

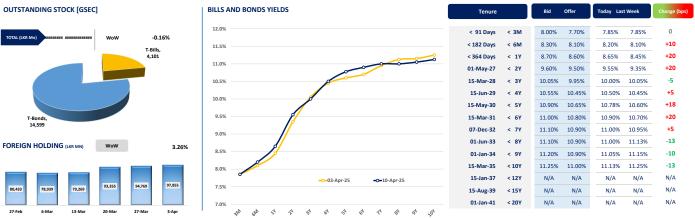
## April 10, 2025

## "US tariff pause shifts market mood, yields retreat across the board"

Today marked a decisive shift from the sustained selling sentiment that had weighed on the secondary market, a trend largely precipitated by the tariff measures recently unveiled by the United States. The market's mood turned on the back of the US's announcement of a 90day suspension of reciprocal tariffs for most countries, including Sri Lanka. Investors, buoyed by this favorable turn of events, pivoted to a buying sentiment. This wave of optimism pushed the yield curve lower across the board, with yields dropping by approximately 30bps Consequently, the 15.02.2028 and 15.03.2028 maturities traded at 10.00% while the 01.05.2028 maturity traded at 10.10%. Moreove the 01.07.2028 maturity transacted at 10.15% and the 15.10.2028 maturity traded at 10.20%. Finally, the 15.09.2029 maturity and the 15.12.2029 maturity traded at a rate of 10.60%. The upbeat sentiment in the secondary market was mirrored in the T-Bond auction held today. A total of LKR 75.0Bn was raised through the 15.12.2029 maturity, with the weighted average yield coming in at 10.64% Additionally, LKR 25.0Bn was secured through the 15.09.2034 maturity, which saw a weighted average yield of 11.21%. Notably, the auction was fully subscribed, reflecting improved investor confidence. In the forex market, the LKR weakened against the greenback, closing at LKR 301.20/USD, compared to the previous day's rate of 298.61/USD. Meanwhile, overnight liquidity in the banking system decreased to LKR 135.3Bn, down from LKR 177.7Bn in the prior session.









Auction Date			9-Apr-25	
Settlement Date			11-Apr-25	
91 days	7.59%	<b>◆</b> ▶	0	bps
184 days	7.91%	<b>◆</b> ▶	0	bps
364 days	8.31%	<b>◆</b> ▶	0	bps



