WEEKLY STOCK MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, 05 April 2024



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Market Statistics.

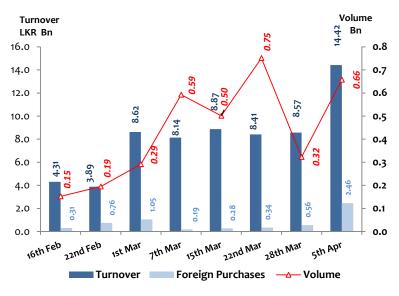
Index	5th Apr	28th Mar	Change	% Change
ASPI	11,795.5	11,444.4	351.1	3.07%
S&P SL20	3,481.5	3,317.6	163.9	4.94%
Market Sta	atistics (Mn)	5th Apr	28th Mar	% Change
Turnover (L	KR)	14,419.4	8,565.4	68 %
Domestic P	urchases	11,956.0	8,007.1	1 49%
Domestic S	Domestic Sales		8,158.8	1 57%
Foreign Pur	chases	2,463.3	558.3	341%
Foreign Sal	es	1,609.4	406.5	296%
Net Foreign	ı Flow	853.9	151.7	463%
Share Volur	ne (No.)	657.2	322.7	104%
Market Cap	(Rs. Bn)	4,604	4,535	1.5%
PER		10.03	9.87	1.6%
PBV		1.00	0.98	2.0%

Market Indices.



16th Feb 22nd Feb 15t Mar 7th Mar 15th Mar 22nd Mar 28th Mar 5th Apr

Turnover, Volume and Foreign Purchase.



Performance of the Market

- Monday Bourse opened on a subdued note as banks underwent post-dividend profit-taking. Block trades in TAP were executed at 25% below the previous closing price. However, speculation drove the stock price up, leading to over 20% gains by the end of the day. Renewed optimism surrounding external debt restructuring fueled strong buying interest in banks. ASPI gained 35 points (+0.3%). S&P SL20 gained 12 points (+0.4%). Turnover 4,129Mn.
- ➤ Tuesday Bourse turned bullish from banking stocks. Buying activity observed across sectors, with minor profit-taking on LOLC group and few others. ASPI gained 69 points (+0.6%). S&P SL20 gained 21 points (+0.6%). Turnover 2,084Mn.
- Wednesday Bourse opened sluggishly. However, strong buying pressure in banking stocks ignited a bullish turn. ASPI gained 77 points (+0.7%). S&P SL20 gained 43 points (+1.3%). Turnover 2,124Mn.
- ➤ Thursday Fueled by continued strong buying interest in banking stocks, Bourse extended its winning streak to seven sessions. However, some profit-taking emerged in the latter part of the session. ASPI gained 74 points (+0.6%). S&P SL20 gained 44 points (+1.3%). Turnover 3,169Mn.
- ➤ Friday Bourse opened subdued due to profit-taking, but sentiment turned positive on strong institutional investor participation in banking stocks. ASPI gained 97 points (+0.8%). S&P SL20 gained 44 points (+1.3%). Turnover 2,914Mn.
- During the week ASPI range was 11,337 11,820 points while average daily turnover increased by 35% to 2.88Bn from 2.14Bn in the previous. Investors remained optimistic about equities, buoyed by the expectation of declining interest rates stimulating economic activity and boosting corporate profitability.

Sectoral Overview (GICS)

- ➢ Banks sector stood on top providing LKR 4,666Mn capturing 32% of the week's total turnover.
- Capital Goods and Consumer Durables & Apparel sectors stood second and third providing LKR 1,902Mn and LKR 1,882Mn respectively to the turnover.

Government securities

Weekly T-Bill Auction: CB accepted 57.8Bn for 3 months (offer 30Bn), 56.4Bn for 6 months (offer 60Bn), and 18.2Bn for 1 year (offer 45Bn). Accordingly, 132Bn (98%) of the 135Bn issue was subscribed at Average Yields of 10.11%, 10.30%, and 10.28% changed by +4, +7 and 0 basis points respectively. LKR 6.5Bn was raised at phase II.

Weekly Market Highlights & Statistics

Highest Turnover

Company Name	Share Vol.	Turnover (LKR)	Low (LKR)	High	Cur.Week	Prv.Week	Change	Change
				(LKR)	Close	Close	(LKR)	
AMBEON CAPITAL PLC	285,486,124	1,602,565,030	5.50	9.00	8.60	7.30	1.30	17.8%
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	7,280,993	1,407,486,560	170.00	200.50	200.00	180.00	20.00	11.1%
SAMPATH BANK PLC	12,155,824	952,332,905	75.20	79.90	78.00	80.00	(2.00)	-2.5%
GALADARI HOTELS (LANKA) PLC	28,509,809	818,559,994	16.50	19.30	17.00	16.80	0.20	1.2%
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON	6,013,508	600,632,243	91.80	106.50	105.25	97.70	7.55	7.7%
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	2,409,739	477,870,900	193.25	199.75	199.00	194.00	5.00	2.6%

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GALADARI HOTELS (LANKA) PLC	28,509,809	818,559,994	16.50	19.30	17.00	16.80	0.20	1.2%
PAN ASIA BANKING CORPORATION	19,636,744	431,743,167	20.60	23.00	22.90	21.30	1.60	7.5%
BROWNS INVESTMENTS PLC	19,516,433	103,279,748	5.20	5.50	5.30	5.40	(0.10)	-1.9%
SIERRA CABLES PLC	15,707,145	172,880,999	10.50	12.20	11.40	11.90	(0.50)	-4.2%
LOLC FINANCE PLC	12,956,125	69,720,632	5.20	5.60	5.40	5.50	(0.10)	-1.8%

Top Gainers

Company Name	VWA Week Close	Change (LKR)	Change %	Turnover (LKR)
S M B LEASING [X]	0.30	0.10	50.0	487,346
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	0.40	0.10	33.3	958,314
RADIANT GEMS	108.50	24.50	29.2	5,161,636
VIDULLANKA [X]	6.60	1.00	17.9	2,504,058
AMBEON CAPITAL	8.60	1.30	17.8	1,602,565,030

Top Losers

Company Name	VWA Week Close	Change (LKR)	Change %	Turnover (LKR)
S M B LEASING	0.60	(0.10)	(14.3)	5,916,292
UB FINANCE	0.70	(0.10)	(12.5)	1,347,555
CEYLON BEVERAGE	1,349.50	(183.25)	(12.0)	646,199
EQUITY TWO PLC	37.40	(3.70)	(9.0)	125,307
HORANA	36.20	(3.30)	(8.4)	6,058,556

Crossings

Name	Symbol	Avg Price	Trades	T.Volume	Turnover
ACCESS ENGINEERING PLC	AEL.N0000	23.30	1	1,000,000	23,300,000
ALUMEX PLCC	ALUM.N0000	10.00	1	2,800,000	28,000,000
CENTRAL FINANCE	CFIN.N0000	111.00	1	287,924	31,959,564
CIC HOLDINGS PLC	CIC.N0000	76.20	1	450,000	34,290,000
COMMERCIAL BANK	COMB.N0000	105.00	1	500,000	52,500,000
GALADARI HOTELS (LANKA) PLC	GHLL.N0000	29.50	3	26,595,192	784,558,164
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	HNB.N0000	194.02	8	1,460,218	283,309,100
HAYLEYS FABRIC PLC	MGT.N0000	42.00	1	590,000	24,780,000
HAYLEYS PLC	HAYL.N0000	85.00	4	2,848,141	242,091,985
HEMAS HOLDINGS	HHL.N0000	80.50	1	250,000	20,125,000
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	JKH.N0000	197.81	3	453,000	89,607,500
LANKA IOC	LIOC.N0000	117.00	1	400,000	46,800,000
LANKEM DEVELOPMENTS PLC	LDEV.N0000	17.00	1	4,500,000	76,500,000
LOLC HOLDINGS PLC	LOLC.N0000	400.00	1	100,000	40,000,000
MELSTACORP PLC	MELS.N0000	90.00	1	3,500,000	315,000,000
NAT. DEV. BANK	NDB.N0000	69.85	3	1,254,061	87,596,453
NATIONS TRUST BANK PLC	NTB.N0000	110.00	1	200,000	22,000,000
PAN ASIA BANKING CORPORATION PLC	PABC.N0000	21.60	2	2,000,000	43,200,000
SAMPATH BANK PLC	SAMP.N0000	78.34	7	3,463,775	271,346,398
SIERRA CABLES PLC	SIRA.N0000	11.00	2	6,600,000	72,600,000
Total			44	59,252,311	2,589,564,164
As a percentage of total Turnover	18%				

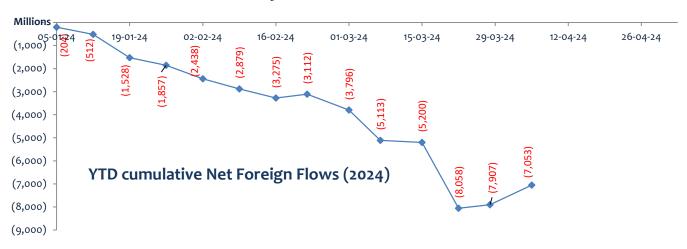
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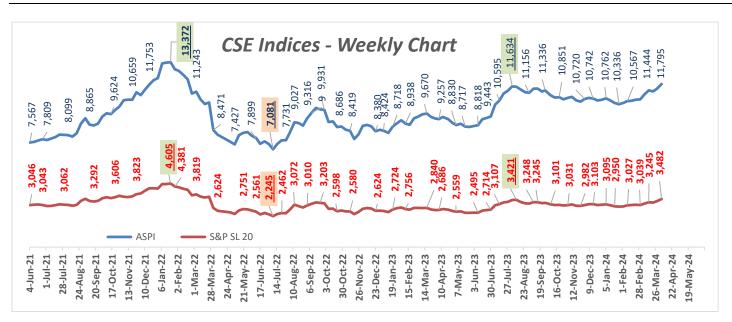
Company Name	Avg Price	Net change in Qty	Net Foreign Inflow
AMBEON CAPITAL	5.50	120,431,945	662,392,531
JKH	198.19	1,008,393	199,887,481
COMMERCIAL BANK (+)	103.65	1,348,932	139,939,021
AHOT PROPERTIES	66.65	1,489,492	99,267,516
HUNAS HOLDINGS	30.00	2,466,826	74,004,767
NATIONS TRUST (+)	110.36	451,280	49,801,799
SAMPATH (+)	78.28	569,222	44,672,429
DFCC BANK PLC	80.21	534,269	42,851,455
LB FINANCE	64.13	551,368	35,358,941
NAT. DEV. BANK (+)	74.00	309,327	22,890,188

Company Name	Avg Price	Net change in Qty	Net Foreign Ouflow
MELSTACORP	91.02	(3,359,371)	(306,404,959)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	80.86	(1,227,332)	(99,239,337)
PAN ASIA BANK (+)	22.87	(1,878,933)	(43,062,549)
LMF	28.05	(1,054,823)	(29,592,328)
UNION ASSURANCE (+)	48.23	(556,690)	(26,884,920)
SEYLAN BANK (+)	49.53	(518,975)	(25,705,464)
HNB (+)	197.92	(120,530)	(23,923,435)
AITKEN SPENCE	128.75	(111,710)	(14,382,608)
GALADARI (+)	17.32	(612,815)	(10,614,877)
DISTILLERIES	26.8	(196,762)	(5,281,284)

Foreign Participation

- Aggregate foreign purchase for the Week totaled up to LKR 2,463Mn.
- Foreign sales for the Week amounted to LKR 1,609Mn.
- Net foreign inflow for the Week was LKR 854Mn, YTD net foreign outflow presently stands at LKR 7,053Mn.
- > TAP notched the "Top Net Purchasers" slot with a net inflow of <u>LKR 662Mn</u> whilst MELS notched the "Top net Sellers" slot with a net outflow of <u>LKR 306Mn</u>.





Summary of Key Announcements during the week

- > (21 Mar) SEC has approved a new rule allowing negotiation of brokerage fees for transactions valued at LKR 1Bn or more on CSE. This decision aims to improve market liquidity and align Sri Lanka's brokerage fees with other similar markets. The new rule takes effect on March 31st, 2024.
- > (26 Mar) Previously, there were regulations limiting non-resident investor participation in Stock Borrowing and Lending (SBL) transactions. However, after requests from the CSE, the Central Bank's Foreign Exchange Department (DFE) has changed the rules.
- > (28 Mar) Asia Capital PLC (ACAP) said, it has successfully negotiated with the Seylan Bank to stop the parate action.
- > (29 Mar) Fitch Ratings affirmed AMW Capital Leasing & Finance PLC's (AMCL) National Long-Term Rating at 'BBB'.
- (01 Apr) Seylan Bank published a notice to recover a loan of Rs. 1.05Bn from Lanka Realty Developments (Pvt) Ltd (ASCO) by selling their land and buildings. ASCO assures that they are taking steps to protect their interests.
- > (28 Mar) