

## Foreign purchases account for 64% of turnover

Indices closed in red as a result of price losses in counters such as John Keells Holdings, Ceylon Cold Stores and Commercial Bank with turnover crossing Rs 632 Mn. Crossings were traded in Serendib Engineering Group, Commercial Bank and John Keells Holdings accounting for 56.7% of turnover. Mixed interest was observed in Tokyo Cement Company whilst retail interest was noted in Softlogic Holdings. Furthermore, foreigners remained active closing as net buyers mainly due to foreign purchasing in Serendib Engineering Group. Total foreign purchases accounted for 64.2% of turnover.

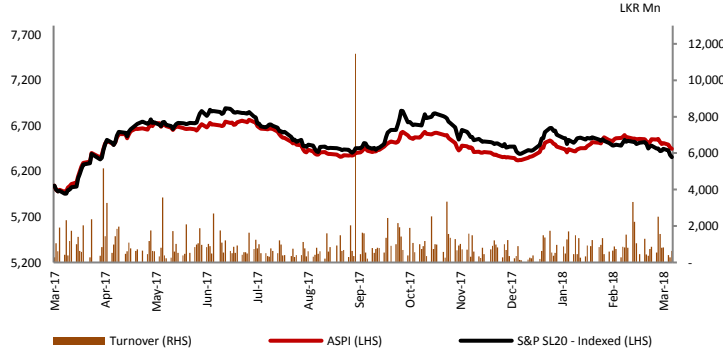
Banks, Finance and Insurance sector was the top contributor to the market turnover (due to Commercial Bank and Sampath Bank) whilst the sector index lost 0.33%. The share price of Commercial Bank lost Rs 0.60 (0.44%) to close at Rs 134.50. The share price of Sampath Bank declined by Rs 1.20 (0.40%) to close at Rs 295.80.

Land and Property sector was the second highest contributor to the market turnover (due to Serendib Engineering Group) whilst the sector index decreased by 0.84%. The share price of Serendib Engineering Group increased by Rs 0.10 (1.28%) closing at Rs 7.90 whilst foreign holdings increased by 24,288,000 shares.

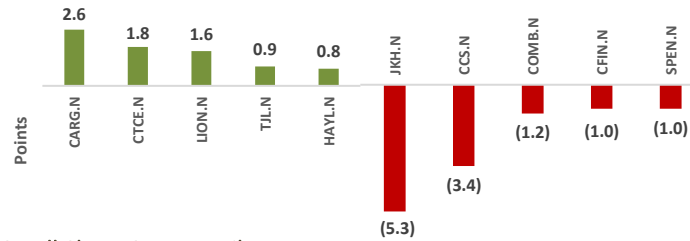
Tokyo Cement Company and John Keells Holdings were also included amongst the top turnover contributors. The share price of Tokyo Cement Company moved down by Rs 1.50 (2.80%) to close at Rs 52.00. The share price of John Keells Holdings recorded a loss of Rs 1.80 (1.12%) to close at Rs 158.50.

Furthermore, First Capital Holdings announced its interim dividend of Rs 2.00 per share.

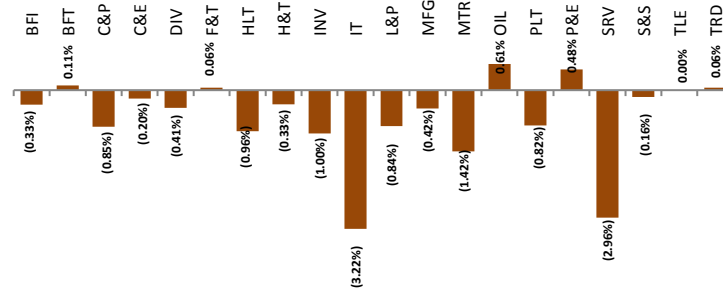
## CSE Equity Market Performance – One year



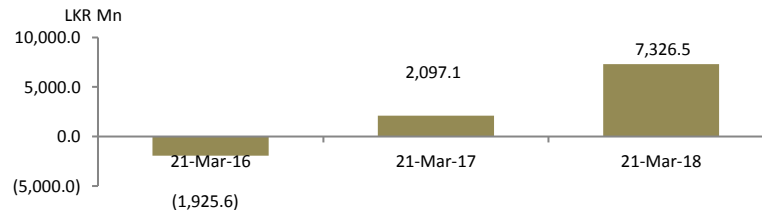
## Positive and Negative Contributors to ASPI



## CSE All Share Sector Daily Returns



## Net Foreign Inflow YTD



## Equity Market Performance

	Today	Previous Day	Change (%)
ASPI	6,445.97	6,462.50	(0.26)
S&P SL20	3,626.56	3,641.46	(0.41)
Volume (Shares)	38,983,041	9,240,895	321.85
Turnover (Rs)	632,246,086	286,702,652	120.52
Foreign Purchases (Rs)	405,862,585	96,046,461	322.57
Foreign Sales (Rs)	240,921,766	123,807,094	94.59
PER	10.92	10.95	(0.27)
PBV	1.34	1.34	0.00

Top Turnover Contributors	Volume	Turnover	%
Serendib Engineering Group	24,600,066	199,529,948	31.56
Commercial Bank	992,477	134,885,197	21.33
Tokyo Cement Company	1,275,139	66,489,836	10.52
John Keells Holdings	289,130	45,574,581	7.21
Sampath Bank	147,121	43,654,881	6.90

Company	No. of Crossings	Volume	Price
Serendib Engineering Group	1	21,575,000	8.10
Commercial Bank	1	914,883	136.00
John Keells Holdings	1	233,969	157.50
Serendib Engineering Group	1	2,713,000	8.20

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

## Fixed Income Market Performance

Treasury Bond Rates (Secondary Market)		19/03/18
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 22.124 Bn	
Exchange Rate (Spot Next)	Rs 156.05-156.15 per USD	

Source: MVS Money Brokers

Treasury Bill Rates (Primary Auction)		21/03/18	
Maturity	21/03/2018	14/03/2018	22/03/2017
91 days	8.17	8.32	9.57
182 days	rejected	rejected	10.46
364 days	9.66	9.70	10.82

Source: CBSL

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