

DAILY STOCK MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, 06 May 2019



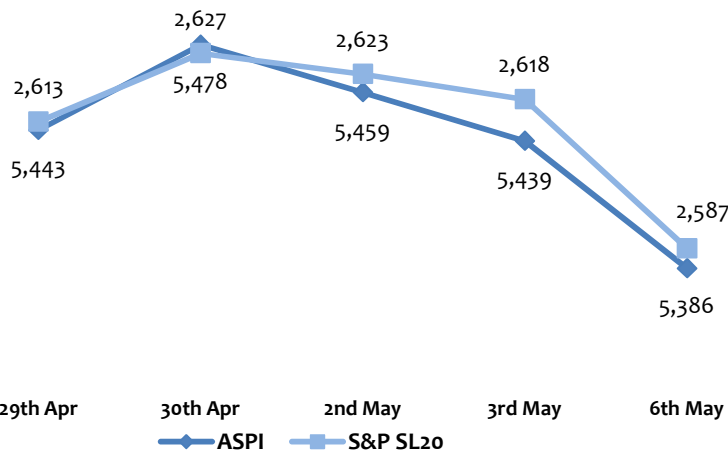
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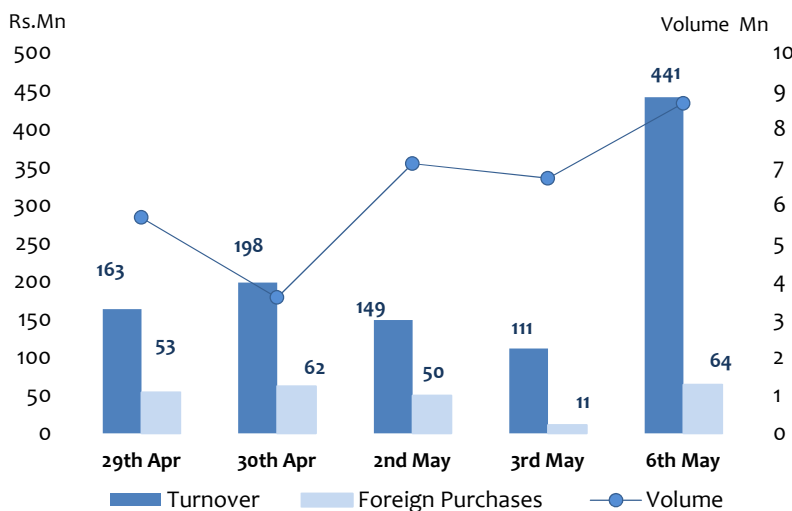
Daily Market Statistics

Index	6th May	3rd May	Change	% Change
ASPI	5,386.27	5,438.75	↓ (52.48)	↓ -0.96%
S&P SL20	2,587.20	2,617.95	↓ (30.75)	↓ -1.17%
Market Stats (LKR, Mn)		6th May	3rd May	% Change
Turnover		441.39	111.07	↑ 297.4%
Domestic Purchases		377.73	100.46	↑ 276.0%
Domestic Sales		302.51	82.75	↑ 265.6%
Foreign Purchases		63.66	10.61	↑ 499.9%
Foreign Sales		138.88	28.33	↑ 390.3%
Share Volume		8.67	6.69	↑ 29.5%
Trades (No.)		3,263.00	2,179	↑ 49.7%
Market capitalization (Bn)		2,529.48	2,554.13	↓ -1.0%
PER		8.46	8.54	↓ -0.94%
PBV		1.04	1.05	↓ -0.95%

Market Indices



Turnover, Volume and Foreign Purchase



Performance of the Market

- Colombo Bourse started the session with marginal losses, but later indices dived into red; speculative stories on the country's security rattled the investors and spoiled the confidence. Last week's foreign outflows in government securities also further dampened the investor sentiments.
- Benchmark index ASPI moved between 5,382.29-5,444.61 points and settled the day at 5,386.27 with a loss of 52.48 points (-0.96%).
- Major contributors for the movement in ASPI were **DIAL (+1.7)**, **JETS (+0.6)**, **VONE (+0.5)**, **DFCC (+0.4)**, **CFIN (+0.4)**, **JKH (-15.4)**, **LION (-13.1)**, **CTHR (-4.3)**, **SAMP (-1.7)** & **COMB (-1.4)**
- S&P SL20 index also followed the same trend and settled the day at 2,587.20 with a loss of 30.75 points (-1.17%).
- The day's turnover was recorded as LKR 441.39Mn, up by 297% from its previously recorded LKR 111.07Mn. Foreign investors remained net sellers for the day.
- The total market capitalization stood at LKR 2.53Tn, indicating an YTD loss of 10.92%.
- The market PER & PBV were at 8.46x & 1.04x respectively.

Top Contributors – Turnover

1. John Keells Holdings PLC (JKH) contributed 41% (181.13Mn) of the turnover. JKH traded between LKR 139.50 & LKR 145.00 and settled the day at LKR 139.50 with a loss of LKR 5.50 (-3.79%)
2. Hemas Holdings PLC (HHL) had contributed LKR 97.64Mn. HHL traded between LKR 72.00 & LKR 73.00 and settled the day at LKR 72.00 with a loss of LKR 0.50 (-0.69%)
3. Cargo Boat Development Company PLC (CABO) contributed LKR 80.1Mn. CABO traded and settled the day at LKR 63.20 on par with its previous closing; majority of its turnover was contributed through two off board deals of 1.38Mn shares negotiated at LKR 58.00

Top contributors - Traded Volume

1. Hemas Holdings PLC traded a total of 1.38Mn shares.
2. Cargo Boat Development Company PLC (1.38Mn shares).
3. John Keells Holdings PLC (1.29Mn shares).

Sectorial Overview

1. Diversified Holdings (DIV) sector stood on top providing LKR 284.87Mn capturing 65% of the total turnover.
2. Land & Property (L&P) sector provided LKR 96.42Mn to the daily aggregated turnover.
3. Bank Finance & Insurance (BFI) sector provided LKR 37.92Mn.

Daily Foreign Transactions

Net Foreign Purchases

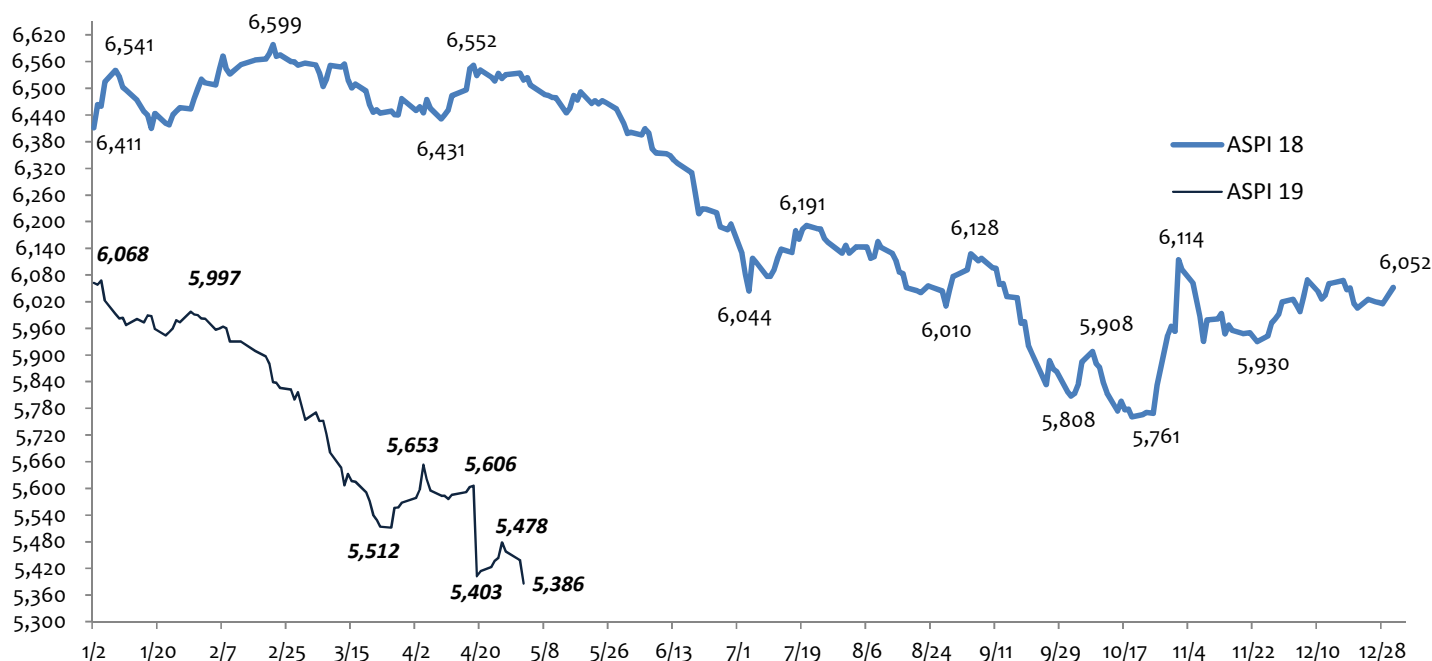
Company Name	Avg Price	Net change in Qty	Net Foreign Inflow
JKH	140.00	212,629	29,768,060
HAYLEYS	156.10	10,000	1,561,000
LO L C HOLDINGS	86.10	15,689	1,350,823
JANASHAKTHI INS. (+)	25.10	19,408	487,141
LANKA WALLTILE	54.20	6,733	364,929
GRAIN ELEVATORS (+)	50.10	4,800	240,480
EXPOLANKA	4.0	30,000	120,000
VALLIBEL FINANCE	67.50	1,699	114,683
RENUKA AGRI	2.10	46,257	97,140
S M B LEASING[X.0000]	0.30	206,801	62,040

Net Foreign Sales

Company Name	Avg Price	Net change in Qty	Net Foreign Outflow
HEMAS HOLDINGS	72.00	(1,300,800)	(93,657,600)
COMMERCIAL BANK (+)	92.00	(122,252)	(11,247,184)
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	21.00	(110,201)	(2,314,221)
CHEVRON (+)	58.70	(17,439)	(1,023,669)
UNION BANK (+)	11.50	(80,855)	(929,833)
LAUGFS GAS[X.0000]	13.70	(10,000)	(137,000)
HNB ASSURANCE (+)	116.10	(739)	(85,798)
CEYLON GUARDIAN	60.00	(1,136)	(68,160)
EAST WEST	19.10	(3,500)	(66,850)
RENUKA HOLDINGS	14.00	(3,800)	(53,200)

- **Aggregate foreign buying** for the day totaled up to **LKR 63.66Mn**.
- **Foreign sales** for the day amounted to **LKR 138.88Mn**.
- **Net foreign outflow** for the day was **LKR 75.22Mn**, **YTD net foreign outflow** presently stands at **LKR 4.45Bn**.
- **JKH** notched the “Top Net Purchasers” slot with a net inflow of **LKR 29.77Mn** whilst **HHL** notched the “Top net Sellers” slot with a net outflow of **LKR 93.66Mn**.

Year-to-Date ASPI Movement - 2018 & 2019



Key Announcements

- **Cargo Boat Development Company PLC (CABO)** said, **Lancaster Holdings Ltd** has sold **1.03Mn shares** (10.1% stake) of CABO to **Renuka Consultants & Services Ltd** for a consideration of LKR 58.00 per share.
- **Bank of Ceylon the Trustees for MTD Walkers PLC - Debenture Issue 2015** said, meeting of the Debenture Holders was held on 2nd May 2019 and the following resolutions were passed:
 - a) To direct the trustee that the non-payment of the interest be considered to be an event of default by the trustee and that the principal sum and interest become payable immediately; and
 - b) That the trustee be directed to institute such proceedings as it thinks fit to recover such sums from the company and that the trustee recover all costs, charges, expenses and liabilities incurred by it in its capacity as trustee from the proceeds received from such enforcement action prior to any payments being made to the holders of the Debentures.

Companies under Trading Suspension / Halt

Company	CIFL	CIFL	ESL	PCH	PCP	SING	SFS	CHOU	CTCE
From	23-Nov-17	23-Nov-17	5-Jan-16	2-Apr-18			2-July 18.	11 Mar 19.	1-Mar-19
Reason	CBSL	status	Weak position	as per CSE Listing Rules			CBSL	List rule	Voluntary Delist
Company	LCEM	MEL	HUEJ	AINV, CFT, PCHH		LLMP	FLCH	TFC	KAPI
From	7-Sep 18.	25-Sep 18.	26-Nov-18.	10-12-2018.			8-Mar-19	18-Feb-19.	14-Feb-19.
Reason	AQO	AQO	***	Non-submission of Annual Reports			Merger	AQO	For clarification

***Non-submission of Interim Financial Statements 30th Jun 2018

Auditor's Qualified Opinion (AQO)

Companies on WATCH LIST

Non Submission of Annual Reports, Financial Statements									Default Board
MIRA	LCEM	CIFL	PCH	PCP	SING	HDEV	LLMP	PCHH	SFS
SFL	CFT								
Qualified Opinion in the Independent Auditor's Report									
AINV	ESL	EAST	MEL	CHOU	MSL	PMB	MBSL	ALHP	TFC
SIRA	MSL								
Non-compliance of CSE Listing Rules, minimum public holding & Corporate Governance									
HUEJ	LOFC	ACAP	ARPI	ASPH	BBH	COMD	CPRT	DIST	CLC
ASPM	GOOD	HPFL	INDO	KAPI	LAMB	MADU	MORI	OFEQ	NIFL
PARA	PDL	SELI	MERC	SHAL	LHCL	SLND	AFSL	AMCL	ODEL
SFCL	TAP	MERC	TFIL						

Annual general Meetings (AGMs)

Company	Date	Company	Date	Company	Date	Company	Date
TAFL	8-May-19	CTC	14-May-19	NEST	10-Jun-19	JKL	27-Jun-19
GRAN	8-May-19	COMD	15-May-19	KFP	11-Jun-19	TSML	27-Jun-19
HAPU	9-May-19	LHCL	24-May-19	CCS	14-Jun-19	KHL	28-Jun-19
UDPL	9-May-19	PDL	29-May-19	TRAN	21-Jun-19	JKH	28-Jun-19
				AHPL	24-Jun-19		

EGMs

Company	Date
SAMP	15-May-19
NEST	10-Jun-19

Key Announcements

Cash Dividends

CODE	DIVIDEND PER SHARE (LKR)	TYPE	XD DATE	PAYMENT DATE	CODE	DIVIDEND PER SHARE (LKR)	TYPE	XD DATE	PAYMENT DATE
RCL	2.50		24-Apr-2019	6-May-2019	CTC	15.77	Final	15.May.2019	24.May.2019
SFCL	0.60	Interim	25-Apr-2019	7-May-2019	COMD	3.50	Final	16.May.2019	27.May.2019
CINS	35.00	First & Final	26.Apr.2019	07.May.2019	PDL	3.75	First & Final	30.May.2019	10.Jun.2019
LLUB	2.25	Interim	6-May-19	15-May-19	NEST	25.00	Final	11-Jun-19	19-Jun-19
LHCL	1.00	Final	7-May-19	16-May-19	DIAL	0.37	Final	13.Jun.2019	21.Jun.2019
T AFL	4.50	First & Final	09.May.2019	17.May.2019	UCAR	6.00	Final	21-Jun-19	1-Jul-19
GRAN	3.00	First & Final	09.May.2019	17.May.2019	AGST	0.20	Final	01.Jul.2019	09.Jul.2019
PAP	0.10	Interim	14.May.2019	23.May.2019					

Amalgamation

Transferee	Transferor	Proportion	Effective Date
Browns investments PLC (BIL)	Browns Capital PLC (FLCH)	2 BIL for every 1 FLCH	29 Mar 19.

Sub-Division of Shares

Company	Proportion	EGM & Entitlement Date	Dealings Suspension	Trading start
On'ally Holdings PLC (ONAL)	1 for 5	17 May 2019.	21 - 23 May 2019	24th May 2019

Rights Issues

T = Tranche

Company,	Issue Price	Issue Value	Proportion	XR Date	Letter Dispatch	Trading of Rights	Acceptance
Hikkaduwa Beach Resort (CITH)	LKR 3.90	LKR 319Mn	02 for 05	09 Apr 2019.	16 Apr 2019.	23 Apr - 30 Apr.	02 May 19.
Waskaduwa Beach Resort (CITW)	LKR 2.40	LKR 871Mn	09 for 05	09 Apr 2019.	16 Apr 2019.	23 Apr - 30 Apr.	02 May 19.
Citrus Leisure PLC (REEF)	LKR 5.00	LKR 870Mn	09 for 05	09 Apr 2019.	16 Apr 2019.	23 Apr - 30 Apr.	02 May 19.
Anilana Hotels (ALHP) Tranch 1	LKR 2.00	LKR 183Mn	01 for 11	24 Apr 2019.	23 Apr 2019.	29 Apr - 07 May.	08 May 19.
Anilana Hotels (ALHP) Tranch 2	LKR 2.00	LKR 183Mn	01 for 12	22 May 2019.	21 May 2019.	27 May - 03 Jun.	04 Jun 19.
Sampath Bank PLC (SAMP)	LKR 136.00	LKR 12.1Bn	07 for 23	16 May 2019.	23 May 2019.	29 May - 06 Jun.	07 Jun 19.
On'ally Holdings PLC (ONAL)	LKR 19.00	LKR 183Mn	01 for 15	30 May 2019.	31 May 2019.	7 Jun - 14 Jun.	17 Jun 19.
Citizens Development (CDB.N)	LKR 77.00	LKR 891Mn	01 for 04	29 May 2019.	04 Jun 2019.	11 Jun - 18 Jun.	19 Jun 19.
Citizens Development (CDB.X)	LKR 64.00	LKR 128Mn	01 for 04	29 May 2019.	04 Jun 2019.	11 Jun - 18 Jun.	19 Jun 19.

Rights Issues with pending dates

Company,	Issue Price	Proportion	Company,	Issue Price	Proportion
Agalawatte Plantations (AGAL)	LKR 15.30	21 for 4	Adam Investments PLC (AINV)	LKR 1.00	01 for 01
Adam Capital PLC (PCHH)	LKR 1.50	02 for 01	Blue Diamonds Jewellery (BLUE)	LKR 1.00	01 for 04

Upcoming Listings

Company	Issue Size	Coupon Rate	Price	Issue Opening	Tenure	Nature
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC (COMB)	LKR 15Bn	To be notified	100.00	To be Notified	5 - 10 Years	BASEL III
Hatton National Bank PLC (HNB)	LKR 10Bn	To be notified	100.00	To be notified	5, 7 Years	BASEL III
Bogawantalawa Tea Estates (BOPL)	LKR 0.85Bn	To be notified	85.00	To be notified	5, 6 & 7 Years	Normal

Market Highlights & Statistics

Market Capitalisation

Company Name	Symbol	Price	Issued Quantity	Market Capitalisation	(as a % of MKT Cap.)
CEYLON TOBACCO COMPANY PLC	CTC.No000	1,300.10	187,323,751	243,539,608,675	10.75
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	JKH.No000	139.50	1,318,173,279	183,885,172,421	8.12
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC	COMB.No000	91.90	961,252,317	88,339,087,932	3.90
NESTLE LANKA PLC	NEST.No000	1,590.00	53,725,463	85,423,486,170	3.77
DIALOG AXIATA PLC	DIAL.No000	8.90	8,143,778,405	72,479,627,805	3.20
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	HNB.No000	170.00	401,343,863	68,228,456,710	3.01
DISTILLERIES COMPANY OF SRI LANKA PLC	DIST.No000	14.20	4,600,000,000	65,320,000,000	2.88
CEYLON COLD STORES PLC	CCS.No000	578.00	95,040,000	54,933,120,000	2.43
CARGILLS (CEYLON) PLC	CARG.No000	201.00	257,221,043	51,701,429,643	2.28
MELSTACORP PLC	MELS.No000	38.60	1,165,397,072	44,984,326,979	1.99

Highest Volume

Company Name	Turnover (Rs)	Share Vol.
HEMAS HOLDINGS PLC	97,644,639	1,381,143
CARGO BOAT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	80,098,063	1,381,001
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	181,125,816	1,293,551
EAST WEST PROPERTIES PLC	15,968,950	855,233
BROWNS INVESTMENTS PLC	492,628	351,163
EXPOLANKA HOLDINGS PLC	1,115,892	279,598
BLUE DIAMONDS JEWELLERY [X]	45,314	229,059
UNION BANK OF COLOMBO PLC	2,593,065	226,247
LOLC FINANCE PLC	668,779	222,743
SMB LEASING PLC [X]	44,230	221,100

Highest Turnover

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HEMAS HOLDINGS PLC	1,381,143	97,644,639
CARGO BOAT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	1,381,001	80,098,063
EAST WEST PROPERTIES PLC	855,233	15,968,950
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC	136,562	12,563,848
SAMPATH BANK PLC	46,073	7,045,486
CHEVRON LUBRICANTS LANKA PLC	83,153	4,864,674
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC [X]	26,700	3,732,397
HAYLEYS PLC	22,364	3,502,893
AITKEN SPENCE HOTEL HOLDINGS PLC	127,327	2,673,747

Top Gainers

Company Name	VWA Days Close	Change (LKR)	Change %	Turnover (LKR)
BLUE DIAMONDS	0.50	0.10	25.00	1,150
BERUWALA RESORTS	0.60	0.10	20.00	73
NATION LANKA	0.60	0.10	20.00	120
MALWATTE [X]	4.10	0.30	7.89	410
JETWING SYMPHONY	10.40	0.60	6.12	1,040
EAST WEST	19.10	1.10	6.11	15,968,950
FORT LAND	13.50	0.70	5.47	1,350
ACL PLASTICS	81.00	4.10	5.33	12,238
MASKELIYA	9.50	0.40	4.40	11,970
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	53.00	2.00	3.92	132,520

Top Losers

Company Name	VWA Days Close	Change (LKR)	Change %	Turnover (LKR)
LUCKY LANKA	0.90	(0.20)	(18.18)	21,281
LION BREWERY	503.30	(76.70)	(13.22)	454,374
CFI	43.70	(6.50)	(12.95)	13,602
LUCKY LANKA [X]	0.70	(0.10)	(12.50)	45,120
C M HOLDINGS	32.30	(3.70)	(10.28)	137,086
YORK ARCADE	66.50	(7.60)	(10.26)	19,943
AMBEON CAPITAL	3.60	(0.40)	(10.00)	89,018
EDEN HOTEL LANKA	10.50	(1.00)	(8.70)	80,744
SINHAPUTHRA FIN	8.60	(0.70)	(7.53)	40,674
ASIA CAPITAL	5.10	(0.40)	(7.27)	33,720

Crossings

Name	Symbol	Price	Trades	T.Volume	Turnover
Cargo Boat Development Company PLC	CABO.No000	58.00	2	1,381,000	80,098,000.00

Market Highlights & Statistics

Sector Wise Summary

Sector	Price Index		Turnover			Sector	
	Today	Previous	Value (Rs)	Volume	Trades	P/E	PBV
BANK FINANCE AND INSURANCE	14,256.92	14,363.79	37,924,242	1,282,383	897	4.40	0.80
BEVERAGE FOOD AND TOBACCO	22,229.30	22,460.60	3,712,505	268,514	195	16.30	5.40
CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING	1,292.85	1,303.79	1,173,563	157,397	100	11.30	0.50
CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	4,932.41	4,932.41	42,010	4,155	27	5.90	0.60
DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS	1,361.85	1,393.24	284,871,564	3,385,796	579	9.50	0.80
FOOTWEAR AND TEXTILE	815.25	839.05	124,584	13,941	15	48.30	0.80
HOTELS AND TRAVELS	2,523.22	2,525.30	4,479,979	380,579	188	92.50	1.60
HEALTH CARE	749.16	751.86	30,996	4,874	10	15.20	1.60
INVESTMENT TRUSTS	8,534.73	8,595.82	604,027	42,086	40	0.00	0.40
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	21.06	21.06	50	13	3	0.00	0.00
LAND AND PROPERTY	517.02	518.32	96,422,786	2,266,132	463	5.20	0.60
MANUFACTURING	2,435.73	2,467.48	9,085,207	521,049	472	7.60	0.70
MOTORS	10,463.29	10,509.79	733,748	12,800	27	15.40	0.40
OIL PALMS	48,818.35	48,818.35	650	1	1	37.90	0.90
POWER & ENERGY	92.97	92.46	703,018	118,597	61	81.90	1.10
PLANTATIONS	699.75	704.00	1,082,589	108,256	86	25.30	0.70
STORES SUPPLIES	27,128.48	27,128.48	2,200	2	2	16.80	0.50
SERVICES	14,671.12	14,671.12	42,731	16,035	21	13.60	1.10
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	126.46	125.96	208,591	15,616	17	5.40	0.80
TRADING	9,788.40	10,226.77	148,144	70,585	38	27.40	0.60

