

DAILY STOCK MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, 20 February 2019



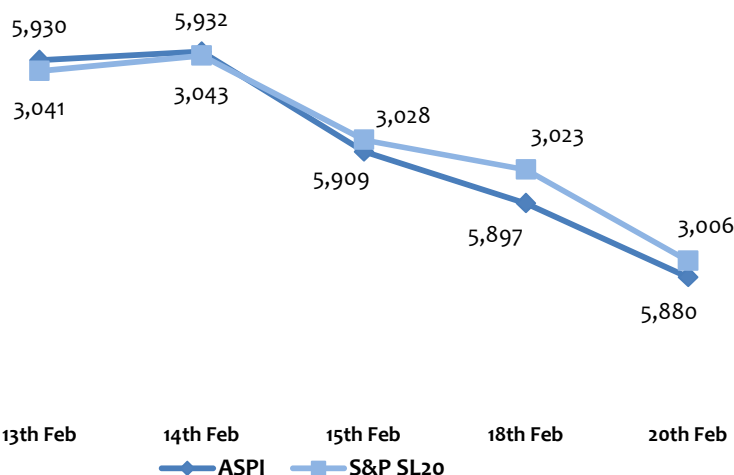
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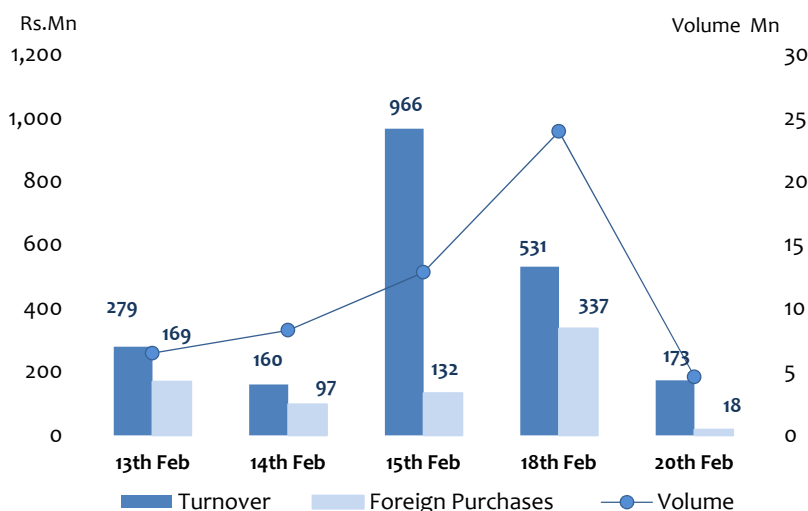
Daily Market Statistics

Index	20th Feb	18th Feb	Change	% Change
ASPI	5,880.17	5,897.33	↓ (17.16)	↓ -0.29%
S&P SL20	3,006.41	3,022.85	↓ (16.44)	↓ -0.54%
Market Stats (LKR, Mn)		20th Feb	18th Feb	% Change
Turnover		172.78	530.58	↓ -67.4%
Domestic Purchases		155.24	193.66	↓ -19.8%
Domestic Sales		119.42	339.72	↓ -64.8%
Foreign Purchases		17.53	336.92	↓ -94.8%
Foreign Sales		53.36	190.87	↓ -72.0%
Share Volume		4.60	23.92	↓ -80.8%
Market capitalization (Bn)		2,748.44	2,756.46	↓ -0.29%
PER		9.20	9.23	↓ -0.33%
PBV		1.16	1.16	↓ 0.00%

Market Indices



Turnover, Volume and Foreign Purchase



Performance of the Market

- Reported lower performance of LLUB, lower cash dividends and the pressure on local economy due to the delay in rebuilding foreign reserves as planned earlier, had affected the investor sentiments and triggered sell-off.
- Benchmark index ASPI moved between 5,877.94-5,906.25 points and settled the day at 5,880.17 with a loss of 17.16 points (-0.29%).
- Major contributors for the movement in ASPI were **JKH (+2.8)**, **AHPL (+0.9)**, **LOFC (+0.9)**, **NIFL (+0.8)**, **OSEA (+0.8)**, **TRAN (-4)**, **DIST (-3.9)**, **COMB (-2.8)**, **LLUB (-2.4)** & **BIL (-1.6)**.
- S&P SL20 index followed the same trend and settled the day at 3,006.41 with a loss of 16.44 points (-0.54%).
- The day's turnover was recorded as LKR 172.78Mn, down by 67% from its previously recorded LKR 530.58Mn. Foreign investors turned net sellers for the day.
- The total market capitalization stood at LKR 2.75Tn, indicating an YTD loss of 3.2%.
- The market PER & PBV were at 9.2x & 1.16x respectively.

