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"Week opens on a sluggish footing"

The secondary market opened the week on an unusually sluggish note, with activity remaining extremely limited and the yield curve essentially unchanged. Against this static backdrop, the market failed to register any noteworthy transactions. Following 11 months of consistent deflation, headline inflation turned positive in August, with CCPI rising 1.2% YoY. Both food and non-food categories contributed to the upturn. Despite a monthly decline in prices, inflation is expected to gradually firm toward the 5% target, particularly owing to the base effect that is set to take hold from Sep-25. In the forex market, the LKR appreciated marginally against the greenback, closing at LKR 302.3/USD compared to LKR 302.4/USD seen previously. Meanwhile, overnight liquidity in the banking system contracted to LKR 126.4Bn from the previously seen level of LKR 146.5Bn.