GICS Industry Group Statistics

Industry Group	Price Index		Turnover			Sector	
	Today	Previous	Value (Rs)	Volume	Trades	P/E	PBV
Automobiles & Components	404.83	411.53	90,740	3,000	8	4.20	0.50
Banks	672.04	677.38	29,520,242	495,089	432	4.70	0.60
Capital Goods	735.07	752.40	285,114,208	2,887,028	631	9.40	0.70
Commercial & Professional Services	847.63	847.63	1,732	19	7	0.00	1.10
Consumer Durables & Apparel	710.28	722.81	1,258,489	309,169	79	36.70	0.90
Consumer Services	215.85	216.37	4,479,979	380,579	189	97.80	1.60
Diversified Financials	702.41	709.15	4,383,549	611,056	339	5.00	0.90
Energy	500.77	499.71	283,163	18,797	18	0.00	0.80
Food & Staples Retailing	1,199.65	1,228.67	107,239	50,605	12	25.20	2.10
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	843.75	851.89	7,093,327	845,218	418	14.70	2.20
Health Care Equipment & Services	803.78	806.64	33,447	8,888	18	15.30	1.60
Household & Personal Products	874.93	880.32	124,046	10,019	14	11.90	1.60
Insurance	1,987.45	1,993.46	4,065,176	185,899	145	3.40	1.50
Materials	464.44	470.52	5,740,399	162,835	316	7.00	0.80
Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	1,634.78	1,634.78	10,359	19	6	4.70	1.30
Real Estate	710.19	711.58	96,496,936	2,267,828	461	4.90	0.50
Retailing	675.04	688.98	848,773	40,199	63	15.00	0.60
Technology Hardware & Equipment	0.00	-	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Telecommunication Services	660.75	658.10	208,591	15,616	17	5.40	0.80
Transportation	679.49	696.21	1,115,892	279,598	40	7.50	0.70
Utilities	712.79	706.67	416,605	97,300	49	10.00	0.70

Economic Indicators & Other Statistics

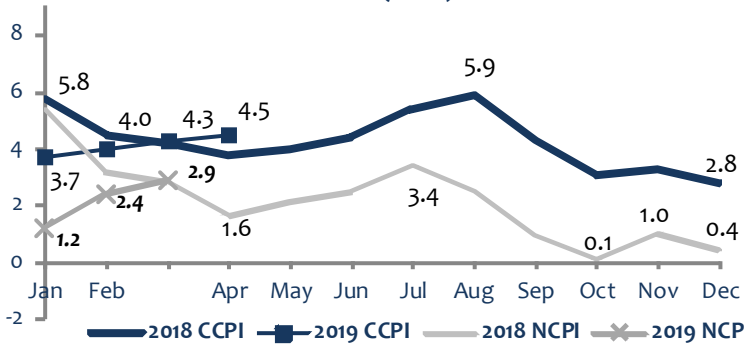
Exchange Rates

Currency	6th May		3rd May	
	Buying	Selling	Buying	Selling
Dollar (USA)	175.07	179.03	174.77	178.73
Pound (UK)	228.86	236.43	226.81	234.34
Euro (EU)	194.64	201.70	194.04	201.07
Dollar (Australia)	120.92	126.19	121.03	126.33
Dollar (Canada)	129.09	133.98	128.95	133.84
Franc (Switzerland)	171.26	177.47	170.38	176.56
Renminbi (China)	25.47	26.71	25.64	26.89
Yen (Japan)	1.5739	1.6333	1.5581	1.6170
Dollar (Singapore)	127.67	132.15	127.61	132.08

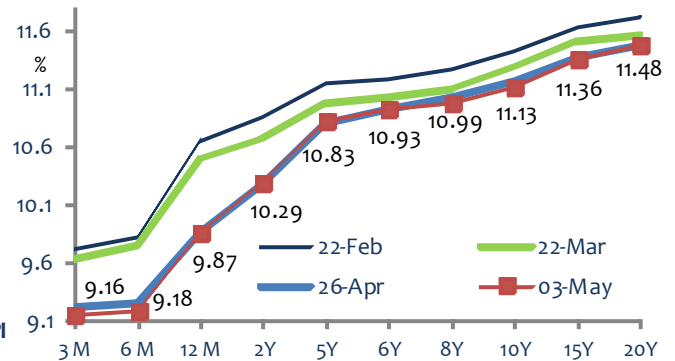
Indicative Rates

Currency	6th May	3rd May
	Ind: Value	Ind: Value
Yuan (Offshore)	26.0111	26.2179
Rupee (India)	2.5608	2.5489
Won (Korean)	0.1509	0.1511
Dinar (Kuwait)	581.7204	581.3646
Ringgit (Malay)	42.6565	42.6903
Rial (Oman)	459.5818	459.2252
Riyal (Qatar)	48.5996	48.5619
Riyal (KSA)	47.1781	47.1433
Dirham (UAE)	48.1709	48.1335

Inflation Colombo Consumers' Price Index (CCPI) & National Consumer Price Index (NCPI)



Government Securities - Secondary Market Yield



Central Bank's Policy Rates

Description	22-02-2019.	14-11-2018.		30.04.2019	24.04.2019	16.04.2019	10.04.2019
Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)	8.00%	8.00%	91 Days %	8.89	8.94	9.00	9.09
Standing Lending Facility (SLF)	9.00%	9.00%	182 Days %	9.09	9.14	9.19	9.29
Bank Rate	15.00%	15.00%	364 Days %	9.81	9.91	9.91	9.99
Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR)	5.00%	6.00%	Amount	27Bn	25Bn	24Bn	25Bn

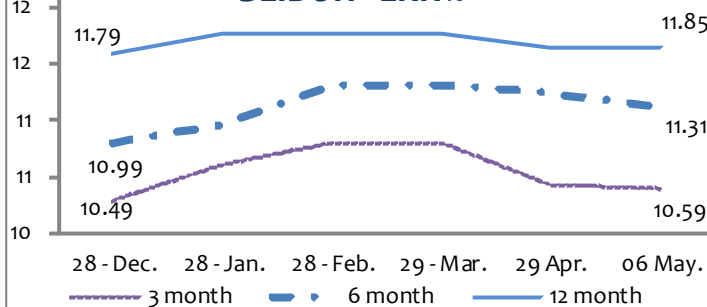
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Current Yield	10.72	11.14	11.04	11.21	10.32	11.24	11.35	11.90
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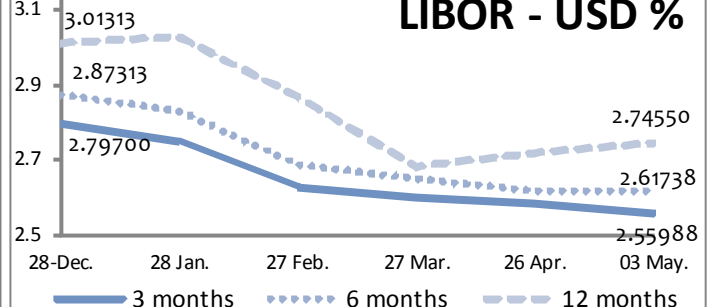
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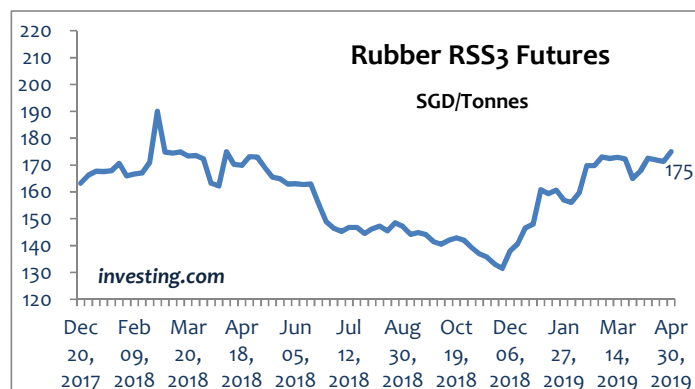
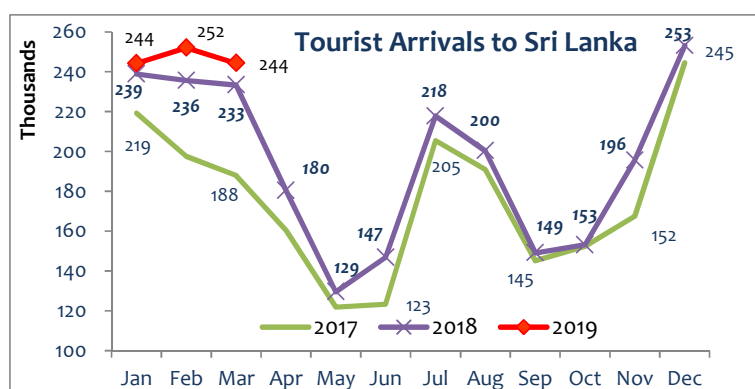
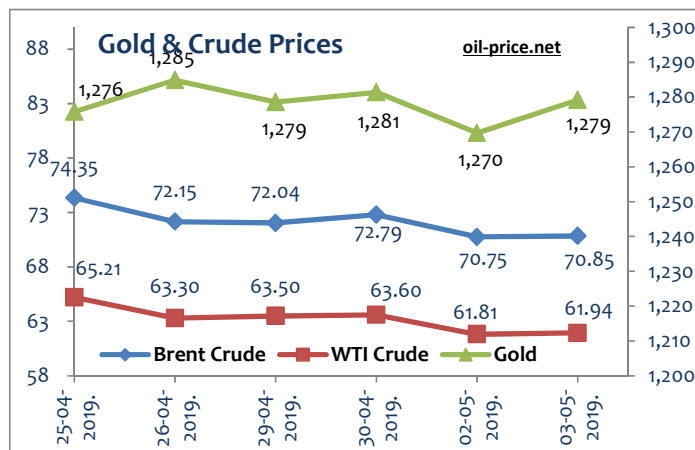
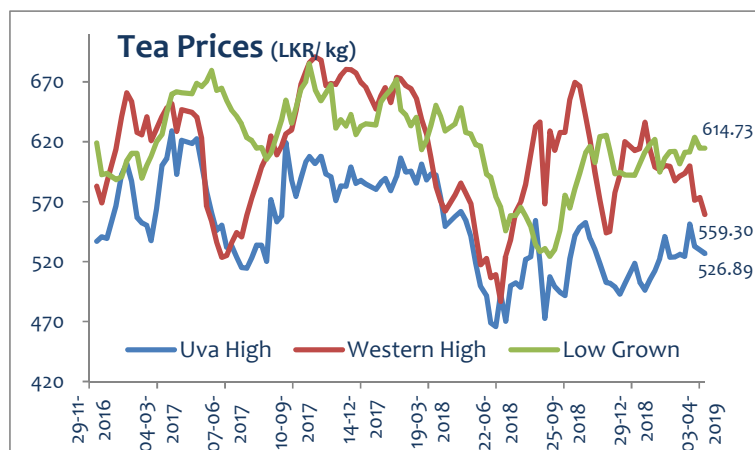
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Local News