Top Contributors – Turnover

1. John Keells Holdings PLC (JKH) contributed 35% (61.19Mn) of the turnover. JKH traded between LKR 153.00 & 154.80 and settled the day at LKR 154.00 with a gain of LKR 1.00 (+0.65%); about 34% (20.79Mn) of its turnover was contributed through an off board trade of 0.14Mn shares negotiated at the price of LKR 154.00
2. Central Finance Company PLC (CFIN) had contributed LKR 46.54Mn. CFIN traded between LKR 90.10 & LKR 94.00 and settled the day LKR 90.20 with a gain of LKR 0.10 (+0.11%); about 99.9% (46.5Mn) of its turnover was contributed through an off board trade of 0.5Mn shares negotiated at the price of LKR 93.00
3. Overseas Realty (Ceylon) PLC (OSEA) contributed LKR 7Mn. OSEA traded between LKR 15.70 & LKR 16.00 and settled the day LKR 15.80 with a gain of LKR 0.30 (+1.94%)

Top contributors - Traded Volume

1. TESS Agro PLC traded a total of 0.62Mn shares.
2. Central Finance Company PLC (0.5Mn shares)
3. Overseas Realty (Ceylon) PLC (0.44Mn shares).

Sectorial Overview

1. Bank Finance & Insurance (BFI) sector stood on top providing LKR 65.5Mn capturing 38% of the total turnover.
2. Diversified Holdings (DIV) sector provided LKR 63.49Mn to the daily aggregated turnover.
3. Manufacturing (MFG) sector provided LKR 17.40Mn

Daily Foreign Transactions

Net Foreign Purchases

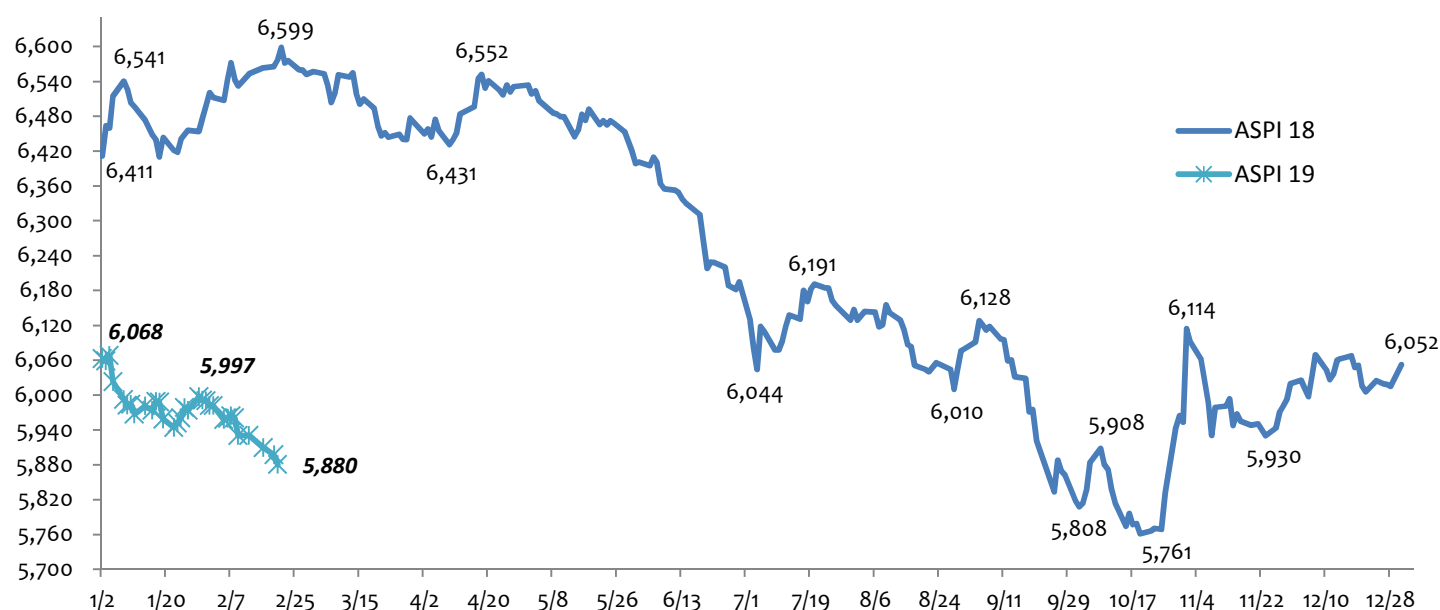
Company Name	Avg Price	Net change in Qty	Net Foreign Inflow
JKH	154.00	85,000	13,090,000
OVERSEAS REALTY (+)	15.80	155,451	2,456,126
HAYCARB	130.00	2,376	308,880
L O L C HOLDINGS	88.00	3,190	280,720
EXPOLANKA	4.20	46,100	193,620
EAST WEST	14.30	12,000	171,600
DFCC BANK PLC	78.5	1,280	100,480
TESS AGRO	0.40	200,000	80,000
LB FINANCE	128.00	580	74,240
SAMPATH (+)	233.50	300	70,050

Net Foreign Sales

Company Name	Avg Price	Net change in Qty	Net Foreign Outflow
CENTRAL FINANCE	93.00	(500,000)	(46,500,000)
ROYAL CERAMIC	69.00	(41,990)	(2,897,310)
COMMERCIAL BANK (+)	108.50	(13,706)	(1,487,101)
CHEVRON (+)	70.70	(11,894)	(840,906)
CEYLON TOBACCO (+)	1,420.00	(359)	(509,780)
RICH PIERIS EXP	227.50	(1,150)	(261,625)
KEELLS FOOD	139.90	(1,840)	(257,416)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	84.00	(2,555)	(214,620)
TOKYO CEMENT	23.50	(3,210)	(75,435)
KEELLS HOTELS	7.50	(5,000)	(37,500)

- **Aggregate foreign buying** for the day totaled up to **LKR 17.53Mn**.
- **Foreign sales** for the day amounted to **LKR 53.36Mn**.
- **Net foreign outflow** for the day was **LKR 35.83Mn**, **YTD net foreign outflow** presently stands at **LKR 5.13Bn**.
- **JKH** notched the “Top Net Purchasers” slot with a net inflow of **LKR 13.09Mn** whilst **CFIN** notched the “Top net Sellers” slot with a net outflow of **LKR 46.5Mn**.

Year-to-Date ASPI Movement - 2018 & 2019



Key Announcements

- Board of **Lee Hedges PLC (SHAW)** has decided to embark on a new infrastructure development project of a Car Park building and Commercial Development above the Car Park Building in the land which belongs to the company at No. 353, Galle Road, Colombo 3. Board has decided to commence the Car Park Building, at an approximate cost of RS.1.1Bn. The new project will span over 12 months and will have 186 parking slots in 6 floors of the building. This project will be financed by the company.
- **East West Properties PLC (EAST)** said, its board has decided to sell shares of the following Subsidiaries **East West Hotel Developers (Pvt) Ltd to Crescat Investments (Pvt) Ltd; East West Leisure (Pvt) Ltd, East West Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd and People's Media Network (Pvt) Ltd to Wijesuriya Holdings (Pvt) Ltd** at cost or higher price on or before 31.03.2019 in order overcome "the emphasis of matter on going concern" relating to subsidiaries. Further its subsidiary **Weligama Hotel Properties Limited (WHPL)** had invested over 6Bn rupees for the construction of the hotel. During this financial year Hotel's Depreciation cost was LKR 335.5Mn and a further LKR 220Mn was incurred as finance expenses. The Hotel continues to have an average occupancy of 70%. EAST has signed a letter of intent for the sale of 72% of the shareholding held in WHPL to HPL Hotel & Resorts Pte Ltd, Singapore. The Directors expects to finalize the deal prior to 31st March 2019. **If the above sale does not take place, the WHPL will go for an Initial Public Offer (IPO) and or private placement or a right issue.**
- **Sampath Bank PLC (SAMP)** said, its IPO of LKR 7Bn **BASEL III Compliant Debenture Issue** has oversubscribed and the issue was closed 4.30 p.m today (20-02-2019).

Companies under Trading Suspension

Company	MIRA	CIFL	ESL	PCH	PCP	SING	CIFL	SFS
From	26-Feb-15	23-Nov-17	5-Jan-16	2-Apr-18			23-Nov-17	2-July 18.
Reason	SEC Directive	status	Weak position	as per CSE Listing Rules			CBSL	Listing Rules
Company	LCEM	MEL	HUEJ	AINV	CFT	LLMP	PCHH	TFC
From	7-Sep 18.	25-Sep 18.	26-Nov-18.	10-12-2018.				18-Feb-19.
Reason	Auditor's Qualified Opinion		***	Non-submission of Annual Reports				Audit - Qualified Opinion

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

Companies on WATCH LIST

Non Submission of Annual Reports, Financial Statements									Default Board
MIRA	LCEM	CIFL	PCH	PCP	SING	HDEV	LLMP	PCHH	SFS
SINH	LLMP	CFT	SFL						
Qualified Opinion in the Independent Auditor's Report									
AINV	ESL	EAST	MEL	JANA	HVA	PMB	MBSL	ALHP	TFC
SIRA	MSL	CHOU							
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
COMB	28-Mar-19	UBC	28-Mar-19
DFCC	28-Mar-19	HNB	29-Mar-19
HASU	28-Mar-19	PABC	29-Mar-19

EGMs

Company	Date	Company	Date
NDB	18-Feb-19	FLCH	8-Mar-19
SEYB	7-Mar-19	BIL	8-Mar-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
JKH	2.00	2nd Interim	12.Feb.2019	22.Feb.2019	SEYB	0.50	Final	28.Mar.2019	08.Apr.2019
VPEL	0.40	Interim	13.Feb.2019	22.Feb.2019	HASU	7.00	Final	29.Mar.2019	08.Apr.2019
CTEA	20.00	Interim	15.Feb.2019	25.Feb.2019	CSD	1.00	First & Final	29.Mar.2019	08.Apr.2019
TJL	0.85	1st Interim	18.Feb.2019	28.Feb.2019	OSEA	1.25	First & Final	01.Apr.2019	09.Apr.2019
TYRE	2.50	2nd Interim	21.Feb.2019	05.Mar.2019	SAMP	5.00	First & Final	01.Apr.2019	09.Apr.2019
KFP	4.00	Interim	22.Feb.2019	06.Mar.2019	CTC	15.77	Final	Dates to be notified	
LLUB	1.50	4th Interim	28.Feb.2019	12.Mar.2019	DIAL	0.37	Final	Dates to be notified	
DFCC	3.50	First & Final	28.Feb.2019	12.Mar.2019					

