

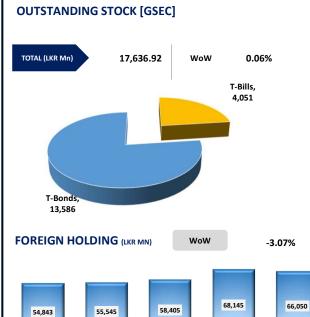
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"Profit taking emerges post auction"

The secondary market yield curve witnessed increased profit taking, as the yield curve edged upwards, slightly. Additionally, the CBSL announced the issuance of LKR 120.0Bn in T-Bills, scheduled to be held on 24th Dec-24, where LKR 30.0Bn is to be raised for the 91-day bill, LKR 40.0Bn is to be raised for the 182-day bill, and LKR 50.0bn is to be raised for the 364-day bill. Notable trades were primarily amongst the 2028, 2029, and 2031 maturities. On the belly end of the curve 15.02.28, 15.03.28, 01.05.28, 01.07.28, and 15.10.28 traded at rates of 10.15%, 10.15% 10.26%, 10.35%, and 10.40%, respectively. Similarly 15.09.29 traded at a rate of 10.75%, and 01.12.31 traded at a rate of 11.38%. Meanwhile, on the external front, the LKR depreciated against the USD, closing at LKR 291.28/USD compared to LKR 290.94/USD recorded the previous day. Conversely, the LKR appreciated against other major currencies such as the GBP, EUR, AUD, CNY, and JPY. CBSL holdings of government securities remained unchanged, closing at LKR 2,515.62Bn today. Overnight liquidity in the banking system contracted to LKR 186.66Bn from LKR 187.85Bn recorded the previous day.

UNIT TRUSTS 18-Dec-24 **First Capital Unit Trust Funds Sell Price Buy Price** Avg. Yield LKR LKR First Capital Money Market Fund **FCMMF** 3,271.11 3,271.11 9.36% First Capital Gilt Edge Fund **FCGEF** 2,469.70 2,469.70 9.18% First Capital Wealth Fund **FCWF** 2.035.79 2.035.74 26.87% 4 First Capital Equity Fund 3,028.75 FCEF 2,983.32 32.61% **First Capital Money Plus Fund FCMPF** 1,058.16 1,058.16 8.69%





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