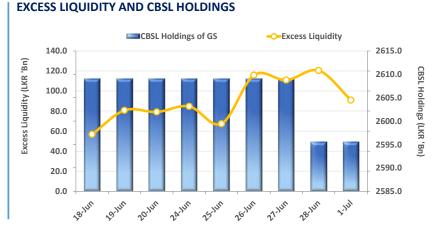


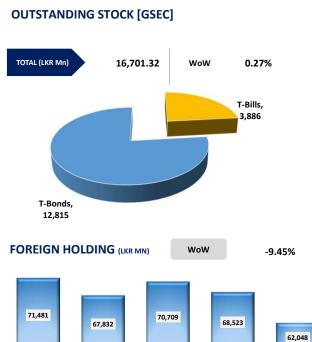
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## "Investors hold breath, awaiting clear direction"

The secondary market exhibited scant activities and lower trading volumes, as the selling pressure that dominated last week subsided, without significant buying interest to counterbalance it. Investors adopted a wait-and-see approach amidst escalating uncertainty, exacerbated by the lack of clear direction from the CBSL, following the recent upsurge in auction yields. Consequently, trading predominantly centered on the short-mid end of the yield curve, with bonds maturing on 01.06.26, 01.08.26, 15.12.26, 15.02.28, and 15.09.29 trading at 10.70%, 10.75%, 10.90%, 11.90%, and 12.15%, respectively. Moreover, the AWPR declined by 31bps to 8.78% for the week ending 28th Jun-24, whilst the AWDR fell to 8.38% in Jun-24 from 9.05% in May-24. Furthermore, the trade deficit widened to USD 2,170.4Mn over the first five months of 2024, from USD 1,925.7Mn during the corresponding period of 2023, driven by a 6.6%YoY surge in import expenditure compared to a 4.1%YoY increase in export earnings. Meanwhile, overnight liquidity stood at LKR 91.0Bn, whilst CBSL holdings remained stagnant at LKR 2,595.6Bn. On the external front, the LKR continued to depreciate against the USD for the 2nd consecutive session, closing at LKR 306.0 compared to the last week's closing rate of

## **UNIT TRUSTS** 30-Jun-24 **First Capital Unit Trust Funds Sell Price Buy Price** Avg. Yield LKR LKR First Capital Money Market Fund **FCMMF** 3,123.28 3,123.28 10.66% 血 **FCGEF** 2,369.92 2,369.92 6.39% First Capital Gilt Edge Fund <u></u> First Capital Wealth Fund **FCWF** 1,893.73 1,893.68 34.48% 1 **First Capital Equity Fund FCEF** 2,608.64 2,569.51 14.22% First Capital Money Plus Fund == **FCMPF** 1,014.85 1,014.85 7.10%





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