

TREASURY COMMENTARY -04th APRIL 2025

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LKR steady after volatile day...

USD/LKR steady after volatile day and trading in the range of 295.50 - 298.25 and LKR has depreciated against USD by 0.85% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has increased from the previous day.

	03.04.25		02.04.25	
Opening	296.05	296.20	296.05	296.20
Closing	296.80	297.00	296.02	296.10
	03.04.25		02.04.25	
Call Money Rate (%) Repo Rate (%) Liquidity (LKR)	7.95	7.95	7.60	8.00
	7.95	8.02	7.95	8.02
	183.68 Bn		174.38 Bn	

TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 02.04.2025 This week Last week Year ago 03 Months 07.59 07.50 10.07 06 Months 07.91 07.84 10.23 12 Months 10.28 08.31 08.25

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	



EQUITY		
	03.04.25	02.04.25
Turnover	3,827Mn	2,297Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	-1.90Mn	-75.30Mn
S&P SL 20	4,643.32	4,762.62
ASPI	15,657.60	16,007.44

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	4.3211	4.2847	4.1779	3.9712
EUR ESTR	2.4170	2.3450	2.2280	2.1090	1.9740
GBP SONIA	4.4549	4.4666	4.3328	4.2340	4.0875

USD steady against EUR & GBP...

The dollar steady after bouncing off six-month troughs to the euro and sterling overnight, with the focus now turning to a crucial monthly U.S. payrolls report later in the day for clues on the health of the economy and the outlook for monetary easing.

The dollar had already been on the back foot this year after initial euphoria over U.S policy agenda morphed into worries that the trade barriers could lead to stagflation or even a U.S. recession.

The dollar index(DXY), a measure of the currency against a basket of six major peers, plunged 1.9%, worst day since November 2022.

EURO inched up...

The Euro inched up 0.08% to \$1.1060, after jumping as high as \$1.1147, a level not seen since last September.

GBP steady against USD...

Sterling was steady at \$1.3103, following its push as high as \$1.3207 a day earlier, the first time it had hit that level since October 30.

CAD reached four- months high...

The Canadian dollar rose to a near four-month high against its U.S. counterpart as Canada avoided fresh tariffs on its goods in a widening trade war that has led to investors ditching the American currency.

JPY hovering near a six-month peak...

safe-haven yen hovering near a six-month peak, as traders took stock of the fallout from aggressive and far-reaching new tariff measures. USD edged down 0.15% to 145.89 yen, after alternating between smalls gains and losses in early trading. It slumped 2.2% in the prior session, and dipped as low as 145.19 yen for the first time since October

AUD & NZD steadier against USD...

The Australian and New Zealand dollars looked to end a rough week on a steadier note after fears of a tariff-driven recession hammered their U.S. counterpart, gifting a huge windfall to bonds as investors bet on more rate cuts.

GOLD held steady...

Gold prices held steady , set for a fifth consecutive weekly gain, as fears of a global trade war triggered by U.S. reciprocal tariffs increased demand for safehaven bullion.

OIL fell further...

Oil prices fell further in early Asian trade, and were on track for the worst week in months over U.S. tariffs, stoking concerns over a global trade war that could weigh on oil demand.