply.