

DAILY STOCK MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, 27 February 2019



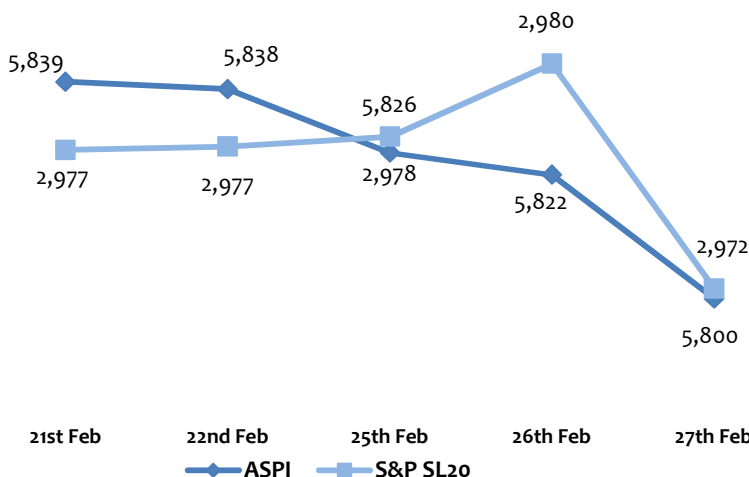
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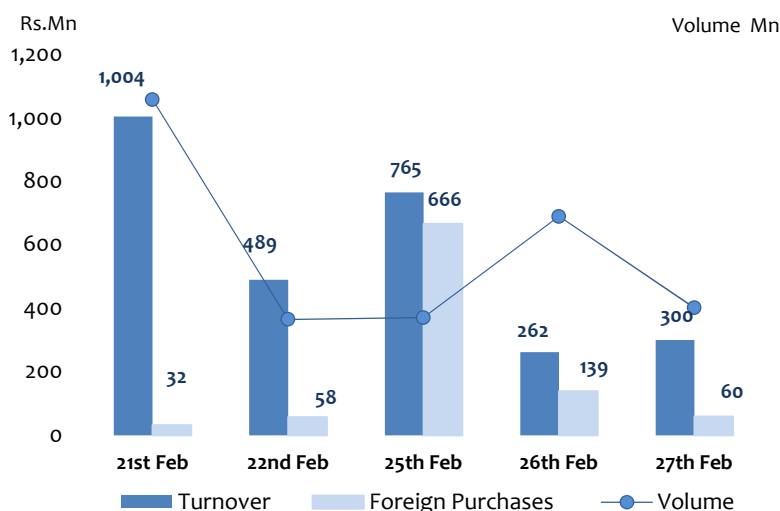
Daily Market Statistics

Index	27th Feb	26th Feb	Change	% Change
ASPI	5,799.98	5,822.27	↓ (22.29)	↓ -0.38%
S&P SL20	2,972.35	2,980.46	↓ (8.11)	↓ -0.27%
Market Stats (LKR, Mn)		27th Feb	26th Feb	% Change
Turnover		300.30	261.97	↑ 14.6%
Domestic Purchases		240.68	122.84	↑ 95.9%
Domestic Sales		163.93	195.11	↓ -16.0%
Foreign Purchases		59.62	139.12	↓ -57.1%
Foreign Sales		136.37	66.86	↑ 104.0%
Share Volume		13.38	22.97	↓ -41.8%
Market capitalization (Bn)		2,710.96	2,721.38	↓ -0.38%
PER		9.07	9.11	↓ -0.44%
PBV		1.14	1.15	↓ -0.87%

Market Indices



Turnover, Volume and Foreign Purchase



Performance of the Market

- Bourse witnessed further decline due to the pressure on large caps. War clouds over the neighboring countries, upcoming budget and depreciating currency weigh on investor sentiments. One year average T-Bill yield declined to 10.67% (-6 BPS) during the weekly auction.
- Benchmark index ASPI moved between 5,799.98-5,823.76 points and settled the day at 5,799.98 with a loss of 22.29 points (-0.38%).
- Major contributors for the movement in ASPI were **JKH (+8.2)**, **SLTL (+1.5)**, **DFCC (+1.1)**, **HHL (+1.1)**, **CTC (+1)**, **LOLC (-5.4)**, **CTCE (-5.2)**, **CCS (-3.9)**, **DIST (-3)** & **MELS (-2.5)**
- S&P SL20 index followed the same trend, and settled the day at 2,972.35 with a loss of 8.11 points (-0.27%).
- The day's turnover was recorded as LKR 300.3Mn, up by 15% from its previously recorded LKR 261.97Mn. Foreign investors turned net sellers for the day.
- The total market capitalization stood at LKR 2.71Tn, indicating an YTD loss of 4.53%.
- The market PER & PBV were at 9.07x & 1.14x respectively.

