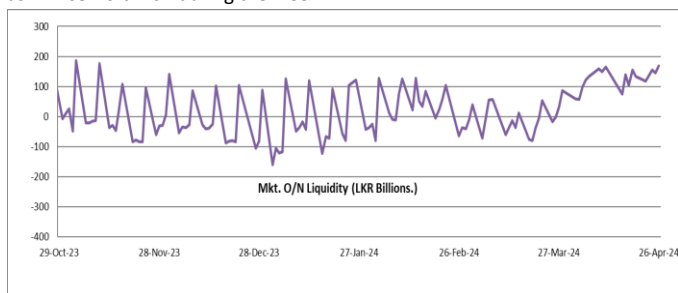


Weekly review for the week ending 26th April 2024

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

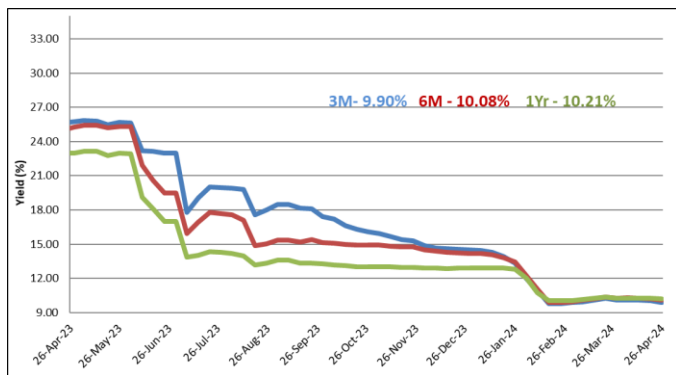
Overnight liquidity recorded a surplus of LKR 169.29 billion at the end of the week compared to the surplus of LKR 134.03 billion by the end of last week and overnight Repo was exchanged between 8.60%-9.50% in the market. The total gross volume of Repo transactions in the money market was recorded as LKR 65.76 billion during the week.



Government Securities Market Review

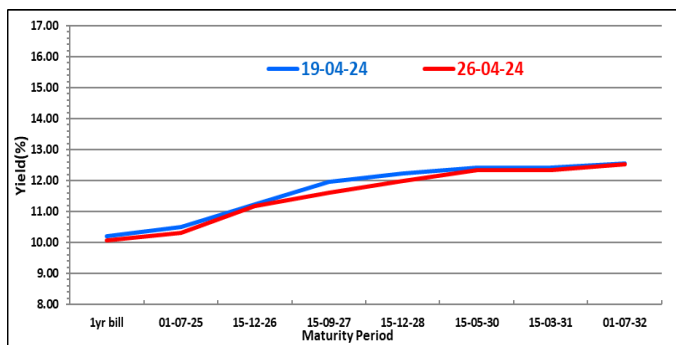
Treasury Bill Market: T-Bill Auction yields fell across maturities.

CBSL offered and accepted LKR 92 billion at the weekly T-Bill auction held on 24th April 2024. The weighted average rate of 91-days maturity reduced by 13 basis points to 9.90%, while 182-days and 364-days bills were accepted at weighted average rates of 10.08% (reduced by 14 basis points) and 10.21% (reduced by 2 basis points) respectively. Further to the T-bill auction, CBSL raised LKR 9,200 million from all the three maturities at phase2.



Treasury Bond Market: Secondary Bond market yields declined.

The secondary treasury bond market yields down due to buying interest of market counter parties. Most liquid maturities were 15.09.27, 15.06.2028 & 15.12.2028. Maturities were closed for the week at 11.55%/11.60%, 11.90%/11.95% & 11.98%/12.05% respectively.

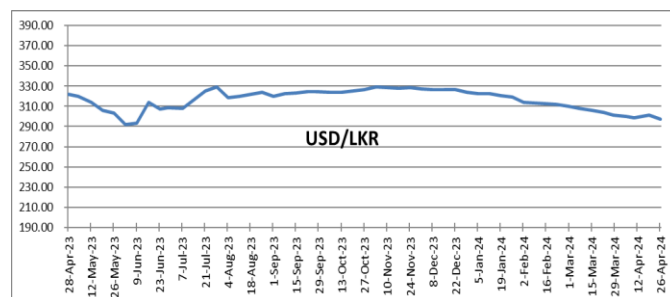


International Forex Market

The dollar index steadied around 105.6 on Friday as investors stayed on the sidelines ahead of a key US inflation reading for March that could provide more clues on the path for Federal Reserve monetary policy. The dollar index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies was at 105.90 as of writing.

Local Forex Market

In the Forex market, the indicative middle rate for USD/LKR published by CBSL was Rs. 297.16 on Friday. The total USD/LKR traded volume from 19th April to 25th April 2024 was \$ 202.53 million.



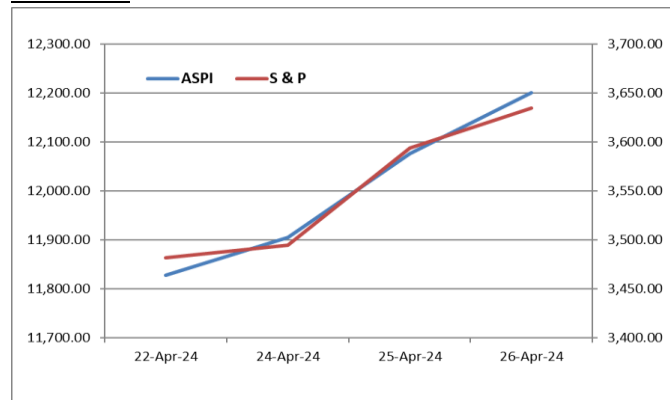
Commodity Markets

- Oil:** Crude futures between \$83 - \$89 per barrel on Friday and were set to gain about 2% this week, underpinned by an improving demand outlook and persistent supply risks related to the Middle East conflict. Crude oil WTI futures and Brent crude futures were trading at \$83.62 and \$88.92 as of writing.
- Gold:** Gold rose past \$2,350 per ounce on Friday, as investors continued assessing the Federal Reserve's monetary policy direction following mixed results from recent economic data. Gold futures were traded at \$ 2,337.40 as of writing.

Economic updates – Local

- Sri Lanka planning to cut withholding tax on interest to help retirees.
- Sri Lanka financial account turns \$1.3bn into deficit in 2023 amid heavy repayments.
- Sri Lanka exceeds tax revenue target by 6% in first quarter.

Stock Market:



At the end of the week the ASPI had gained 447.97 points to close at 12,201.01 while the S & P SL20 index, which tracks the largest capitalized stocks traded in the CSE, gained 185.30 points, and ended at 3,634.73. The average turnover for the week ending 26.04.2024 was around LKR 2,714.85 million.