

TREASURY COMMENTARY -25th MARCH 2025

THE ASIAN BANKER L SERVICES WARDS 2024

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LKR continuing in the same levels						USD reached three week high on Yen
USD/LKR continue in the same levels and trading in the						The dollar hit a three-week high on the yen and
range of 295.50 - 298.00 and LKR has depreciated against					was firm across the board after some strong U.S.	
USD by 0.93% year to date. While the excess liquidity in the					services data and cautious optimism on the tariff	
Call Money Market has increased from the previous day.					front.	
		24.0			.03.25	
Opening		296.55	296.8		296.70	The US Dollar Index (DXY), which measures the
Closing		296.70	296.8			value of the US Dollar against a basket of
		24.03.25			03.25	currencies, held its upward momentum.
Call Money F		7.95 8.			8.00	EURO lost ground against USD
Repo Rate (% Liquidity (LK				02 7.95	8.02	The dollar also hit its strongest since March 6 at
		184.06 Bn 1			155.98 Bn	\$1.0781 per euro, as a powerful rally in the
TREASURY					common currency loses steam. EUR/USD	
		This week		Last week Year ago		testing below the 1.0800 as market sentiment
03 Months 06 Months		07.50		07.52 10.10		continues to grapple with mixed economic data
		07.84		07.86	10.21	and tariff concerns.
12 Months		0	8.25	08.34	10.24	GBP reached higher
						Sterling reached higher ahead of British finance
			latest Auction on 12.03.202			minister Rachel Reeves' spring budget update
Maturity date		15.12.29		15.12.32	15.09.34	later this week and as data earlier in the day
Yield (w.a) %			0.72	11.40	11.50	showed that business activity in the UK's services
Coupon rate (p.a)(%)		1	1.00	11.50	10.25	sector picked up this month.
						CAD strengthened
BOND CURVE as at 24 .03. 25						The Canadian dollar strengthened against the
11.30%					greenback, and the yield on benchmark	
10.90% 10.50%					government debt increased.	
10.10%					JPY drifted lower against USD	
9.70% 9.30%					The Japanese Yen drifts lower against its	
8.90%					American counterpart for the fourth consecutive	
8.10%					day, pushing the USD/JPY pair to the 151.00, in	
1Y 2Y 3Y 4Y 5Y 6Y 7Y 8Y 9Y 10Y Dec-24Current					the Asian session. The dollar jumped 0.9%, pulling	
Lee're Carreix						above 150 yen, then rose a little further in the Asia
						morning to a three-week high of 150.92 yen
EQUITY 21.03.25 21.03.25						AUD & NZD marking time on market optimism
Turnover		21.03.25 21 1,902Mn			The Australian and New Zealand dollars marked	
Net Foreign Inflow			-			time, having drawn a little support from the
S&P SL 20		-12 Mn			optimism of U.S. tariff exemptions for some	
			4,759.06			countries, while the bond market kept an eye out
ASPI			15,912.61			for the Australian federal budget due later in the
ECONOMIC INDICATORS day.						
		21.03			Year ago	GOLD inched lower
AWPLR (%)		08.4	14	08.37 Dec'24	11.35	Gold inched lower on after U.S. President Donald
			Jan '25		Year ago	Trump eased concerns by stating that not all of
AWDR (%)		07.3	31	07.53	11.15	his proposed tariffs would take effect on April 2,
INFLATION (%))	Feb'	Feb'25 Jan '25		Year ago	while a Federal Reserve official signaled a
NCPI-YoY			-3.9		5.1	cautious stance on interest rate cuts this year.
NCPI-Core			-0.6		2.7	
CCPI - YoY			-4.2		5.9	OIL prices edges higher
CCPI -Core 0.7 1.2 2.8						Oil prices edges higher after U.S. issued an
Bench Mark	0/N	1M	3M	6M	12M	executive order declaring that any country buying
Rates						oil or gas from Venezuela will pay a 25% tariff on
USD SOFR EUR ESTR	4.3000	4.3216	4.29		4.0037	trades with the U.S.
GBP SONIA	<u>2.4170</u> 4.4563	2.4080 4.4652	2.29t		2.0760 4.2376	
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