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## "Buying appetite continues ahead of bill auction"

The secondary market yield curve continued to display buying sentiment at the short-end during the day, echoing the trend from the last session, as investors boarded the sidelines ahead of the LKR 122.5Bn worth bill auction scheduled for 28-Feb-24. Interest was centered on liquid maturities where 01.02.26, 01.06.26, 01.08.26 and 15.01.27 traded between 10.80%-11.10%, whilst 2027 maturities including 15.09.27 and 01.05.27 hovered in the range of 12.00%-11.80%. Meanwhile, 2028 maturities including 15.12.28, 01.09.28 and 01.07.28 registered trades between 12.25%-12.15%. Moreover, Weekly Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) for the week ending 22-Feb-24 decreased by 11bps to 11.50% compared to the previous week. Further, foreign holding of government securities for the week ending 22-Feb-24 closed at LKR 99.2Bn recording a decline of LKR 4.4Bn (-4.3%WoW). Moreover, CBSL holdings reduced to LKR 2,715.6Bn after remaining unchanged at LKR 2,735.6Bn for nearly 2 weeks. On the external side, the LKR continued to appreciate against the USD, closing at LKR 311.1 for the day, compared to the previous closing of LKR 311.7.

## 25-Feb-24 **UNIT TRUSTS First Capital Unit Trust Funds** Sell Price **Buy Price** Avg. Yield LKR LKR First Capital Money Market Fund **FCMMF** 2.994.25 2.994.25 14.86% m First Capital Gilt Edge Fund 2,298.91 2,298.91 7.00% **FCGEF** 6 First Capital Wealth Fund **FCWF** 1,802.32 1,802.27 75.18% 141 N/A First Capital Equity Fund FCCEF 2.271.03 2.157.48