Top Contributors – Turnover

1. Dialog Axiata PLC (DIAL) contributed 19% (56.84Mn) of the turnover. DIAL traded between LKR 9.50 & LKR 9.90 and settled the day LKR 9.50 with a loss of LKR 0.10 (-1.04%)
2. Asian Hotels & Properties PLC (AHPL) had contributed LKR 44.55Mn. AHPL traded between LKR 41.00 & LKR 42.40 and settled the day LKR 41.00 on par with its previous closing.
3. Tokyo Cement Company (Lanka) PLC [X] (TKYO.X) contributed LKR 44.2Mn. TKYO.X traded between LKR 20.00 & LKR 20.80 and settled the day LKR 20.00 with a loss of LKR 0.90 (-4.31%); majority (43.63Mn) of its turnover was contributed through an off board trade of 2.18Mn shares negotiated at the price of LKR 20.00

Top contributors - Traded Volume

1. Dialog Axiata PLC traded a total of 5.98Mn shares.
2. Tokyo Cement Company (Lanka) PLC [X] (2.21Mn shares)
3. Asian Hotels & Properties PLC (1.34Mn shares).

Sectorial Overview

1. Bank Finance & Insurance (BFI) sector stood on top providing LKR 70.47Mn capturing 23% of the total turnover.
2. Telecommunications (TLE) sector provided LKR 56.91Mn to the daily aggregated turnover.
3. Manufacturing (MFG) sector provided LKR 55.54Mn

Daily Foreign Transactions

Net Foreign Purchases

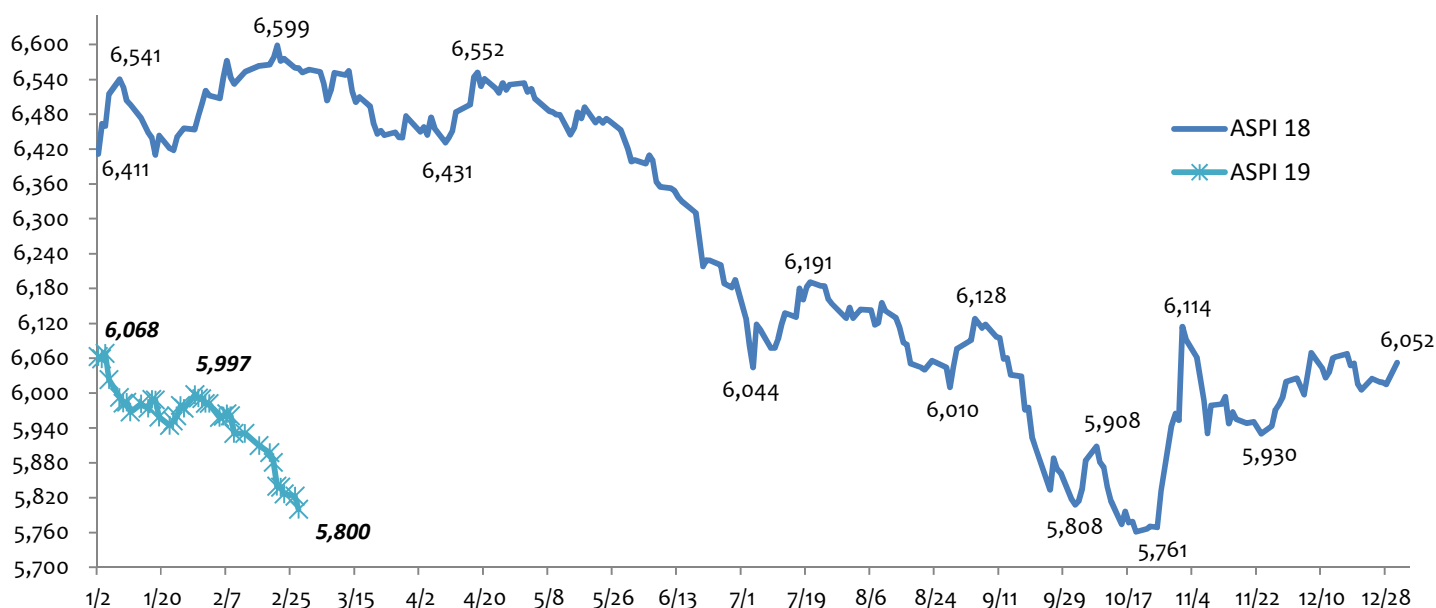
Company Name	Avg Price	Net change in Qty	Net Foreign Inflow
CEYLON INV.	35.00	246,203	8,617,105
NATIONS TRUST (+)	82.10	29,796	2,446,252
LO L C HOLDINGS	88.50	19,754	1,748,229
CEYLON TOBACCO (+)	1,400.00	300	420,000
AITKEN SPENCE	45.00	7,500	337,500
ALUMEX PLC	11.00	22,600	248,600
TEEJAY LANKA	31.5	3,934	123,921
CHEVRON (+)	64.00	1,700	108,800
SANASA DEV. BANK (+)	229.10	200	45,820
UNION BANK (+)	13.30	2,985	39,701

