

TREASURY COMMENTARY -16th APRIL 2025

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LKR volatility continued ...

USD/LKR continued volatile and traded around 297.00 - 300.00 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.04% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has decreased from the previous day.

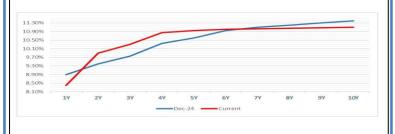
| | 11.04.25 | | 10.04.25 | |
|---------------------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Opening | 298.00 | 298.50 | 299.60 | 300.60 |
| Closing | 298.35 | 298.50 | 301.50 | 301.80 |
| | 11.04.25 | | 10.04.25 | |
| Call Money Rate (%) | 7.90 | 8.00 | 7.90 | 7.95 |
| Repo Rate (%) | 7.95 | 8.00 | 7.95 | 8.02 |
| Liquidity (LKR) | 61.71 Bn | | 135.21 Bn | |

TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 09.04.2025

| | This week Last wee | | Year ago |
|-----------|--------------------|-------|----------|
| 03 Months | 07.59 | 07.59 | 10.10 |
| 06 Months | 07.91 | 07.91 | 10.27 |
| 12 Months | 08.31 | 08.31 | 10.27 |

| TREASURY BOND latest Auction on 10.04.2025 | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|--|--|
| Maturity date | 15.12.29 | 15.09.34 | | |
| Yield (w.a) % | 10.64 | 11.21 | | |
| Coupon rate (p.a)(%) | 11.00 | 10.25 | | |

BOND CURVE as at 11 .04. 25



EQUITY

| | 11.04.25 | 10.04.25 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Turnover | 1,588Mn | 6,978Mn |
| Net Foreign Inflow | -145.4Mn | 122.3Mn |
| S&P SL 20 | 4,614.54 | 4,643.63 |
| ASPI | 15,526,20 | 15,580.83 |

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| AWPLR (%) | 08.63 | 08.53 | 10.63 |
|---------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | 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 |
| CCPL-Core | | 0.7 | |

This Week

16.04.25

Week ago

Year ago

| Bench Mark Rates | O/N | 1M | 3M | 6M | 12M |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| USD SOFR | 4.3300 | 4.3281 | 4.2798 | 4.1422 | 3.9018 |
| EUR ESTR | 2.4170 | 2.2320 | 2.1280 | 1.9910 | 1.8240 |
| GBP SONIA | 4.4582 | 4.4066 | 4.2753 | 4.1490 | 3.9675 |

USD sellers take a breather...

The USD clung to a small bounce, as investors took a breather from weeks of fairly fierce selling and markets stabilised to wait for progress on U.S. trade talks. U.S mixed signals on tariffs targeting several economies have left investors dazed, hurting confidence in U.S. assets including the dollar.

The U.S. dollar index (DXY), which poked above 100 overnight, hovered just shy of that level at 99.899 in early Asia trade.

EURO eased from three-year high...

The EUR, which reached three-year highs last week, has eased from a peak of \$1.1474 to trade at \$1.1311. It is up more than 4.5% this month and was overdue a pullback and there has also been little sign of substantive progress toward any deal to avoid heavy U.S. tariffs.

GBP risen by nearly 6%...

The GBP risen by nearly 6% against the USD so far this year, but has lost close to 4% against the EUR, which has surged by nearly 10% since the start of this year. GBP last up 0.2% against the USD at \$1.1322 and gained against the EUR.

CAD weakened against USD...

The CAD weakened against USD, posted broadbased gains and cooler-than-expected inflation data supported bets for additional interest rate cuts by the Bank of Canada this year. The CAD trading 0.7% lower at 1.3975 per USD, extending its pullback from a five-month high at 1.3827.

JPY adds to intraday gains ...

The JPY adds to intraday gains amid trade gitters. USD/JPY slides closer to mid 142.00

AUD& NZD remarkable turnaround...

The turnaround for the AUD & NZD have been remarkable, with both rallying almost 7% since hitting five-year lows a week ago. The AUD has made it back to 0.6353, up from a 0.5910 trough and around . The NZD hit its highest in more than four months at 0.5914, cracking resistance at 0.5852 and testing the next barrier at \$0.5930.

GOLD prices reached to an all-time high...

Gold prices reached to an all-time high, driven by a weaker USD, trade war tensions and concerns over global economic growth due to U.S. tariff plans which led to safe-haven inflows.

OIL prices flat ...

Oil prices were flat, as shifting U.S. trade policies fuelled uncertainty while markets assessed the potential impact of the U.S.-China trade war on economic growth and energy demand.