Scrip Dividends

CODE	CMP	Cash Value	Propotion : 1 Voting for	Propotion : 1 Non-Voting for	XD DATE	PAYMENT DATE
SAMP	240.00	9.87	24.322912170	na	01.Apr.19	09.Apr.19
SEYB	70.00, 43.00	1.72	40.872092894	25.581392492	28.Mar.19	08.Apr.19

Amalgamation [A]

Transferee	Transferor	Proportion	Effective Date
[A] 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		To be notified	

Rights Issues

T = Tranche

Company,	Issue Price	Issue Value	Proportion	XR Date	Letter Dispatch	Trading of Rights	Acceptance
Asia Asset Finance (AAF) T-1 @ LKR 10.0	LKR 252Mn	03 for 10	14 Feb 2019.	20 Feb 2019.	26 Feb - 06 Mar.	07 Mar 19.	
Asia Asset Finance (AAF) T-2 @ LKR 10.0	LKR 218Mn	02 for 10	3 Apr 2019.	8 Apr 2019.	12 Apr - 23 Apr.	24 Apr 19.	

Rights Issues with pending dates

Company,	Issue Price	Proportion	Company,	Issue Price	Proportion
Agalawatte Plantations (AGAL)	LKR 15.3	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
DFCC Bank PLC (DFCC)	LKR 72.00	02 for 05	On'ally Holdings PLC (ONAL)	LKR 19.00	01 for 15

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
National Development Bank (NDB)	LKR 6.5Bn	To be notified	100.00	To be Notified	5 Years	BASEL III
Seylan Bank PLC (SEYB)	LKR 5Bn	To be notified	100.00	To be Notified	5 Years	BASEL III
Sampath Bank PLC (SAMP)	LKR 7Bn	To be notified	100.00	20 Feb 2019.	5 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	1,420.00	187,323,751	265,999,726,420	10.43
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	JKH.No000	154.00	1,318,167,659	202,997,819,486	7.96
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC	COMB.No000	108.10	945,943,226	102,256,462,731	4.01
NESTLE LANKA PLC	NEST.No000	1,710.00	53,725,463	91,870,541,730	3.60
DIALOG AXIATA PLC	DIAL.No000	9.90	8,143,778,405	80,623,406,210	3.16
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	HNB.No000	202.00	395,451,248	79,881,152,096	3.13
DISTILLERIES COMPANY OF SRI LANKA PLC	DIST.No000	15.50	4,600,000,000	71,300,000,000	2.80
SAMPATH BANK PLC	SAMP.No000	233.50	280,902,248	65,590,674,908	2.57
CEYLON COLD STORES PLC	CCS.No000	609.70	95,040,000	57,945,888,000	2.27
AIA INSURANCE LANKA PLC	CTCE.No000	1,800.50	30,749,370	55,364,240,685	2.17

Highest Volume

Company Name	Turnover (Rs)	Share Vol.
TESS AGRO PLC	246,400	616,000
CENTRAL FINANCE COMPANY PLC	46,540,966	500,450
OVERSEAS REALTY (CEYLON) PLC	7,003,770	443,310
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	61,188,811	397,375
HVA FOODS PLC	1,064,560	280,956
ACCESS ENGINEERING PLC	3,357,726	243,010
BROWNS INVESTMENTS PLC	395,817	220,620
SOFTLOGIC CAPITAL PLC	910,562	167,780
SINHAPUTHRA FINANCE PLC [P]	848,806	119,772
SINHAPUTHRA FINANCE PLC	1,076,629	107,660

Highest Turnover

Company Name	Share Vol.	Turnover (LKR)
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	397,375	61,188,811
CENTRAL FINANCE COMPANY PLC	500,450	46,540,966
OVERSEAS REALTY (CEYLON) PLC	443,310	7,003,770
ROYAL CERAMICS LANKA PLC	79,878	5,513,931
CHEVRON LUBRICANTS LANKA PLC	74,353	5,345,319
ACCESS ENGINEERING PLC	243,010	3,357,726
THE AUTODROME PLC	43,664	3,274,870
SAMPATH BANK PLC	12,665	2,957,927
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC	26,841	2,916,824
DIPPED PRODUCTS PLC	25,465	2,069,048

Top Gainers

Company Name	VWA Days Close	Change (LKR)	Change %	Turnover (LKR)
S M B LEASING	0.50	0.10	25.00	120
ANILANA HOTELS	1.00	0.10	11.11	501
BALANGODA	14.20	0.80	5.97	45,590
AMANA TAKAFUL	6.10	0.30	5.17	46,497
C.W.MACKIE	44.10	2.10	5.00	22,050
LOLC DEV FINANCE	39.60	1.60	4.21	9,742
TAL LANKA	12.50	0.50	4.17	6,610
MILLENNIUM HOUSE	7.80	0.30	4.00	14,288
ELPITIYA	18.90	0.70	3.85	393,792
RESUS ENERGY	22.00	0.80	3.77	2,200

