

LKR continued to be stable...

USD/LKR continued to be stable and trading in the range of 295.00 - 297.50 and LKR has depreciated against USD by 0.80% year to date. The Call Money Market excess liquidity has decreased from the previous day.

	27.03.25		26.03.25	
	Opening	296.20	296.40	296.55
Closing	296.30	296.40	296.35	296.40
	27.03.25		26.03.25	
	Call Money Rate (%)	7.60	7.95	7.95
Repo Rate (%)	7.95	8.02	7.95	8.02
Liquidity (LKR)	152.83 Bn		166.96 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 27.03.25



EQUITY

	27.03.25	26.03.25
Turnover	2.140Mn	1.638Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-2.41 Mn	133.7Mn
S&P SL 20	4,759.86	4,741.90
ASPI	15,882.06	15,847.80

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	4.3300	4.3249	4.2992	4.2166	4.0588
EUR ESTR	2.4170	2.3890	2.2590	2.1570	2.0530
GBP SONIA	4.4572	4.4657	4.3734	4.3054	4.2253

USD headed for a steady weak...

The dollar headed for a steady week and expected a quarterly loss next week as concern about tariffs slowing U.S. growth has pushed down U.S. yields, stocks and the currency.

The dollar index slipped back below its 21-day moving average at 104.44 with bears eyeing a potential head and shoulders decline to the September low near 100.

EURO headed for its largest quarterly rise...

The euro, just below \$1.08, and headed for its largest quarterly rise in more than a year, gaining more than 4% since the start of 2025 on a combination of peace prospects in Ukraine, dollar weakness, and a leap in benchmark German yields.

GBP steady in Asian trading...

Sterling pound at \$1.2943, steady in the early Asian session for a gain around 3.5% for the year so far.

CAD fell against USD...

The Canadian dollar fell against its U.S. counterpart after U.S. unveiled hefty tariffs on autos, one of Canada's major exports. But a history of U.S. trade duty reversals kept the currency's losses in check. The loonie trading 0.4% lower at 1.4315 per U.S. dollar, or 69.86 U.S. cents, after moving in a range of 1.4260 to 1.4328.

JPY marginally firmer...

The yen was marginally firmer and set for a quarterly gain just under 4%, at 151.19 per dollar - mostly unruffled by a sticky Tokyo CPI reading.

AUD and NZD slipped...

The Australian and New Zealand dollars slipped, with their near-term fortunes depending on a U.S. inflation reading, that could show price pressures remain elevated amid a global trade war.

The Aussie eased 0.2% to \$0.6292, having eked out a small gain of 0.1% overnight. The kiwi dollar also fell 0.2% to \$0.5725, after rising 0.2% overnight. It was heading for a small dip of 0.1% for the week, with resistance at \$0.5760.

GOLD prices scaled a record peak...

Gold prices scaled a record peak as concerns over U.S. fresh tariff plans ignited fears of a global trade war, driving a rush towards the safe-haven allure of the precious metal.

OIL prices edged higher...

Oil prices edged higher as traders assessed a tightening of crude supplies along with new U.S. tariffs and their expected effect on the world's economy.