

## "Cooling tensions stir cautious market interest"

Measured buying interest resurfaced in the secondary market today, albeit less intense than yesterday, as investors continued to respond to signs of easing geopolitical tensions Given this backdrop, the 1-year maturities traded between 7.96% to 8.02%. In terms of 2028 maturities, 15.03.2028. 01.05.2028, 01.07.2028 and 15.10.2028 traded within the 8.82% to 8.95% range. Moving ahead on the yield curve, 15.06.2029, 15.09.2029 and 15.12.2029 were seen changing hands between 9.45% to 9.70%. Today, the Central Bank held its weekly T-Bill auction, raising LKR 60.5Bn, marginally lower than the initial offer of LKR 65.0Bn. The 3M bill raised LKR 7.9Bn, falling behind its initial offer of LKR 25.0Bn, with the yield steady at 7.55%. The 6M bill raised LKR 38.1Bn, with its yield rising slightly by 2bps to 7.75%. The 12M bill raised LKR 14.5Bn, narrowly missing the initial offer, while its yield remained unchanged at 7.94%. In the forex market, the LKR appreciated against the greenback, closing at LKR 300.5/USD, compared to the previously seen rate of 301.1/USD. Meanwhile, overnight liquidity in the banking system expanded to LKR 116.6Bn from the previously seen low of LKR 110.7Bn.













