

Foreign sales account for 61% of turnover

The ASPI closed in red mainly due to price losses in Dialog Axiata, Melstacorp, Carson Cumberbatch with turnover crossing Rs 806 Mn. Meanwhile, the S&P SL20 edged up. Crossings were traded in John Keells Holdings, Nestle Lanka, Hatton National Bank and Commercial Bank, accounting for 43.7% of turnover. Retail interest was noted in East West Properties. Furthermore, foreigners remained active closing as net sellers mainly due to foreign selling in Hatton National Bank. Total foreign sales accounted for 61.1% of turnover.

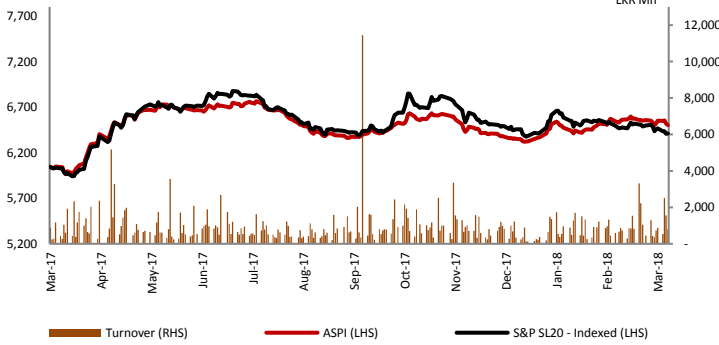
Diversified sector was the top contributor to the market turnover (due to John Keells Holdings and Hemas Holdings) whilst the sector index lost 0.85%. The share price of John Keells Holdings increased by Rs 0.50 (0.31%) to close at Rs 163.00. The share price of Hemas Holdings recorded a gain of Rs 0.20 (0.16%) to close at Rs 124.00.

Banks, Finance and Insurance sector was the second highest contributor to the market turnover (due to Hatton National Bank) whilst the sector index increased by 0.16%. The share price of Hatton National Bank moved up by Rs 0.30 (0.12%) closing at Rs 242.30 whilst foreign holdings decreased by 408,594 shares.

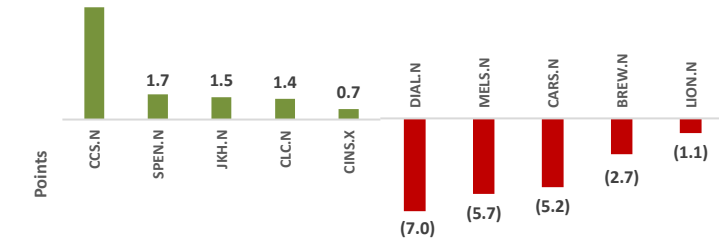
Nestle Lanka and Dialog Axiata were also included amongst the top turnover contributors. The share price of Nestle Lanka closed flat at Rs 1,730.00. The share price of Dialog Axiata declined by Rs 0.40 (2.88%) to close at Rs 13.50.

Furthermore, Sigiriya Village Hotels and Diesel & Motor Engineering announced their interim dividends Rs 4.00 and Rs 20.00 per share respectively whilst Sanasa Development Bank announced its final dividend of Rs 2.50 per share.

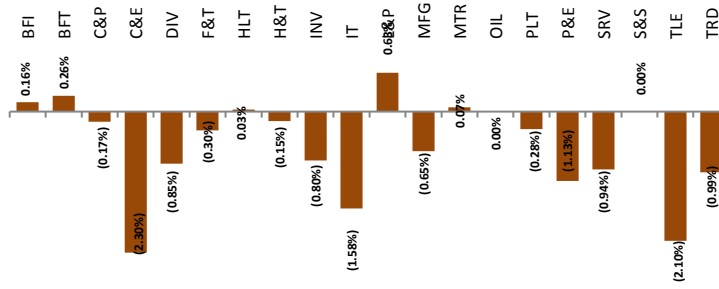
CSE Equity Market Performance – One year



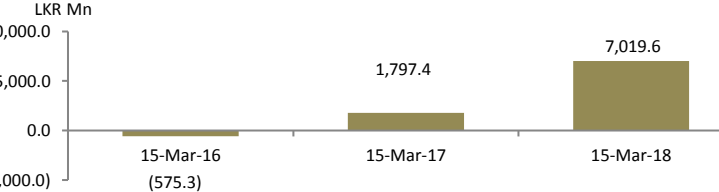
Positive and Negative Contributors to ASPI



CSE All Share Sector Daily Returns



Net Foreign Inflow YTD



Equity Market Performance

	Today	Previous Day	Change (%)
ASPI	6,500.99	6,519.48	(0.28)
S&P SL20	3,666.35	3,665.52	0.02
Volume (Shares)	14,734,398	64,291,946	(77.08)
Turnover (Rs)	806,182,527	1,566,551,377	(48.54)
Foreign Purchases (Rs)	435,793,974	482,059,785	(9.60)
Foreign Sales (Rs)	492,452,408	665,363,519	(25.99)
PER	11.01	11.04	(0.27)
PBV	1.35	1.35	0.00

Top Turnover Contributors	Volume	Turnover	%
John Keells Holdings	1,441,303	233,830,778	29.00
Nestle Lanka	95,382	165,010,860	20.47
Hatton National Bank	413,789	99,326,694	12.32
Hemas Holdings	308,458	38,248,972	4.74
Dialog Axiata	2,658,693	35,941,259	4.46

Company	No. of Crossings	Volume	Price
John Keells Holdings	2	982,912	162.00
Nestle Lanka	2	50,000	1,730.00
Hatton National Bank	1	350,000	240.00
Commercial Bank	1	167,950	135.30

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Fixed Income Market Performance

Treasury Bond Rates (Secondary Market)		15/03/18
Maturity	Ask (Closing)	Bid (Closing)
01-04-2018	8.10	8.30
15-01-2019	9.45	9.70
01-08-2020	9.60	9.80
15-12-2021	9.95	10.05
01-09-2023	10.15	10.30
01-08-2024	10.20	10.40
01-08-2025	10.25	10.45
Excess Liquidity	Rs 35.847 Bn	
Exchange Rate (Spot Next)	Rs 156-156.10 per USD	

Source: MVS Money Brokers

Treasury Bill Rates (Primary Auction)		14/03/2018	07/03/2018	15/03/2017
Maturity				
91 days	8.3	rejected	rejected	rejected
182 days	rejected	rejected	rejected	rejected
364 days	9.70	9.66	rejected	rejected

Source: CBSL

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