Sri Lanka money market liquidity soars, some foreign selling in bonds

ECONOMYNEXT - Excess liquidity in Sri Lanka's money markets soared to 76.6Bn rupees on May 03, as cash injected for April holiday drawdown returned to banks, while data also showed foreign selling in bonds. The rupee was quoted 177.30/50 to the US dollar on the spot-next market (spot plus one day) on Monday, dealers said, around the same levels as Friday. The rupee has weakened since the attacks. Foreign investors sold down their stock of rupee gilts to 154.5Bn rupees in the week to April 30 from 157.5Bn a week earlier. Sri Lanka's central bank usually injects cash into money markets in April, as reserve money expands to accommodate an expansion in real demand for cash. The money comes back into the banking system from the last week of April, which leads to pressure on a rupee peg in May, unless the cash is mopped up quickly, especially when the private credit is strong.

Sri Lanka to give tax waivers, support measures for tourist industry: report

ECONOMYNEXT - Sri Lanka is planning a package of measures to help the tourist industry bounce back quickly and contain the terror threat, Finance Minister Mangala Samaraweera has said following attacks by Pan-Islamic nationalists. Sri Lanka will give import duty waivers to bring in scanners and security related equipment while taking action to shut down an Islamic terror cell, Samaraweera told Bloomberg television. He said the tourism industry has asked for support including duty waivers to import security equipment. "We will be giving serious consideration to these suggestions," Samaraweera said.

Private sector opposes SLPA tariff hike move

Eight leading private sector lobby groups are strongly opposing the unilateral decision by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) to increase port tariffs. The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, National Chamber of Exporters, Sri Lanka Apparel (JAAF), Sri Lanka Shippers Council, Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents, Sri Lanka Freight Forwarders Association, Association of Clearing and Forwarding Agents, and Ceylon Freight and Logistics Association, in a statement, said a joint consultative committee (JCC) which included the eight organisations as well as officials of the SLPA was established by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development to enable a consensus-driven mechanism to resolve issues relating to the tariff increase. (ft.lk)

Telenor and Dialog Axiata's parent in talks to merge Asian businesses

AFP - Norwegian telecom operator Telenor said Monday it has entered into talks with Malaysian telecoms group Axiata about a potential merger of the companies' Asian operations. The deal would see the two companies combine their telecom and infrastructure assets into a new company, of which Telenor would own 56.5% and Axiata the remaining 43.5%, Telenor said in a statement, adding that these figures were subject to change. According to Telenor, which operates in the Nordic nations as well as Eastern Europe and Asia, the combined businesses would have close 300Mn customers in nine different countries, making it one of the largest mobile infrastructure companies operating in Asia.

Telenor currently operates in Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Myanmar, while Axiata has operating companies in Malaysia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Indonesia, however Axiata's mobile business in Bangladesh, Robi, would be excluded from the deal and independently managed by Axiata. The two companies hope the agreement, which needs both regulatory and shareholder approval, can be finalised within the third quarter of this year. The new company would have its operational headquarters in Kuala Lumpur and was planned to be listed on an international stock exchange as well as on Bursa Malaysia. Axiata's share price rose 2.3 percent following the announcement on Monday.

Foreign News

Global stocks reel as Trump tweets on China unnerve markets

European stocks tumbled to a one-month low and German bond yields slipped back into negative territory on Monday after U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to raise tariffs on China, triggering a global rout in risky assets.

In a surprise twist on Sunday, Trump said he would hike U.S. tariffs on \$200Bn worth of Chinese goods this week and target hundreds of billions more soon, signaling a major shift. Trump had earlier cited good progress in trade talks and praised his relationship with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Global investors were caught off guard as they had been largely expecting the two sides to reach a trade agreement soon.

The latest episode in the trade war comes on the back of weeks of low market volatility across asset classes and a growing swathe of tepid but steady economic data with little negative surprises lulling investors into a sense of calm.

Chinese shares plunged more than 6 percent, while U.S. stock market futures fell 1.6 percent. Oil prices sank and the Chinese yuan fell to a 10-month low. MSCI world equity index, which tracks shares in 47 countries, fell half a percent.

Trump sharply escalated tensions between the world's two largest economies with tweeted comments on Sunday that trade talks with China were proceeding "too slowly", and that he would raise tariffs on \$200Bn of Chinese goods to 25% on Friday from 10 percent.

China's foreign ministry said on Monday a delegation was preparing to go to United States for trade talks. While many market watchers including ING regard the latest episode as a negotiating tactic by Trump, investors pared their positions in risky assets after recent gains.

Losses in equities translated into gains for bonds with benchmark government bond yields in Germany retreating to a shade below zero and not far from a 2-1/2-year low of minus 0.09 percent hit in late March.

Emerging market currencies and commodity-linked currencies were the hardest hit with the Australian dollar falling half a percent against the greenback while the offshore yuan swooned nearly a percent

In commodity markets, Trump's tweets sparked a plunge in oil prices. U.S. crude at one point dropped as much as 3.1 percent to a more-than-five-week low, before bouncing to \$60.69 per barrel - still off 1.3 percent on the day. Brent crude LCOc1 was 1.8 percent lower at \$69.59 per barrel.

The selloff in risky assets burnished the lure of gold with spot gold up 0.25 percent to trade at \$1,282.20 per ounce. (reuters.com)

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