

TREASURY COMMENTARY -27th MARCH 2025

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LKR is less volatile ...

USD/LKR is less volatile and trading in the range of 295.00 - 297.50 and LKR has depreciated against USD by 0.73% year to date. The Call Money Market excess liquidity has decreased from the previous day.

| | 26.03.25 | | 25.03.25 | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Opening | 296.55 | 296.80 | 296.60 | 296.90 |
| Closing | 296.35 | 296.40 | 296.55 | 296.65 |
| | 26.03.25 | | 25.03.25 | |
| Call Money Rate (%) | 7.95 | 7.95 | 7.95 | 7.95 |
| Repo Rate (%) | 7.95 | 8.02 | 7.95 | 8.02 |
| Liquidity (LKR) | 166.96 Bn | | | 169.66 Bn |

TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 26.03.2025

| | This week | Last week | Year ago |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 03 Months | 07.50 | 07.50 | 10.23 |
| 06 Months | 07.84 | 07.84 | 10.35 |
| 12 Months | 08.25 | 08.25 | 10.38 |

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 26.03.25



| EQUITY | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 26.03.25 | 25.03.25 |
| Turnover | 1,638Mn | 2,898 Mn |
| Net Foreign Inflow | 133.7 Mn | 122 Mn |
| S&P SL 20 | 4,741.90 | 4,757.81 |
| ASPI | 15,847.80 | 15,908.23 |

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 | 0/N | 1M | 3M | 6M | 12M |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| USD SOFR | 4.3300 | 4.3272 | 4.3027 | 4.2236 | 4.0649 |
| EUR ESTR | 2.4180 | 2.3930 | 2.2770 | 2.1700 | 2.0700 |
| GBP SONIA | 4.4568 | 4.4656 | 4.3785 | 4.3120 | 4.2249 |

USD index three-week high...

The yen was steady against the dollar after U.S. slapped a 25% tariff on imported cars and light trucks starting next week as the looming all-out trade war dims risk sentiment.

The dollar index, which measures the U.S. currency against six rivals, was at 104.61, close to the three-week high touched in the previous session.

EURO rebound from three-week low...

The EUR/USD pair rebounds from over a three-week low, around the 1.0735-1.0730 area touched during the early Asian trading session.

GBP depreciated against USD...

The Pound Sterling depreciates against the US Dollar on as United Kingdom inflation came in softer than expected, while investors scrutinized the Spring Budget. Mixed US economic data lent a lifeline to the Greenback, which pared losses versus the British pound. GBP/USD is trading at 1.2895, down 0.36%.

CAD slightly weaker...

The Canadian dollar was slightly weaker at 1.429 per U.S. dollar, having touched its strongest level since February 24.

JPY trimmed gains...

USD/JPY trimmed gains after nearing a session high of 150.75 as declining U.S. stock prices boosted the yen's haven appeal.

AUD slightly higher... NZD inched up...

The Australian dollar was slightly as U.S. tariff risks drove down the greenback, leading traders to look past a soft local reading on inflation and the government's pre-election budget that forecast a deficit. The Aussie was 0.1% higher at \$0.6308, recovering from an earlier wobble to as far as \$0.6279.

The kiwi dollar inched up 0.2% to \$0.5744 after finishing Tuesday largely flat.

GOLD prices gained...

Gold gained as concerns grew over U.S. plans to impose reciprocal tariffs next week, following a 25% tariff pressed on imported cars and light trucks that ratcheted up a global trade.

OIL prices nudged higher...

Oil prices nudged higher on concerns about tighter global supply after the U.S. tariff threat on Venezuelan oil buyers, while market players also grappled with the impact of U.S. latest announcement on tariffs.