

LKR less volatile...

USD/LKR was 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 increased from the previous day.

	28.03.25		27.03.25	
	Opening	296.20	296.45	296.55
Closing	296.20	296.30	296.35	296.40
	28.03.25		27.03.25	
	Call Money Rate (%)	7.95	7.95	7.60
Repo Rate (%)	7.95	8.02	7.95	8.02
Liquidity (LKR)	184.26 Bn		152.83 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 28.03.25



EQUITY

	28.03.25	27.03.25
Turnover	1,656Mn	2,140Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-48.16 Mn	-2.41Mn
S&P SL 20	4,734.72	4,759.86
ASPI	15,814.82	15,882.06

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	This Week 28.03.25	Week ago	Year ago
AWPLR (%)	08.43	08.44	11.04
	Feb '25	Jan'25	Year ago
AWDR (%)	07.21	07.31	10.80

INFLATION (%)	Mar'25	Feb '25	Year ago
NCPI-YoY	-3.9	-3.9	2.5
NCPI-Core	-0.6	-0.6	3.4
CCPI -YoY	-2.6	-4.2	0.9
CCPI -Core	0.7	0.7	3.1

Bench Mark Rates	O/N	1M	3M	6M	12M
USD SOFR	4.3300	4.3194	4.2878	4.1926	4.0126
EUR ESTR	2.4170	2.3570	2.2240	2.1100	1.9910
GBP SONIA	4.4558	4.4657	4.3565	4.2798	4.1663

USD was steady...

The dollar was steady after a bruising quarter as investors braced for reciprocal tariffs from U.S. this week.

The dollar index, which measures the U.S. currency against six rivals was 0.09% lower, and at 104.09.

EURO, strongest quarterly performance...

The euro was steady at \$1.082325 after gaining 4.5% in the first quarter of the year, its strongest quarterly performance since October-December in 2022, mainly due to Germany's fiscal overhaul.

GBP held steady against USD...

Sterling held steady against the dollar as Britain hopes to negotiate a deal with the U.S. to avoid broader round of reciprocal tariffs this week, and was a tad firm at \$1.29275.

CAD weakened against USD...

The Canadian dollar weakened against its U.S. counterpart, giving back some monthly gains, as investors grew risk-averse ahead of U.S. trade tariffs, expected to be unveiled this week. The loonie was trading 0.5% lower at 1.4385 per U.S. dollar, or 69.52 U.S. cents, after touching its weakest intraday level since March 20 at 1.4395.

JPY slightly stronger...

The Japanese yen was slightly stronger at 149.66 per dollar. The yen rose nearly 5% against the dollar in the January-March period on growing bets that the Bank of Japan would hike interest rates again.

AUD, four-week low... NZD inched lower...

The Aussie eased 0.26% to \$0.6233, hovering near a four-week low of \$0.6219. The currency eked out a 1% gain in the first quarter as tariff worries crimp investor's risk appetite.

The kiwi dollar inched 0.1% lower to \$0.5712, after ending last week 0.2% lower. It is headed for a quarterly gain of 2.2%.

GOLD prices hovered near a record high...

Gold prices hovered near a record high scaled in the previous session, as investors remained anxious that U.S. reciprocal tariffs on all nations might fuel inflationary pressures and impede economic growth.

OIL prices dipped slightly...

Oil prices dipped slightly as worries about the impact of a trade war on global growth. That outweighed concerns about a hit to supply from threats by U.S., to impose secondary tariffs on Russian crude.