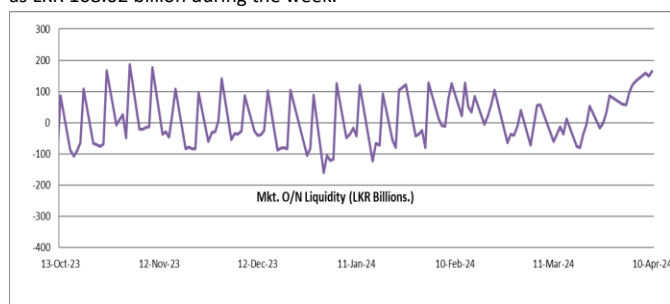


Weekly review for the week ending 10th April 2024

Money Market: Overnight Money market liquidity recorded a surplus on Friday.

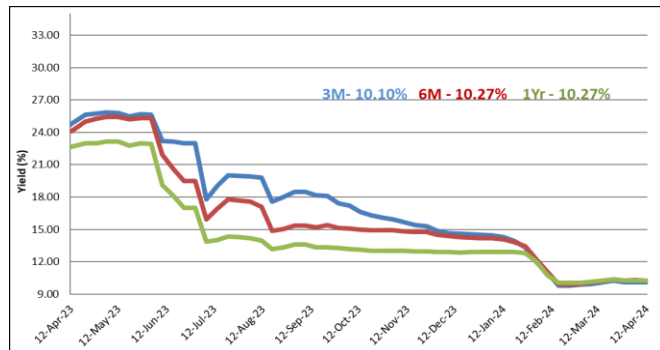
Overnight liquidity recorded a surplus of LKR 164.81 billion at the end of the week compared to the surplus of LKR 134.21 billion by the end of last week and overnight Repo was exchanged between 8.62%-9.50% in the market. The total gross volume of Repo transactions in the money market was recorded as LKR 108.02 billion during the week.



Government Securities Market Review

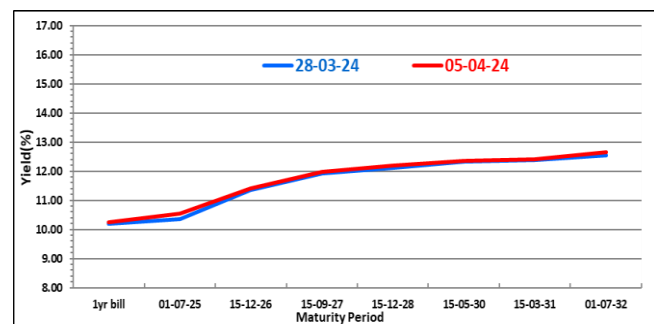
Treasury Bill Market: Treasury bill yields marginally down across maturities.

CBSL offered LKR 65 billion and accepted LKR 58.208 billion at the weekly T-Bill auction held on 09th April 2024. The weighted average rate of 91-days maturity reduced by 1 basis points to 10.10%, while 182-days and 364-days bills were accepted at weighted average rates of 10.27% (reduced by 3 basis points) and 10.27% (reduced by 1 basis points) respectively.



Treasury Bond Market: Bond market activities remain moderate.

The secondary treasury bond market activities remained moderate during the week. Most liquid maturities were 15.12.2026, 15.12.2028 & 01.07.2032. Maturities were closed for the week at 11.30%/11.35%, 12.10%/12.20% & 12.55%/12.65% respectively.

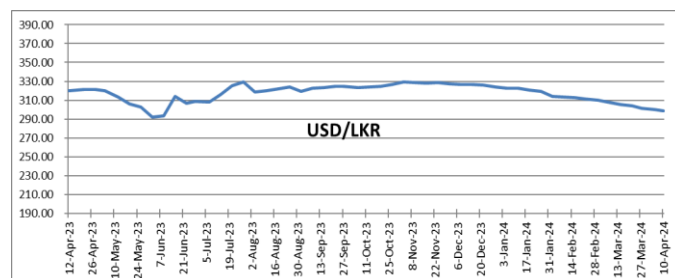


International Forex Market

The dollar index was tentative around 104.1 on Wednesday, remaining in a sideways trading range as investors cautiously awaited key US inflation data and the latest FOMC minutes due later today for clarity on expected Federal Reserve interest rate cuts this year. The dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies was at 104.11 as of writing.

Local Forex Market

In the Forex market, the indicative middle rate for USD/LKR published by CBSL was Rs. 298.67 on Thursday. The total USD/LKR traded volume from 05th April to 09th April 2024 was \$ 270.15 million.



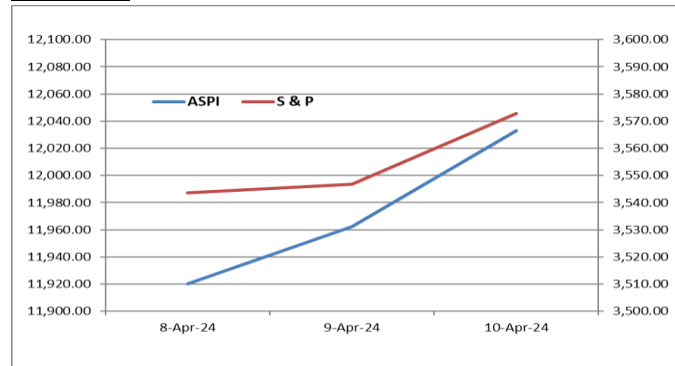
Commodity Markets

- **Oil:** Crude futures between \$85 - \$90 per barrel on Wednesday after sliding for two straight sessions, as a larger-than-expected build in US crude stockpiles and ongoing diplomatic talks between Israel and Hamas helped ease supply concerns. Crude oil WTI futures and Brent crude futures were trading at \$85.50 and \$89.74 as of writing.
- **Gold:** Gold rose past \$2,350 an ounce on Wednesday, hovering below a record high, as investors looked forward to signals on the timing and depth of potential interest rate cuts from the minutes of the Federal Reserve's policy meeting and pivotal inflation data due later in the day. Gold futures were traded at \$ 2,357.40 as of writing.

Economic updates – Local

- Sri Lanka spent nearly 200 billion rupees as social welfare in 2023.
- Cabinet approves reforms for State-owned banks to mitigate economic risks.
- Inland Revenue Dept. intervention sought to curb profiteering traders.

Stock Market:



At the end of the week the ASPI had gained 237.63 points to close at 12,033.10 while the S & P SL20 index, which tracks the largest capitalized stocks traded in the CSE, gained 91.14 points, and ended at 3,572.68. The average turnover for the week ending 10.04.2024 was around LKR 2,905.76 million.