

LKR continue to be stable ...

USD/LKR continue to be stable and trading in the range of 295.50 - 298.00 and LKR has depreciated against USD by 0.90% year to date. While Call Money Market, excess liquidity has declined from the previous day.

Opening Closing	21.03.25		20.03.25	
		296.40	296.70	296.35
	296.65	296.80	296.50	296.65
Call Money Rate (%)	21.03.25		20.03.25	
	7.60	8.00	7.95	8.00
Repo Rate (%)	7.95	8.02	7.95	8.02
Liquidity (LKR)	155.98 Bn		178.12 Bn	

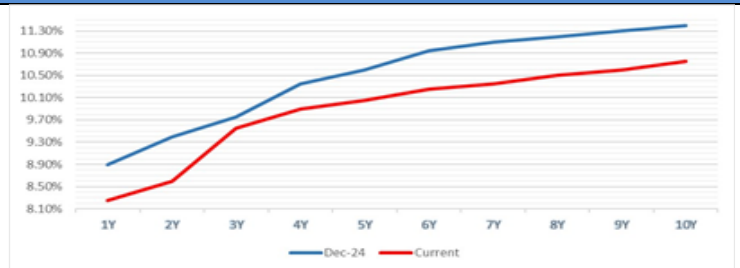
TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 19.03.2025

	This week	Last week	Year ago
03 Months	07.50	07.52	10.10
06 Months	07.84	07.86	10.21
12 Months	08.25	08.34	10.24

TREASURY BOND latest Auction on 12.03.2025

Maturity date	15.12.29	15.12.32	15.09.34
Yield (w.a) %	10.72	11.40	11.50
Coupon rate (p.a)(%)	11.00	11.50	10.25

BOND CURVE as at 21.03.25



EQUITY

	21.03.25	20.03.25
Turnover	1,662Mn	3,670 Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-140 Mn	-35 Mn
S&P SL 20	4,766.57	4,700.14
ASPI	15,879.33	15,662.93

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	This Week 21.03.25	Week ago	Year ago
AWPLR (%)	08.44	08.37	11.35
	Jan '25	Dec '24	Year ago
AWDR (%)	07.31	07.53	11.15

INFLATION (%)	Feb'25	Jan '25	Year ago
NCPI-YoY	-3.9	-4.0	5.1
NCPI-Core	-0.6	-0.2	2.7
CCPI -YoY	-4.2	-4.0	5.9
CCPI -Core	0.7	1.2	2.8

Bench Mark Rates	O/N	1M	3M	6M	12M
USD SOFR	4.2900	4.3201	4.2978	4.2046	4.0233
EUR ESTR	2.4170	2.4130	2.2990	2.1900	2.0880
GBP SONIA	4.4562	4.4645	4.3989	4.3345	4.2406

USD under pressure...

The dollar, under pressure this year, from worries over the impact to the U.S. economic growth from the Trump administration's trade policies, and found some respite this week as the Federal Reserve indicated it was in no rush to cut interest rates.

The US Dollar Index (DXY), which tracks the USD against six major currencies, pauses its three-day winning streak and is trading lower near 104.00.

EURO lower against USD...

The euro was 0.3% lower at \$1.08223, on pace to finish the week down 0.6%, its first weekly loss since February 28. The dollar edged up against the euro, on pace for its first weekly gain this month, as investors booked profits from the euro's recent advance ahead of the April 2 deadline for reciprocal U.S. tariffs.

GBP lower due to uncertainty...

GBP was 0.3% lower at \$1.293, a day after the BoE warned that investors should not assume further cuts were guaranteed, given the uncertainty hanging over the global and UK economies.

JPY edges higher...

Yen retains its negative bias through the Asian session, in the wake of the disappointing release of Japan's March Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI). Apart from this, a generally positive tone around the equity markets is seen as another factor undermining the safe-haven JPY. This, along with a modest intraday USD uptick, lifts the USD/JPY pair back closer to the 150.00 psychological mark.

AUD strengthens... & NZD declines...

The AUD strengthens against the USD after two consecutive days of losses. The AUD/USD pair rises as the AUD finds support following the release of preliminary Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) data. The NZD was off 0.1% to \$0.5725, marking the fifth straight session of declines. It fell 0.3% last week, with resistance at the 2025 high of \$0.5830 and support at \$0.5720.

GOLD edged higher...

Gold edged higher as concerns over U.S. President Donald Trump's impending reciprocal tariffs and the potential for interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve this year supported bullion's safe-haven appeal.

OIL continued to decline...

Oil price continues to decline for the second consecutive session, trading around \$68.00 per barrel during Asian hours. The drop comes as geopolitical tensions ease following discussions between Ukrainian and US officials.