Top Losers

Company Name	VWA Days Close	Change (LKR)	Change %	Turnover (LKR)
BLUE DIAMONDS	0.50	(0.10)	(16.67)	15,895
SAMSON INTERNAT.	83.40	(16.60)	(16.60)	33,758
CARGO BOAT	60.40	(11.60)	(16.11)	634,268
TRANS ASIA	73.20	(9.30)	(11.27)	426,160
BROWNS INVSTMNTS	1.70	(0.20)	(10.53)	395,817
SINHAPUTHRA FIN [P]	6.90	(0.80)	(10.39)	848,806
KELSEY	25.10	(2.90)	(10.36)	62,682
SINHAPUTHRA FIN	9.70	(0.90)	(8.49)	1,076,629
BIMPUTH FINANCE	27.40	(2.40)	(8.05)	199,861
RENUKA HOLDINGS [X]	12.20	(1.00)	(7.58)	7,911

Crossings

Name	Symbol	Price	Trades	T.Volume	Turnover
Central Finance Company PLC	CFIN.No000	93.00	1	500,000	46,500,000.00
John Keells Holdings PLC	JKH.No000	154.00	1	135,000	20,790,000.00

Market Highlights & Statistics

Sector Wise Summary

Sector	Price Index		Turnover			Sector	
	Today	Previous	Value (Rs)	Volume	Trades	P/E	PBV
BANK FINANCE AND INSURANCE	15,921.90	15,963.09	65,497,237	1,232,885	788	4.80	0.90
BEVERAGE FOOD AND TOBACCO	24,018.29	24,088.74	4,249,383	314,372	133	17.20	5.80
CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING	1,388.97	1,393.93	3,439,715	262,207	94	15.40	0.50
CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	5,197.42	5,208.43	2,012,617	32,459	44	7.60	0.80
DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS	1,517.07	1,520.07	63,490,345	786,420	188	10.70	0.90
FOOTWEAR AND TEXTILE	922.46	920.44	174,920	19,440	16	54.70	0.90
HOTELS AND TRAVELS	2,626.30	2,638.08	1,048,345	47,696	130	97.60	1.70
HEALTH CARE	815.52	812.21	313,896	26,383	28	16.60	1.80
INVESTMENT TRUSTS	9,146.77	9,114.12	66,758	5,430	20	0.00	0.40
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	24.96	24.96	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
LAND AND PROPERTY	536.97	534.86	8,468,968	520,639	227	5.40	0.60
MANUFACTURING	2,741.76	2,795.79	17,399,803	353,555	543	8.50	0.80
MOTORS	12,234.08	12,147.22	3,925,993	48,598	30	16.90	0.50
OIL PALMS	49,335.27	49,335.27	1,382	2	1	59.10	1.30
POWER & ENERGY	95.83	96.55	872,038	138,575	101	84.40	1.10
PLANTATIONS	766.01	765.19	940,325	90,635	74	25.60	0.80
STORES SUPPLIES	28,210.71	28,210.71	0	0	0	17.40	0.50
SERVICES	15,878.96	15,878.96	155,840	45,507	30	14.70	1.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	134.56	134.56	424,646	41,106	43	5.70	0.90
TRADING	11,452.46	11,412.71	294,872	631,164	36	52.60	0.70

GICS Industry Group Statistics

Industry Group	Price Index		Turnover			Sector	
	Today	Previous	Value (Rs)	Volume	Trades	P/E	PBV
Automobiles & Components	501.34	501.34	485,438	13,149	28	5.10	0.60
Banks	797.94	800.74	10,326,314	129,717	280	5.40	0.70
Capital Goods	823.50	824.86	71,841,360	795,327	298	10.60	0.80
Commercial & Professional Services	788.23	786.96	0	0	0	0.00	1.00
Consumer Durables & Apparel	782.01	804.01	651,356	77,619	75	40.20	1.00
Consumer Services	246.36	246.89	1,048,345	47,696	130	103.40	1.60
Diversified Financials	754.22	765.69	51,277,064	956,966	318	5.30	1.00
Energy	531.73	532.68	312,681	17,307	59	0.00	0.80
Food & Staples Retailing	1,250.22	1,250.22	1,251,202	633,004	32	22.70	2.20
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	921.19	918.24	6,080,079	668,095	273	16.20	2.70
Health Care Equipment & Services	872.52	871.94	314,176	26,783	31	16.70	1.80
Household & Personal Products	936.59	947.37	163,711	16,369	10	12.70	1.70
Insurance	2,097.68	2,104.55	3,121,163	46,636	126	3.60	1.60
Materials	538.92	538.81	11,137,404	167,770	428	8.50	0.90
Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	1,757.29	1,757.29	1,302	2	1	5.10	1.40
Real Estate	730.15	735.03	8,409,207	517,650	231	5.10	0.60
Retailing	750.84	751.52	4,053,609	77,342	48	17.20	0.70
Technology Hardware & Equipment	0.00	-	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Telecommunication Services	703.06	704.11	424,646	41,106	49	5.70	0.90
Transportation	736.16	719.44	194,318	46,205	10	7.90	0.70
Utilities	716.50	720.18	559,357	121,268	45	10.00	0.70