Net Foreign Sales

Company Name	Avg Price	Net change in Qty	Net Foreign Outflow
DIALOG (+)	9.50	(5,372,872)	(51,042,284)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	81.00	(216,900)	(17,568,900)
JKH	158.00	(108,321)	(17,114,718)
COMMERCIAL BANK[X]	90.00	(17,000)	(1,530,000)
SEYLAN BANK[X]	66.10	(21,780)	(1,439,658)
HNB[X.0000] (+)	155.00	(6,988)	(1,083,140)
HNB (+)	195.00	(4,592)	(895,440)
LANKA WALLTILE	60.10	(2,216)	(133,182)
SWISSTEK	35.80	(1,928)	(69,022)
SAMPATH (+)	0.30	(126,095)	(37,829)

- **Aggregate foreign buying** for the day totaled up to **LKR 59.62Mn**.
- **Foreign sales** for the day amounted to **LKR 136.37Mn**.
- **Net foreign outflow** for the day was **LKR 76.75Mn**, **YTD net foreign outflow** presently stands at **LKR 5.49Bn**.
- **CINV** notched the “Top Net Purchasers” slot with a net inflow of **LKR 8.62Mn** whilst **DIAL** notched the “Top net Sellers” slot with a net outflow of **LKR 51.04Mn**.

Year-to-Date ASPI Movement - 2018 & 2019



Key Announcements

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	KAPI
From	7-Sep 18.	25-Sep 18.	26-Nov-18.	10-12-2018.			18-Feb-19.	14-Feb-19.	
Reason	AQO	AQO	***	Non-submission of Annual Reports			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
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	SEYB	28-Mar-19
HASU	28-Mar-19	HNB	29-Mar-19

EGMs

Company	Date	Company	Date
PABC	29-Mar-19	SEYB	7-Mar-19
SAMP	29-Mar-19	FLCH	8-Mar-19
		BIL	8-Mar-19
		HDFC	14-Mar-19

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
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

Key Announcements

Cash Dividends

CODE	DIVIDEND PER SHARE (LKR)	TYPE	XD DATE	PAYMENT DATE	CODE	DIVIDEND PER SHARE (LKR)	TYPE	XD DATE	PAYMENT DATE
TJL	0.85	1st Interim	18.Feb.2019	28.Feb.2019	SEYB	0.50	Final	29.Mar.2019	08.Apr.2019
TYRE	2.50	2nd Interim	21.Feb.2019	05.Mar.2019	HASU	7.00	Final	29.Mar.2019	08.Apr.2019
KFP	4.00	Interim	22.Feb.2019	06.Mar.2019	CSD	1.00	First & Final	29.Mar.2019	08.Apr.2019
LLUB	1.50	4th Interim	28.Feb.2019	12.Mar.2019	SLTL	1.06	First & Final	29.Mar.2019	08.Apr.2019
DFCC	3.50	First & Final	28.Feb.2019	12.Mar.2019	OSEA	1.25	First & Final	01.Apr.2019	09.Apr.2019
CONN	2.50	2nd Interim	05.Mar.2019	13.Mar.2019	SAMP	5.00	First & Final	01.Apr.2019	09.Apr.2019
NEST	25.00	Interim	05.Mar.2019	14.Mar.2019	HNB	3.50	Final	01.Apr.2019	09.Apr.2019
CCS	7.00	Interim	06.Mar.2019	15.Mar.2019	NEST	25.00	Final	09.May.2019	17.May.2019
NDB	1.50	First & Final	06.Mar.2019	15.Mar.2019	COMD	3.50	Final	16.May.2019	27.May.2019
DOCK	1.50	First & Final	08.Mar.2019	19.Mar.2019	CTC	15.77	Final	Dates to be notified	
AEL	0.25	2nd Interim	07.Mar.2019	18.Mar.2019	DIAL	0.37	Final	Dates to be notified	
ASIY	0.15	Interim	11.Mar.2019	21.Mar.2019	PINS	1.10	2nd Interim	Dates to be notified	
CTCE	25.00	First & Final	28.Mar.2019	05.Apr.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	40.8720928942	25.5813924919	29.Mar.19	08.Apr.19
HNB	200, 157	3.00	67.1096360444	52.1594765342	01.Apr.19	09.Apr.19
NDB	107.50	5.87	18.316095000	na	06.Mar.19	15.Mar.19
HHL	84.00	3.08	27.260781592	na	07.Mar.19	Date to be notified
COMB	106.6, 90.0	1.72	62.034884700	52.383720827		Dates to be notified

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.

Mandatory Offer

Type	Offeror	Offeree	Offer Closing	Offer Price per Share
Serenity Lake Leisure (Private) Limited	Hunas Falls Hotels PLC (HUNA)		To be notified	LKR 187.00

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.
Dialog finance PLC (CALF) @ LKR 40.00		LKR 764Mn	32 for 121	18 Mar 2019.	25 Mar 2019.	29 Mar - 5 Apr.	08 Apr 19.
People's Merchant Finance (PMB) LKR 9.50		LKR 1,202Mn	3 for 2	05 Apr 2019.	10 Apr 2019.	17 Apr - 25 Apr.	26 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

Market Highlights & Statistics

Market Capitalisation

Company Name	Symbol	Price	Issued Quantity	Market Capitalisation	(as a % of MKT Cap.)
CEYLON TOBACCO COMPANY PLC	CTC.No000	1,400.00	187,323,751	262,253,251,400	10.44
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	JKH.No000	158.00	1,318,167,659	208,270,490,122	8.29
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC	COMB.No000	106.90	945,943,226	101,121,330,859	4.03
NESTLE LANKA PLC	NEST.No000	1,700.00	53,725,463	91,333,287,100	3.64
DIALOG AXIATA PLC	DIAL.No000	9.50	8,143,778,405	77,365,894,848	3.08
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	HNB.No000	195.00	395,451,248	77,112,993,360	3.07
DISTILLERIES COMPANY OF SRI LANKA PLC	DIST.No000	15.20	4,600,000,000	69,920,000,000	2.78
SAMPATH BANK PLC	SAMP.No000	229.10	280,902,248	64,354,705,017	2.56
CEYLON COLD STORES PLC	CCS.No000	580.70	95,040,000	55,189,728,000	2.20
CARGILLS (CEYLON) PLC	CARG.No000	200.00	255,999,927	51,199,985,400	2.04

Highest Volume

Company Name	Turnover (Rs)	Share Vol.
DIALOG AXIATA PLC	56,840,481	5,982,872
TOKYO CEMENT COMPANY (LANKA) PLC [X]	44,200,547	2,209,916
ASIAN HOTELS & PROPERTIES PLC	44,551,868	1,338,677
ACCESS ENGINEERING PLC	5,022,506	377,813
CEYLON INVESTMENT PLC	8,654,450	247,298
ALUMEX PLC	2,610,255	233,767
SIERRA CABLES PLC	398,129	221,182
HEMAS HOLDINGS PLC	17,767,603	219,365
PANASIAN POWER PLC	585,410	192,100
SAMPATH BANK PLC	34,280,510	149,456

Highest Turnover

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DIALOG AXIATA PLC	5,982,872	56,840,481
ASIAN HOTELS & PROPERTIES PLC	1,338,677	44,551,868
TOKYO CEMENT COMPANY (LANKA) PLC [X]	2,209,916	44,200,547
SAMPATH BANK PLC	149,456	34,280,510
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	146,064	22,972,514
HEMAS HOLDINGS PLC	219,365	17,767,603
CEYLON INVESTMENT PLC	247,298	8,654,450
ACCESS ENGINEERING PLC	377,813	5,022,506
AITKEN SPENCE PLC	103,501	4,607,927
CITIZENS DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS FINANCE	51,086	4,342,288

Top Gainers

Company Name	VWA Days Close	Change (LKR)	Change %	Turnover (LKR)
S M B LEASING [X]	0.30	0.10	50.00	30
EDEN HOTEL LANKA	13.00	1.00	8.33	3,130
MAHAWELI REACH	14.20	1.00	7.58	3,145
C.W.MACKIE	43.30	2.30	5.61	4,334
RAIGAM SALTERNS	2.00	0.10	5.26	21,010
DURDANS	79.00	3.90	5.19	7,900
SERENDIB ENG.GRP	7.30	0.30	4.29	1,156
MULTI FINANCE	19.50	0.80	4.28	1,950
ALLIANCE	54.00	1.70	3.25	55,437
RENUKA HOLDINGS	16.00	0.50	3.23	171,428

Top Losers

Company Name	VWA Days Close	Change (LKR)	Change %	Turnover (LKR)
RENUKA FOODS [X]	11.10	(2.30)	(17.16)	4,552
MALWATTE	7.00	(1.20)	(14.63)	348,985
BOGAWANTALAWA	10.20	(1.40)	(12.07)	60,470
ALUMEX PLC	11.00	(1.40)	(11.29)	2,610,255
MORISONS [X]	400.40	(50.80)	(11.26)	62,073
TALAWAKELLE	50.40	(4.10)	(7.52)	40,355
MALWATTE [X]	4.40	(0.30)	(6.38)	72,931
C M HOLDINGS	40.40	(2.60)	(6.05)	81,454
MARAWILA RESORTS	1.60	(0.10)	(5.88)	37,571
L O L C HOLDINGS	88.50	(5.30)	(5.65)	2,242,918

Crossings

Name	Symbol	Price	Trades	T.Volume	Turnover
Tokyo Cement Company (Lanka) PLC (X)	TKYO.Xo000	20.00	1	2,181,610	43,632,200.00

Market Highlights & Statistics

Sector Wise Summary

Sector	Price Index		Turnover			Sector	
	Today	Previous	Value (Rs)	Volume	Trades	P/E	PBV
BANK FINANCE AND INSURANCE	15,626.21	15,763.90	70,470,600	1,022,431	819	4.70	0.90
BEVERAGE FOOD AND TOBACCO	23,617.17	23,737.90	2,203,214	74,791	65	17.00	5.70
CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING	1,382.71	1,396.63	5,218,282	394,121	94	15.30	0.50
CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	4,979.95	5,051.38	684,830	11,473	26	7.30	0.80
DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS	1,516.64	1,512.93	49,065,855	806,402	323	10.70	0.90
FOOTWEAR AND TEXTILE	888.07	888.07	728,692	80,909	27	52.60	0.90
HOTELS AND TRAVELS	2,613.31	2,612.47	46,064,359	1,239,897	209	97.20	1.60
HEALTH CARE	821.79	814.07	242,324	10,900	9	16.70	1.80
INVESTMENT TRUSTS	8,914.43	8,894.47	9,717,543	334,871	102	0.00	0.40
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	24.41	24.41	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
LAND AND PROPERTY	540.64	542.79	764,456	76,250	68	5.40	0.60
MANUFACTURING	2,624.86	2,649.07	55,537,236	2,922,319	547	8.10	0.80
MOTORS	11,893.59	11,921.29	82,754	1,921	11	16.50	0.50
OIL PALMS	49,335.27	49,335.27	26,687	26	6	59.10	1.30
POWER & ENERGY	95.65	95.75	1,095,131	238,063	60	84.20	1.10
PLANTATIONS	735.79	751.28	1,038,999	103,132	110	24.60	0.70
STORES SUPPLIES	28,210.71	28,210.71	85,980	170	4	17.40	0.50
SERVICES	15,794.47	15,794.47	164,178	57,808	27	14.70	1.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	131.73	131.83	56,908,745	5,985,964	155	5.60	0.80
TRADING	10,887.71	10,953.83	199,058	16,569	32	50.00	0.60

GICS Industry Group Statistics

Industry Group	Price Index		Turnover			Sector	
	Today	Previous	Value (Rs)	Volume	Trades	P/E	PBV
Automobiles & Components	455.76	469.17	272,606	8,009	6	4.70	0.60
Banks	781.38	786.59	54,862,664	504,421	414	5.30	0.70
Capital Goods	822.16	816.44	54,775,520	1,284,393	436	10.60	0.80
Commercial & Professional Services	817.12	817.12	0	0	0	0.00	1.00
Consumer Durables & Apparel	742.26	748.21	3,399,007	244,721	104	38.50	1.00
Consumer Services	239.53	239.30	46,064,360	1,239,897	210	102.90	1.60
Diversified Financials	747.58	753.16	19,448,876	560,290	308	5.20	1.00
Energy	518.99	522.31	244,897	14,350	28	0.00	0.80
Food & Staples Retailing	1,247.97	1,247.97	237,745	1,499	6	22.60	2.10
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	901.68	908.11	3,403,078	221,652	231	16.00	2.70
Health Care Equipment & Services	882.45	874.28	242,324	10,900	9	16.80	1.80
Household & Personal Products	931.21	931.21	404,950	40,500	22	12.70	1.70
Insurance	2,021.06	2,051.21	4,806,171	114,650	142	3.40	1.50
Materials	495.95	504.37	52,250,632	2,564,938	351	8.00	0.90
Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences	1,585.23	1,632.30	127,299	253	15	4.60	1.20
Real Estate	740.39	742.85	963,728	81,508	105	5.10	0.60
Retailing	736.34	739.72	429,437	69,625	52	16.80	0.60
Technology Hardware & Equipment	0.00	-	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
Telecommunication Services	688.24	688.78	56,908,744	5,985,964	155	5.60	0.80
Transportation	719.44	719.44	365,987	87,142	19	7.90	0.70
Utilities	722.71	719.03	850,234	223,713	32	10.10	0.70

Economic Indicators & Other Statistics

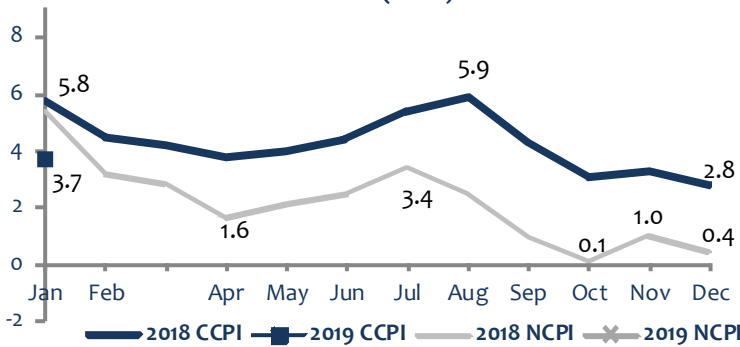
Exchange Rates

Currency	27th Feb		26th Feb	
	Buying	Selling	Buying	Selling
Dollar (USA)	177.71	181.57	177.54	181.40
Pound (UK)	234.34	241.86	232.17	239.66
Euro (EU)	200.98	208.07	200.42	207.49
Dollar (Australia)	126.35	131.71	125.91	131.26
Dollar (Canada)	134.07	139.04	133.67	138.63
Franc (Switzerland)	176.54	182.81	176.45	182.70
Renminbi (China)	26.25	27.50	26.21	27.46
Yen (Japan)	1.5967	1.6556	1.5917	1.6505
Dollar (Singapore)	131.15	135.63	130.86	135.33

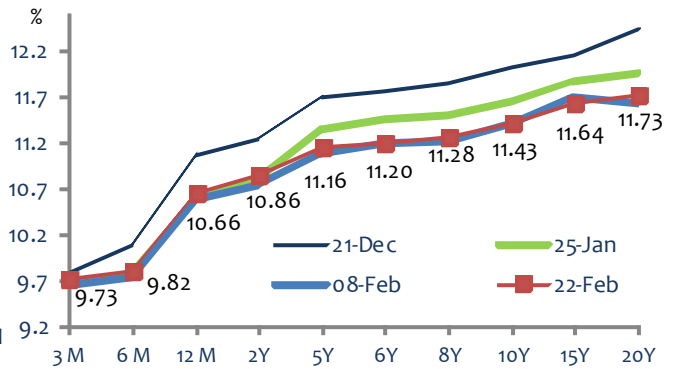
Indicative Rates

Currency	27th Feb	26th Feb
	Ind: Value	Ind: Value
Yuan (Offshore)	26.8865	26.8644
Rupee (India)	2.5321	2.5363
Won (Korean)	0.1609	0.1608
Dinar (Kuwait)	592.2849	591.8581
Ringgit (Malay)	44.2034	44.1335
Rial (Oman)	467.0599	466.7839
Riyal (Qatar)	49.3968	49.3544
Riyal (KSA)	47.9532	47.9187
Dirham (UAE)	48.9611	48.9258

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



Government Securities - Secondary Market Yield

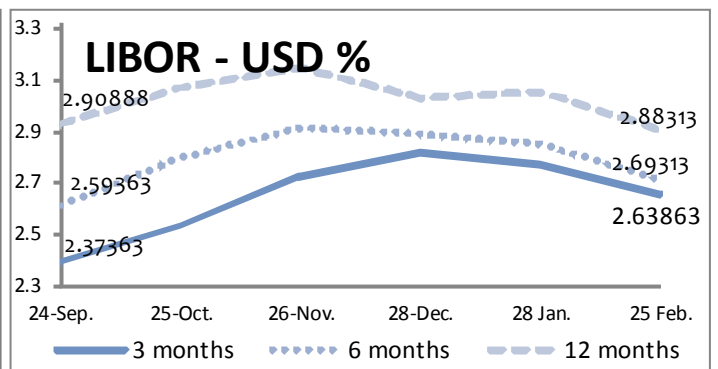
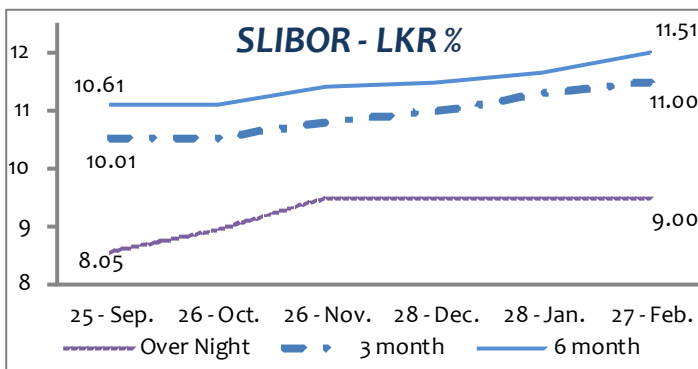


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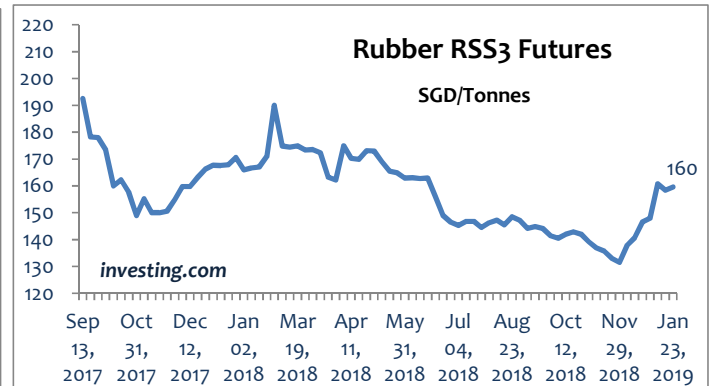
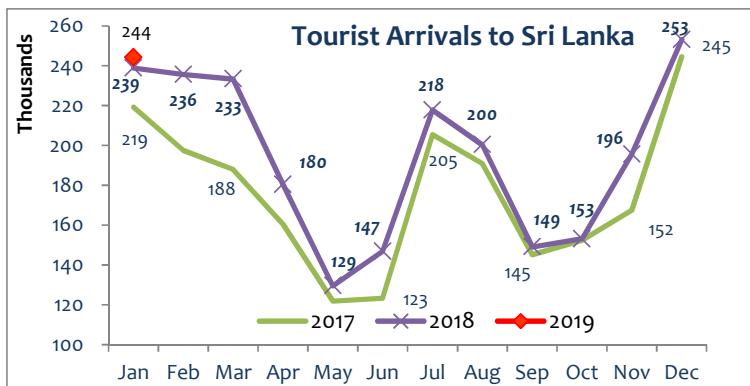
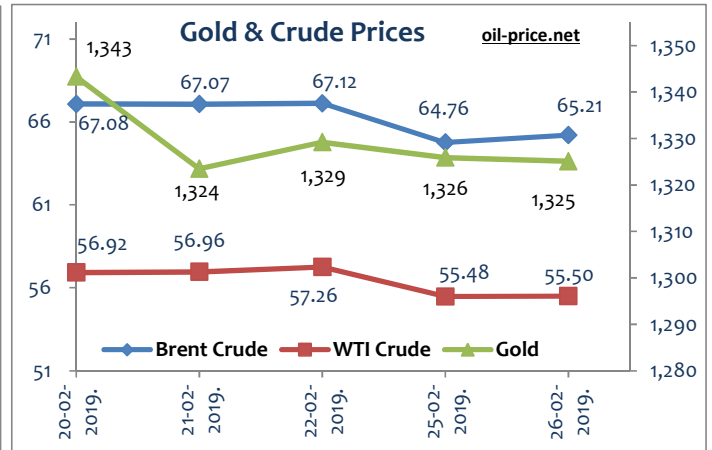
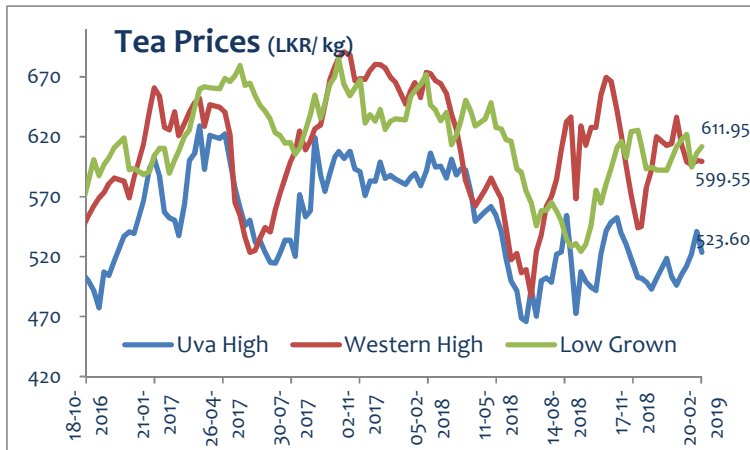
Description	Present	Previous		Treasury Bill Issuance			
				27.02.2019	20.02.2019	13.02.2019	06.02.2019
Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)	8.00%	8.00%	91 Days %	na	na	na	9.55
Standing Lending Facility (SLF)	9.00%	9.00%	182 Days %	na	9.87	na	9.87
Bank Rate	15.00%	15.00%	364 Days %	10.67	10.73	10.72	10.69
Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR)	5.00%	6.00%	Amount	24Bn	22.5Bn	21Bn	24Bn

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
Previous Yield	11.88	11.37	11.69	11.38	10.53	12.23	10.20	10.88



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Local News

Govt. asks IMF for 1-yr loan extension, relax tight spending targets

REUTERS: Sri Lanka has asked the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to extend a US \$1.5bn loan by another year and relax its tight spending targets ahead of key elections, two government sources close to the negotiations told Reuters yesterday. The loan is crucial for Sri Lanka, which plans to sell up to US \$3Bn bonds as early as next week and needs the IMF programme to continue to ensure more attractive borrowing terms. The government has requested the IMF push back its deficit target of 3.5% of GDP agreed under the loan programme to 2021 from 2020, a senior government official familiar with the discussions told Reuters. “The discussions were focused on budget deficit and expenditure numbers,” the source said. “We will not deviate from the fiscal consolidation path. But expenditure cannot be drastically curtailed this year, given it is an election year. We hope there could be a compromise.” A second official said Colombo had told the lender that an IMF-backed revenue act, which was a condition for granting the loan, also needs amendments. Officials from the IMF were not immediately available for comment. The talks will end tomorrow.

Sri Lanka EPF payouts too poor for pensioners to survive: World Bank

ECONOMYNEXT – Payouts by Sri Lanka’s biggest state-run pension fund, Employees’ Provident Fund (EPF) are too poor for pensioners to survive on retirement, a new World Bank report has said. According to the bank’s Sri Lanka Development Update, in some cases the average pay-out from the EPF might only yield an income of about 2,650 rupees a month - below the poverty line - over a 23-year life expectancy at the retirement age of 55 for men. For women, who live longer, it’s worse, with the EPF payout yielding only 2,130 rupees a month if they retire at 50. The EPF is an employer-based, defined-contribution savings scheme for formal private sector workers, covering about a third of the labour force. Retiring members received a lump sum averaging about 579,000 rupees in 2016, which is equivalent to about 1.4 times the average annual per capita income of employed household members. Since the payment is made as a lump sum on retirement, workers must invest and manage the funds personally if they wish to take an annuity, the report said.

Foreign News

Asia shares rise, dollar near three-week low after Fed comments

Asian shares edged towards a five-month high on Wednesday and the dollar hovered near a three-week low after Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell reiterated the central bank's shift to a more "patient" approach to policy amid slowing economic growth. Japan's Nikkei share average closed up 0.5 percent while Australian stocks gained 0.4 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index tacked on 0.2 percent. China's blue-chip CSI300 bucked the trend, falling 0.8 percent.

U.S. stock futures were also down, with E-Minis for the S&P 500 giving up 0.1 percent. Trading in the contracts had been delayed for several hours following a technical disruption earlier in the session.

Powell, spelling out the Fed's approach to an economy that is likely slowing, told U.S. lawmakers on Tuesday it is in "no rush to make a judgment" about further changes to interest rates.

U.S. homebuilding tumbled to a more than two-year low in December as construction of both single and multi-family housing declined, which overshadowed the rebound in consumer confidence in February after three months of declines.

The contrasting data points left Wall Street underpowered, with the benchmark S&P 500, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq Composite closing down 0.1 percent each.

In the currency market, the dollar was softer after the Fed chief's testimony, with its index against major peers dipping more than 0.4 percent to its lowest in three weeks overnight. It recovered a little bit of ground in Asian trade, last trading 0.1 percent higher at 96.131.

The British pound vaulted after Prime Minister Theresa May offered lawmakers the chance to vote on delaying Brexit. Sterling last traded at \$1.3241, having risen to \$1.3288 on Tuesday, its highest levels in five months. Against the euro, it hit a 21-month high of 85.63 pence. The euro was down a tad at \$1.1376 after hitting a three-week high of \$1.1402 overnight. Against the Japanese yen, the greenback held steady at 110.53 yen per dollar.

Investors are keeping an eye on the U.S.-North Korean summit, which begins in Hanoi later on Wednesday.

Oil futures rose slightly on Tuesday after news that OPEC planned to continue production cuts despite Trump criticizing the producer group for rising crude prices a day earlier. U.S. crude futures stood at \$55.98 per barrel, up 0.9 percent while Brent was 0.7 percent higher at \$65.66 a barrel.

Gold was down slightly at \$1,327.40, 1.4 percent below a 10-month peak of \$1,346.70 scaled last Wednesday. (reuters.com)

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