

LKR continued to depreciate...

USD/LKR continued to depreciate and traded around 298.00 - 301.00 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.87% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has decreased from the previous day.

	08.04.25		07.04.25	
	Opening	297.70	298.00	296.70
Closing	299.70	300.20	296.80	298.10
	08.04.25		04.04.25	
	Call Money Rate (%)	7.90	7.98	7.94
Repo Rate (%)	7.95	8.02	7.98	8.02
Liquidity (LKR)	190.88 Bn		202.98 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	08.31	08.25	10.28

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 08 .04. 25



EQUITY

	08.04.25	07.04.25
Turnover	2,898Mn	6,476Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	48.32Mn	-300.27Mn
S&P SL 20	4,458.49	4,264.84
ASPI	15,127.71	14,660.45

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	This Week 04.04.25	Week ago	Year ago
AWPLR (%)	08.53	08.43	10.56
	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	4.2918	4.2102	4.0353	3.7735
EUR ESTR	2.4140	2.2900	2.1510	1.9950	1.8170
GBP SONIA	4.4561	4.4504	4.2614	4.1247	3.9522

USD lost ground to the safe-haven currencies...

The dollar lost ground to the safe-haven yen and Swiss franc as the imminent imposition by the U.S. of 104% tariffs on China spooked world equity markets and sent the Chinese yuan to record lows. Worries about a U.S. downturn were pressuring the dollar elsewhere as markets returned to pricing in more rate cuts from the Federal Reserve.

EURO creeping back to last week's peak...

The Euro added 0.4% to \$1.0996, creeping back to last week's peak at \$1.1147. The Euro gained following reports that German political parties had agreed to form a coalition.

GBP mostly stabilising ...

The pound mostly, stabilising after several days of volatile trading from the market rout induced by U.S.'s wide-ranging import tariffs, which have raised the risk of a global recession. Sterling was up 0.1% against the dollar at \$1.2747, having slid around 1.4%.

CAD strengthened against USD...

The Canadian dollar strengthened against its U.S. counterpart as investors weighed the prospect of negotiations globally over U.S. trade. The loonie trading 0.3% higher at 1.4205 per U.S. dollar, after moving in a range of 1.4145 to 1.4248.

JPY stronger against USD...

The dollar lost 0.7% to 145.23 yen, heading back toward the recent six-month trough of 144.55. The yen was also up sharply on a range of high-yielding currencies as investors unwound carry trades.

AUD & NZD find their footing...

The Australian and New Zealand dollars were trying to find their footing after a squeeze on short positions lifted them from deep lows, while bonds were whipsawed by a vicious reversal in U.S. Treasuries. Some wild moves in markets left the Aussie up 0.4% at \$0.6015 and away from a five-year trough of \$0.5933. The kiwi dollar clambered up to \$0.5562, having also touched a five-year low at \$0.5504.

GOLD prices eased...

Gold prices eased as U.S. Treasury yields ticked higher, while anxious investors monitored the escalating trade war between the U.S. and its key trading partners amid rising fears of a global recession.

OIL dropped to their lowest...

Oil prices dropped to their lowest in more than four years in early trade on looming demand concerns fuelled by an escalating tariff war between the U.S. and China.