Economic Indicators & Other Statistics

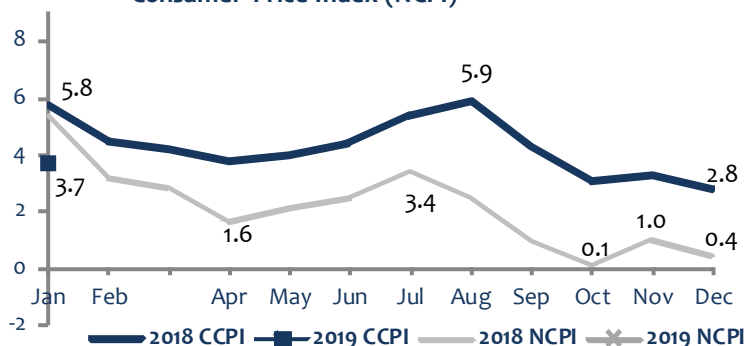
Exchange Rates

Currency	20th Feb		18th Feb	
	Buying	Selling	Buying	Selling
Dollar (USA)	177.64	181.50	176.56	180.42
Pound (UK)	231.01	238.47	226.91	234.29
Euro (EU)	200.30	207.37	198.49	205.52
Dollar (Australia)	126.09	131.44	125.03	130.37
Dollar (Canada)	133.79	138.76	132.60	137.54
Franc (Switzerland)	176.34	182.58	174.90	181.12
Renminbi (China)	26.09	27.33	25.82	27.05
Yen (Japan)	1.5922	1.6511	1.5872	1.6461
Dollar (Singapore)	130.76	135.22	129.61	134.05

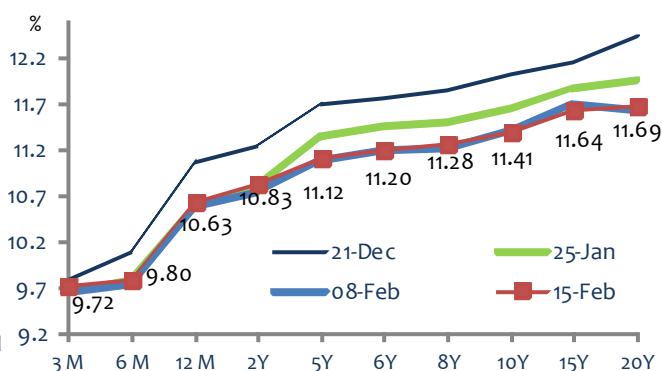
Indicative Rates

Currency	20th Feb	18th Feb
	Ind: Value	Ind: Value
Yuan (Offshore)	26.7032	26.4190
Rupee (India)	2.5154	2.5058
Won (Korean)	0.1603	0.1590
Dinar (Kuwait)	592.6085	588.2228
Ringgit (Malay)	43.7548	43.8318
Rial (Oman)	466.6984	464.1312
Riyal (Qatar)	49.3366	49.0771
Riyal (KSA)	47.9086	47.6494
Dirham (UAE)	48.9168	48.6509

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



Government Securities - Secondary Market Yield



Central Bank's Policy Rates

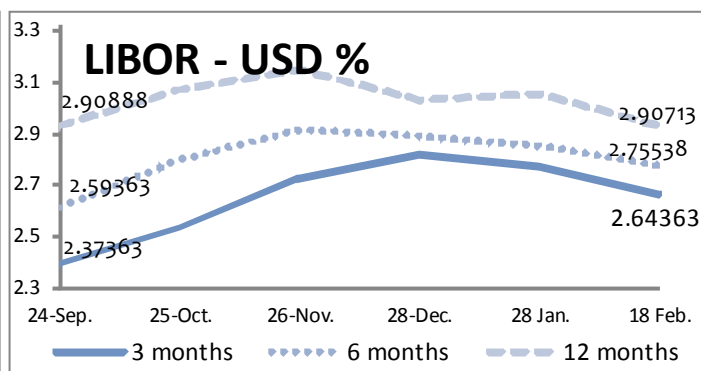
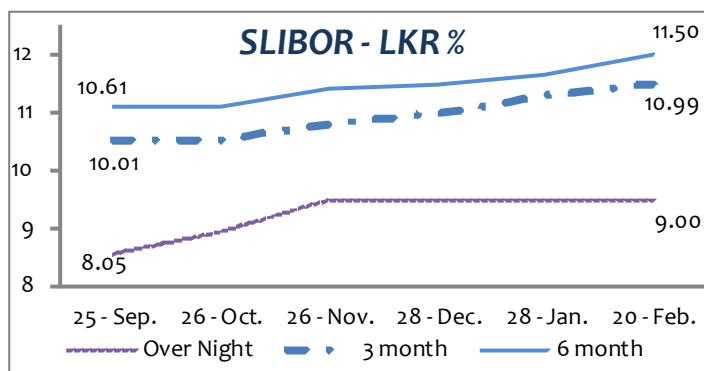
Description	Present	Previous		20.02.2019	13.02.2019	06.02.2019	30.01.2019
Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)	8.00%	7.25%	91 Days %	na	na	9.55	na
Standing Lending Facility (SLF)	9.00%	8.50%	182 Days %	9.87	na	9.87	na
Bank Rate	15.00%	15.00%	364 Days %	10.73	10.72	10.69	10.69
Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR)	6.00%	7.50%	Amount	22.5Bn	21Bn	24Bn	21Bn

