

"Market commences the week with thin volumes ahead of auctions"

The secondary market yield curve commenced the week with limited activity and thin trading volumes. Mixed sentiment prevailed amidst some buying and selling interest ahead of the treasury bill and bond auctions where LKR 27.5Bn is to be raised in T-Bonds at the auction scheduled for 27th Feb-25. Amongst the traded maturities, notable trades were amongst the 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 maturities. On the short end of the curve, 01.05.27 traded at a rate of 9.20%. On the belly end of the curve. 15.02.28, 15.03.28, 01.05.28, and 01.07.28 traded at rates of 10.00%, 10.05%, 10.10%, and 10.22%, respectively. Similarly, the 15.09.29 maturity traded at a rate of 10.80%. 15.05.30, and 15.10.30 traded at rates of 11.00%, and 11.15%, respectively. On the external front, the LKR appreciated against the USD, closing at LKR 295.9/USD compared to LKR 296.5/USD recorded the previous day. CBSL holdings of government securities remained unchanged, closing at LKR 2,511.92Bn today. Overnight liquidity in the banking system expanded to LKR 159.65Bn from LKR 150.59Bn recorded the previous day.













