

The week closes on a positive note

The ASPI closed in green as a result of price gains in counters such as John Keells Holdings, Union Assurance and Vallibel One with the turnover crossing Rs 433 Mn. A similar behaviour was witnessed in the S&P SL20. High net worth and institutional investor participation was witnessed in John Keells Holdings and Hatton National Bank nonvoting. Mixed interest was observed in Nations Trust Bank and Sampath Bank. Furthermore, foreigners remained active closing as net sellers mainly due to foreign selling in John Keells Holdings. Total foreign sales accounted for 55.3% of turnover.

During the week, the ASPI and the S&P SL20 gained 0.20% and 0.18% respectively whilst recording an average daily turnover of Rs 525 Mn.

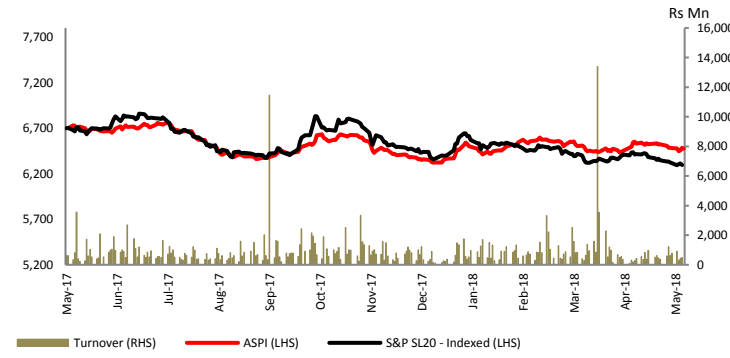
Diversified sector was the top contributor to the market turnover (due to John Keells Holdings) whilst the sector index gained 1.00%. The share price of John Keells Holdings increased by Rs 4.20 (2.66%) closing at Rs 161.90 whilst foreign holdings decreased by 636,991 shares.

Banks, Finance and Insurance sector was the second highest contributor to the market turnover (due to Sampath Bank, Hatton National Bank nonvoting and Nations Trust Bank) whilst the sector index increased by 0.32%. The share price of Sampath Bank gained Rs 2.10 (0.70%) to close at Rs 301.00. The share price of Hatton National Bank nonvoting moved up by Rs 0.60 (0.32%) to close at Rs 188.10. The share price of Nations Trust Bank appreciated by Rs 1.50 (1.71%) to close at Rs 89.00.

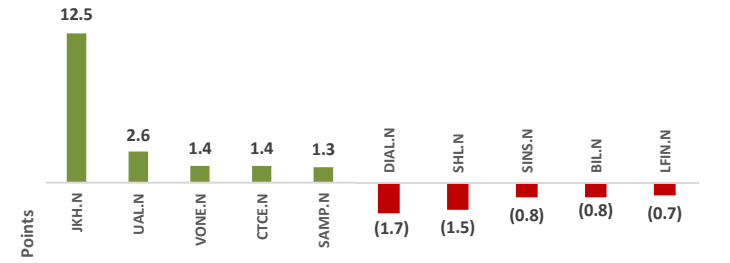
Renuka Agri Foods was also included amongst the top turnover contributors. The share price of Renuka Agri Foods closed flat at Rs 2.30.

Furthermore, The Fortress Resorts announced its first and final dividend of Rs 1.00 per share whilst Ceylon Hospitals announced an interim dividend of Rs 2.74 per share for the FY17/18 and Rs 0.86 per share for the FY18/19.

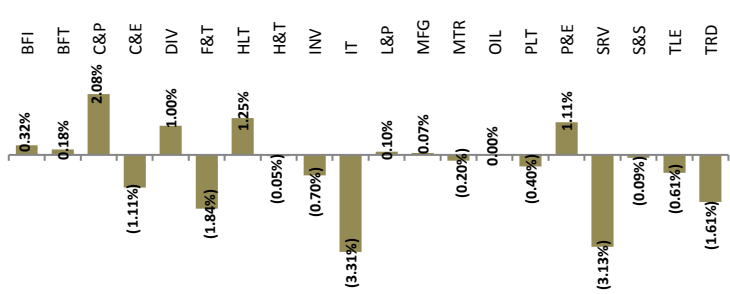
CSE Equity Market Performance – One year



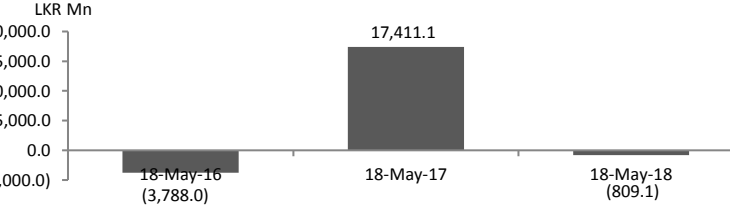
Positive and Negative Contributors to ASPI



CSE All Share Sector Daily Returns



Net Foreign Inflow YTD



Equity Market Performance

	Today	Previous Day	Change (%)
ASPI	6,492.06	6,473.18	0.29
S&P SL20	3,628.74	3,609.88	0.52
Volume (Shares)	16,024,082	21,845,539	(26.65)
Turnover (Rs)	433,303,009	484,626,220	(10.59)
Foreign Purchases (Rs)	188,248,239	206,211,715	(8.71)
Foreign Sales (Rs)	239,692,400	283,987,663	(15.60)
PER	10.89	10.86	0.28
PBV	1.31	1.31	0.00

Top Turnover Contributors	Volume	Turnover	%
John Keells Holdings	1,413,277	223,351,539	51.55
Sampath Bank	153,141	45,951,988	10.61
Hatton National Bank nonvoting	163,323	30,705,096	7.09
Renuka Agri Foods	7,030,000	16,170,000	3.73
Nations Trust Bank	102,918	9,143,753	2.11

Company	No. of Crossings	Volume	Price
John Keells Holdings	1	341,900	158.00

Profit Attributable to Equity Holders for the Quarter Ended March (Rs Mn)			
	2018	2017	%
Ceylon Tea Brokers	30.01	25.62	17.12
Colombo City Holdings	29.62	(51.88)	157.09
Prime Finance	74.12	(5.38)	1,477.64
Senkadagala Finance	280.00	299.08	(6.38)
Softlogic Life Insurance	638.69	486.03	31.41

Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

Fixed Income Market Performance

Treasury Bond Rates (Secondary Market)			18/05/18
Maturity	Ask (Closing)	Bid (Closing)	
15-01-2019	9.10	9.35	
01-08-2020	9.90	10.15	
15-12-2021	10.10	10.30	
01-10-2022	10.25	10.45	
01-09-2023	10.35	10.55	
01-08-2024	10.40	10.60	
01-08-2025	10.45	10.65	
Excess Liquidity	Rs -3.95 Bn		
Exchange Rate (Spot Next)	Rs 157.75-157.95 per USD		

Source: MVS Money Brokers

Treasury Bill Rates (Primary Auction)			
Maturity	16/05/18	09/05/18	17/05/17
91 days	8.33	8.11	9.62
182 days	8.90	rejected	10.42
364 days	9.70	9.65	10.73

Source: CBSL

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