Treasury Bill Issuance

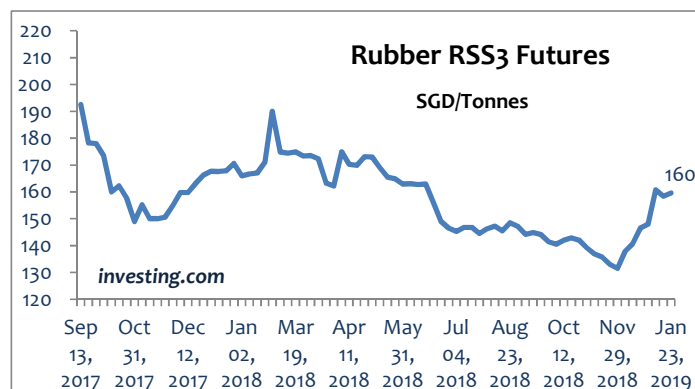
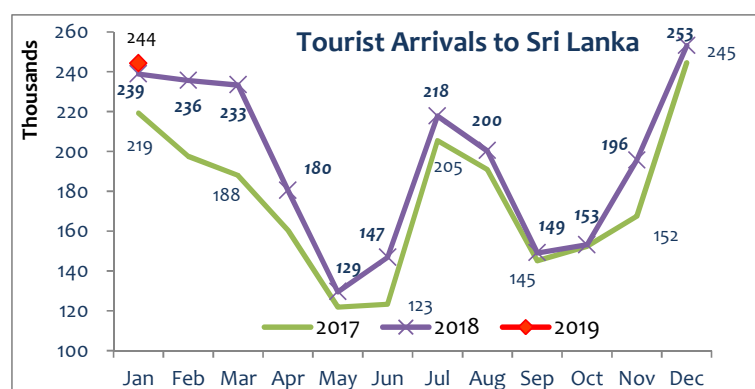
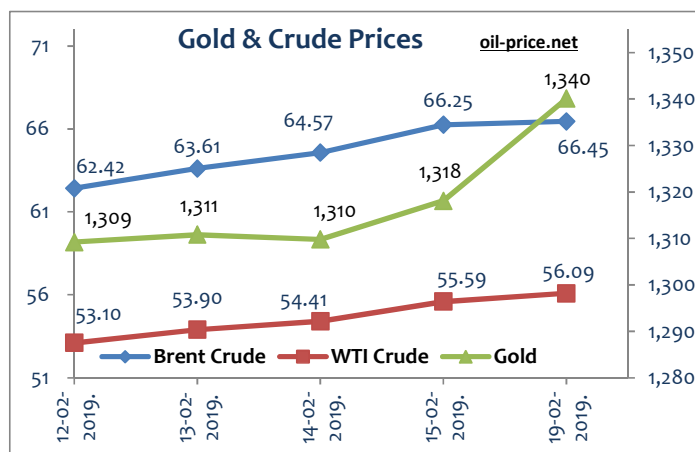
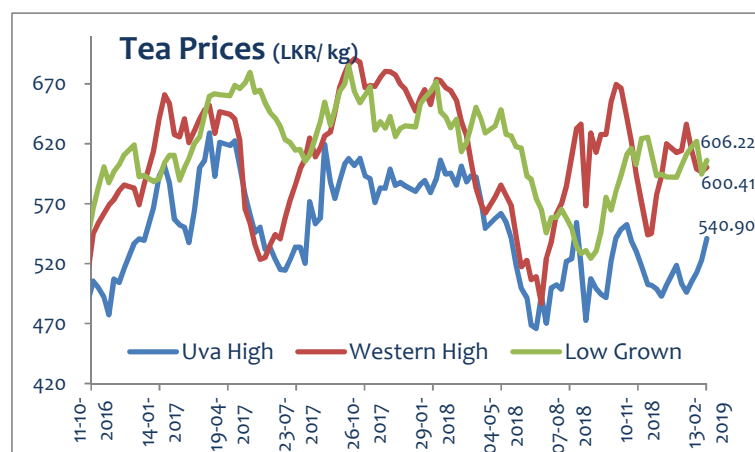
Date	05.02.2019	17.07.2016	11.01.2019	17.07.2016	17.09.2018	05.02.2019	11.01.2019	15.10.2018
Maturity	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years	7 Years	8 Years	10 Years	15 Years
Current Yield	10.85	11.14	11.58	11.21	10.32	11.30	11.73	11.90
Previous Auction	13.12.2018	15.06.2017	15.10.2018	15.06.2017	16.07.2018	13.12.2018	15.08.2018	16.07.2018
Previous Yield	11.88	11.37	11.69	11.38	10.53	12.23	10.20	10.88

Treasury Bond Issuance

Date	05.02.2019	17.07.2016	11.01.2019	17.07.2016	17.09.2018	05.02.2019	11.01.2019	15.10.2018
Maturity	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years	7 Years	8 Years	10 Years	15 Years
Current Yield	10.85	11.14	11.58	11.21	10.32	11.30	11.73	11.90
Previous Auction	13.12.2018	15.06.2017	15.10.2018	15.06.2017	16.07.2018	13.12.2018	15.08.2018	16.07.2018
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Economic Indicators & Other Statistics



