

Foreign purchases account for 70% of turnover

The ASPI edged up as a result of price gains in counters such as John Keells Holdings, Carson Cumberbatch and Trans Asia Hotels with turnover crossing Rs 824 Mn. Meanwhile, S&P SL20 closed in green. High net worth and institutional investor participation was witnessed in Hemas Holdings, Lion Brewery and John Keells Holdings. Mixed interest was observed in East West Properties and Dialog Axiata whilst retail interest was noted in Janashakthi Insurance and Softlogic Holdings. Furthermore, foreigners remained active closing as net buyers mainly due to foreign purchasing in John Keells Holdings. Total foreign purchases accounted for 70.1% of turnover.

During the week, the ASPI and the S&P SL20 lost 0.64% and 0.50% respectively whilst recording an average daily turnover of Rs 1.2 Bn.

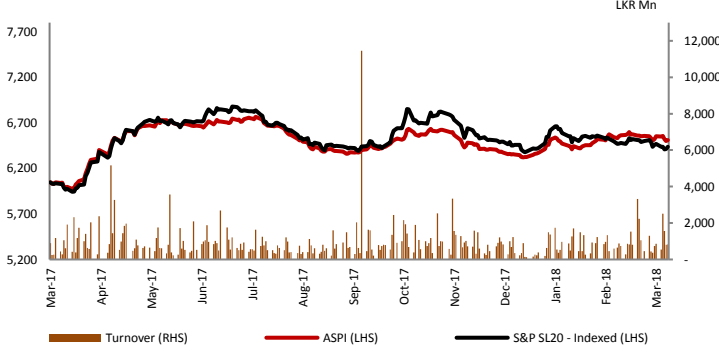
Diversified sector was the top contributor to the market turnover (due to Hemas Holdings and John Keells Holdings) whilst the sector index gained 0.51%. The share price of Hemas Holdings gained Rs 2.00 (1.61%) to close at Rs 126.00. The share price of John Keells Holdings moved up by Rs 1.50 (0.92%) closing at Rs 164.50 whilst foreign holdings increased by 783,744 shares.

Beverage, Food and Tobacco sector was the second highest contributor to the market turnover (due to Lion Brewery) whilst the sector index edged down by 0.01%. The share price of Lion Brewery decreased by Rs 9.50 (1.74%) to close at Rs 535.00.

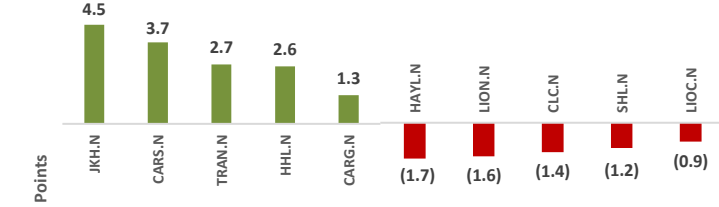
East West Properties and Dialog Axiata were also included amongst the top turnover contributors. The share price of East West Properties recorded a loss of Rs 2.70 (12.11%) to close at Rs 19.60. The share price of Dialog Axiata closed flat at Rs 13.50.

Furthermore, Tokyo Cement announced an interim dividend of Rs 1.25 per share.

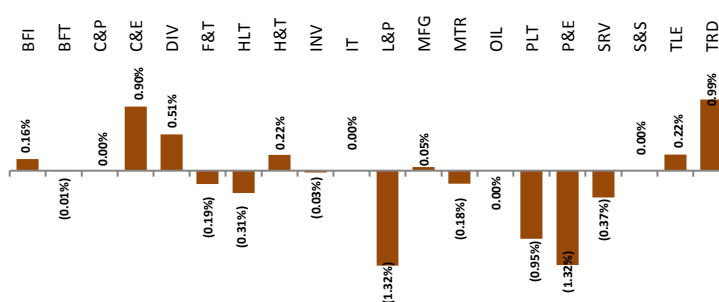
CSE Equity Market Performance – One year



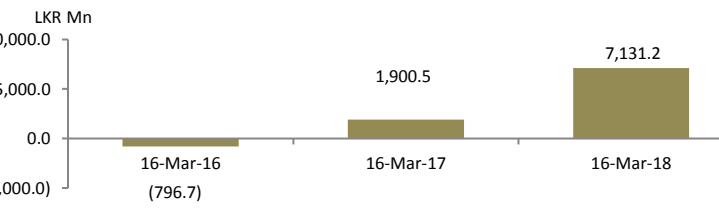
Positive and Negative Contributors to ASPI



CSE All Share Sector Daily Returns



Net Foreign Inflow YTD



Equity Market Performance

	Today	Previous Day	Change (%)
ASPI	6,509.46	6,500.99	0.13
S&P SL20	3,679.93	3,666.35	0.37
Volume (Shares)	24,591,573	14,734,398	66.90
Turnover (Rs)	824,607,257	806,182,527	2.29
Foreign Purchases (Rs)	578,176,307	435,793,974	32.67
Foreign Sales (Rs)	466,537,331	492,452,408	(5.26)
PER	11.03	11.01	0.18
PBV	1.35	1.35	0.00

Top Turnover Contributors	Volume	Turnover	%
Lion Brewery	382,275	204,976,265	24.86
Hemas Holdings	1,399,866	176,357,755	21.39
John Keells Holdings	795,236	130,813,716	15.86
East West Properties	2,284,750	46,583,085	5.65
Dialog Axiata	2,306,619	30,741,967	3.73

Company	No. of Crossings	Volume	Price
Hemas Holdings	1	1,049,295	126.00
Lion Brewery	1	148,600	535.00

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Fixed Income Market Performance

Treasury Bond Rates (Secondary Market)			16/03/18
Maturity	Ask (Closing)	Bid (Closing)	
01-04-2018	8.00	8.20	
15-01-2019	9.35	9.60	
01-08-2020	9.50	9.70	
15-12-2021	9.85	9.95	
01-09-2023	10.05	10.20	
01-08-2024	10.10	10.30	
01-08-2025	10.15	10.35	
Excess Liquidity	Rs 25.612 Bn		

Source: MVS Money Brokers

Treasury Bill Rates (Primary Auction)			14/03/18
Maturity	14/03/2018	07/03/2018	15/03/2017
91 days	8.3	rejected	rejected
182 days	rejected	rejected	rejected
364 days	9.70	9.66	rejected

Source: CBSL

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