

LKR is stable ...

USD/LKR is stable and trading in the range of 295.25 - 297.25 and LKR has depreciated against USD by 0.85% year to date. CBSL left its Overnight Policy Rate unchanged at 8.00%, and the Call Money Market excess liquidity has decreased from the previous day.

Opening Closing	25.03.25		24.03.25	
		296.60	296.90	296.55
	296.55	296.65	296.70	296.80
Call Money Rate (%)	25.03.25		24.03.25	
	7.95	7.95	7.95	8.00
Repo Rate (%)	7.95	8.02	7.95	8.02
Liquidity (LKR)	169.66 Bn		184.06 Bn	

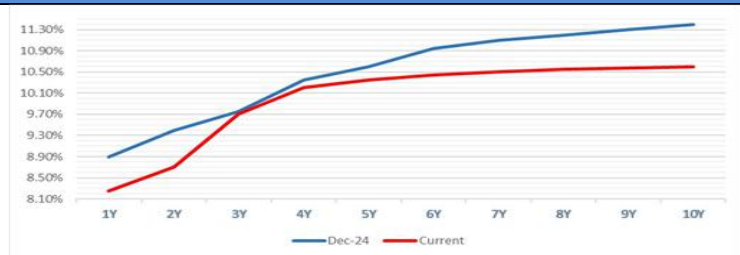
TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 19.03.2025

	This week	Last week	Year ago
03 Months	07.50	07.52	10.10
06 Months	07.84	07.86	10.21
12 Months	08.25	08.34	10.24

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 25 .03. 25



EQUITY

	25.03.25	24.03.25
Turnover	2,898Mn	1,902 Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	122 Mn	-12 Mn
S&P SL 20	4,757.81	4,759.06
ASPI	15,908.23	15,912.61

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	This Week 21.03.25	Week ago Dec'24	Year ago Jan '25
AWPLR (%)	08.44	08.37	11.35
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	4.3100	4.3216	4.3028	4.2156	4.0563
EUR ESTR	2.4180	2.3940	2.2830	2.1740	2.0650
GBP SONIA	4.4570	4.4647	4.3992	4.3423	4.2601

USD took a breather...

The dollar took a breather, with weak U.S. confidence data and concerns about the effect of sweeping tariffs on U.S. growth putting the brakes on a recent bounce.

For the quarter, the dollar index, which had rallied strongly between September and January - is headed for a roughly 4% drop.

EURO edging lower...

The euro, edging lower from a five-month high, has now steadied at \$1.0789. The Euro is struggling to find its feet as lack of notable meaningful data from EU.

GBP steady...

Sterling steady at \$1.2948 ahead of British inflation data and a budget update due later in the day. Signs the Bank of England remains cautious about further rate cuts amid sticky inflation and global tariff uncertainty have also supported the pound.

CAD continued to strengthened...

The Canadian dollar strengthened against its U.S. counterpart, but gains were kept in check by uncertainty around both a tightly contested Canadian general election and expected new U.S. trade tariffs on April 2.

JPY bouncing back...

USD/JPY is bouncing back toward 150.50 in Asian session. The pair reverses fresh tariff threats and hawkish BoJ commentary-led drop, tracking the rebound in risk sentiment and the US Dollar. All eyes stay on US tariffs.

AUD losing ground & NZD upward momentum...

AUD/USD is losing ground to near 0.6300 in the Asian session. Softer-than-expected Australian inflation data for February fans RBA rate cut expectations, weighing on the Aussie. Further, US reciprocal and copper tariffs threats add to the pair's weakness.

NZD/USD continues its upward momentum for the second consecutive day, trading around 0.5740 during Asian trading.

GOLD prices held steady...

Gold prices held steady as market participants squared positions ahead of U.S. sweeping reciprocal tariff plans, which they fear will fuel inflation and hinder economic growth.

OIL prices edging higher...

Oil prices edging higher in early Asia trade on concerns of tighter supplies after U.S. threatened tariffs against countries importing oil and gas from Venezuela and after U.S. crude inventories fell more than expected.