Local News

Sri Lanka to tap bond market for US \$ 2bn after Chinese loan delay

Sri Lanka will bring forward a plan to raise US \$ 2Bn through the bond market after a delay in a pledged loan from Bank of China, sources close to the deal said yesterday. The sources said the Central Bank will seek to issue the bond as early as the first week of March after a discussion with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that started yesterday. Sri Lanka is struggling to repay its foreign loans, with a record US \$ 5.9Bn due this year including US \$ 2.6Bn in the first three months. The island nation used its reserves to repay a US \$1Bn sovereign bond loan in January. A US \$ 300Mn loan offered by Bank of China to Sri Lanka has faced delays due to long negotiations on the terms of conditions and Chinese New Year holidays, two government officials familiar with the negotiation told Reuters. The loan was originally expected to be finalised by end-January and another US \$ 700Mn before end-March. “We will first go to dollar bonds before Panda and Samurai bonds,” Coomaraswamy told Reuters. ([dailymirror.lk](#))

Sri Lanka targets 315mn kg tea production for 2019

ECONOMYNEXT – Sri Lanka is aiming to produce 315Mn kilos of tea in 2019, up five percent from last year, Minister of Plantation Industries Naveen Dissanayake said. Tea production had dropped to 303Mn kilos in 2018, down one percent from 2017, mainly because of drought and excessive rains at different times of the year and a ban on the glyphosate weedicide, he told a news conference. Tea plucking had also been interrupted by a temporary go-slow by unionised workers demanding higher pay. This year, production is expected to recover with more conducive weather, limited relaxation of the weedicide ban so estates can resume its use, and a negotiated deal on a wage hike for workers, Dissanayake said.

BOI signs Indian investor to manufacture Aluminium food containers, wraps

The Board of Investment of Sri Lanka signed an agreement with ARD Aluminium (Pvt) Ltd to set up a factory to manufacture aluminium food containers with lids and aluminium home foil wraps for food. Currently these products which are popularly used by the catering industry are largely imported from other countries, notably China. This company already manufactures 15 variants of this container and also barbeque trays used for roasting food. ARD Aluminium (Pvt) Ltd will build their plant at the Mirigama EPZ. ([dailynews.lk](#))

Foreign News

Asia shares scale four-and-a-half month peak on hopes of U.S.-China trade deal

Asian stocks advanced to 4-1/2-month highs on Wednesday as investors bet that Chinese and U.S. trade negotiators would be able to secure a deal to de-escalate their year-long tariff war. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained as much as 1.3 percent to six-month highs, while Korea's Kospi and Taiwan's index recovered to levels last seen in early October. Japan's Nikkei added 0.6 percent to two-month highs. China's bluechip shares rose 0.3 percent, extending their run of gains to 18 percent from their Jan. 4 trough, thanks to inflows of foreign funds.

The gains in Asia topped those in Tuesday's Wall Street session, where the S&P 500 tacked on 0.2 percent, helped by upbeat results from Walmart. The Nasdaq also rose 0.2 percent, logging its seventh straight session of gains.

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that trade talks with China were going well and suggested he was open to pushing off the deadline to complete negotiations, saying March 1 was not a "magical" date. U.S. tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports are currently scheduled to rise to 25 percent from 10 percent if no trade deal is reached by March 1.

Investors are also looking to the release later on Wednesday of minutes from the Federal Reserve's January policy-setting meeting, where policymakers effectively signaled no further rate hikes and possible tweaks to its balance sheet normalization.

In the currency market, the euro was little changed at \$1.1380, but ahead of Friday's three-month low of \$1.1234, on the back of improving risk appetites. The dollar gained 0.2 percent to 110.84 yen, edging near Thursday's seven-week peak of 111.13. The British pound soared to \$1.3063 on Tuesday, gaining 1.1 percent.

Oil prices hovered near 2019 highs, supported by OPEC-led supply cuts and U.S. sanctions on Iran and Venezuela, but further gains were capped by soaring U.S. production and expectations of an economic slowdown.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil futures were at \$56.16 per barrel, up 0.1 percent on the day and not far off their 2019 high of \$56.33 hit earlier this week. International Brent crude futures stood at \$66.32 per barrel, having hit a three-month high of \$66.83 per barrel earlier this week.

Gold rose 0.4 percent to 10-month highs of \$1,346.73, extending its rally sparked in part by signs that the world's central banks are turning dovish. Palladium rose as much as 1.4 percent to yet another record high, having risen about 19 percent so far this year, on expectations of increased demand due to stricter emissions standards. ([reuters.com](#))

Saudi Arabia signs \$20bn in deals with Pakistan

Saudi Arabia has pledged investment deals worth \$20bn (£15.5bn) with Pakistan which is seeking to bolster its fragile economy. The deals include funding for an \$8bn oil refinery in the city of Gwadar. It comes as part of a high-profile Asian tour by the kingdom's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Pakistan is suffering a financial crisis. It has only \$8bn left in foreign reserves and is looking to international backers for support. Prime Minister Imran Khan has been seeking help from friendly countries in order to cut the size of the bailout package his country is likely to need from the International Monetary Fund, under very strict conditions. The country is seeking its 13th bailout since the late 1980s and Saudi Arabia has already provided a \$6bn loan. ([bbc.com](#))

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