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"Festive fizz fades, market stays quiet"

The secondary market remained subdued in the aftermath of the holiday season, with limited activities observed across the yield curve. As a result, the yield curve remained largely unchanged. Amongst the traded maturities, 01.07.2028 changed hands at yields ranging from 10.14% to 10.11%. Notably, CBSL released the PMI manufacturing and services index results for Mar-25, indicating a strong increase in both manufacturing and services activities. The PMI-manufacturing rose to 63.9 in March, up from 56.8 in February, marking the highest reading in four years. Meanwhile, the PMI-services climbed to 69.8, compared to 56.5 in the previous month, reflecting a robust uptick in service sector activity. In the forex market, the LKR appears to have weakened against the greenback, closing at LKR 299.1/USD, compared to the previous day's rate of 298.6/USD. Meanwhile, overnight liquidity in the banking system registered an uptick, standing at LKR 81.5Bn, from LKR 57.3Bn in the prior session.













