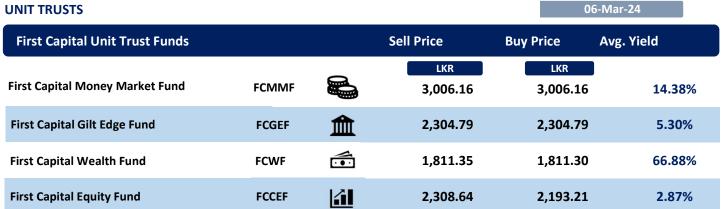


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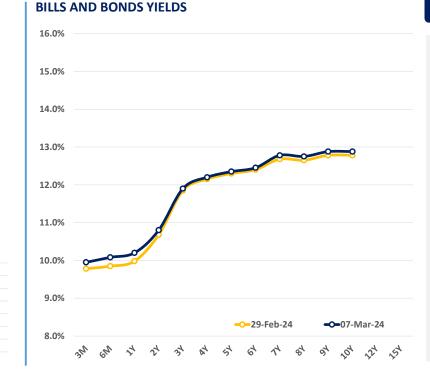
Following the outcome of the bill auction yesterday, the secondary bond market yield curve remained broadly unchanged. The overall market witnessed a dull sentiment while recording ultra-thin volumes as investors awaited for clear direction on the interest rates ahead of the upcoming T-Bond auction scheduled for 12th Mar 2024. With slight buying interest 15.03.2028 was seen trading at 12.20% during the day. Meanwhile, CBSL announced the largest value issue of T-Bonds YTD, amounting to LKR 270.0Bn through an auction to be held on 12th Mar 2024, where LKR 130.0Bn, LKR 110.0Bn and LKR 30.0Bn were issued under 15.12.26, 15.12.28 and 15.03.31 maturities, respectively. Moreover, overnight liquidity remained positive during the day, recording a surplus of LKR 56.4Bn, whilst CBSL holdings remained stagnant at LKR 2,715.6Bn. On the external side, the LKR marginally appreciated against the USD, closing at LKR 307.82 during the day whilst depreciated against most of the major currencies including GBP, EUR and AUD.







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