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Weekly review for the week ending 28th June 2024

<u>Money Market</u>: Overnight Money market liquidity recorded a surplus on Friday.

Overnight liquidity recorded a surplus of LKR 120.39 billion at the end of the week compared to the surplus of LKR 79.05 billion by the end of last week and overnight Repo was exchanged between 8.75%-9.35% in the market. The total gross volume of Repo transactions in the money market was recorded as LKR 296 billion during the week.



Government Securities Market Review

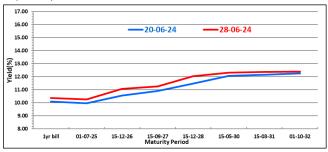
Treasury Bill Market: Treasury bill weighted averages continuously edge up.

CBSL offered LKR 160 billion and accepted LKR 115.7 billion at the weekly T-Bill auction held on 26th June 2024. The weighted average rate of 91-days maturity increased by 68 basis points to 10.07%, while 182-days and 364-days bills were accepted at weighted average rates of 10.19% (increased by 38 basis points) and 10.31% (increased by 41 basis points) respectively. Further to the T-bill auction, CBSL raised LKR 3,673 million from 6 months and 12 months maturities at phase2.



Treasury Bond Market: Secondary bond market activities remain moderate.

The secondary treasury bond market activities remained moderate during the week and yields slightly increased across the maturities. Most liquid maturities were 15.12.2026, 15.03.2028 & 15.09.2029. Maturities were closed for the week at 11.00%/11.15%, 11.80%/12.00% & 12.20/12.30% respectively.

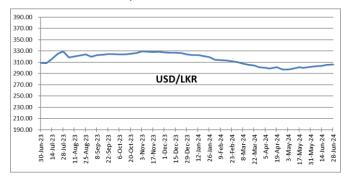


International Forex Market

The dollar index rose above 106 on Friday and was set to advance for the fourth straight week in the lead up to US PCE inflation data, while markets deemed former president Donald Trump ahead in the first US presidential debate. The dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies was at 105.98 as of writing.

Local Forex Market

In the Forex market, the indicative middle rate for USD/LKR published by CBSL was Rs. 305.71 on Friday. The total USD/LKR traded volume from 20th June to 27th June 2024 was \$ 292.11 million.



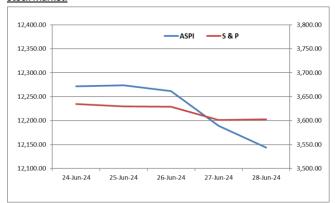
Commodity Markets

- Oil: Crude futures between \$82 \$87 per barrel on Friday and were set to advance for the third straight week as an escalating conflict in the Middle East overshadowed demand-side uncertainties. Crude oil WTI futures and Brent crude futures were trading at \$82.61 and \$86.05 as of writing.
- Gold: Gold edged lower to around \$2,320 per ounce on Friday, after rebounding over 1% in the previous session, as investors turned cautious ahead of the key US inflation data later in the day to seek cues on the Federal Reserve's policy outlook. Gold futures were traded at \$ 2,329.7 as of writing.

Economic updates – Local

- Sri Lanka reaches final agreement with Chinese EXIM Bank debt.
- Sri Lanka goods exports down 5.81% in May, services up 21.2%.
- Sri Lanka to begin second round of talks with ISB holders.

Stock Market:



At the end of the week the ASPI had lost 105.30 points to close at 12,143.76 while the S & P SL20 index, which tracks the largest capitalized stocks traded in the CSE, lost 7.40 points, and ended at 3,602.64. The average turnover for the week ending 28.06.2024 was around LKR 2,078.34 million.

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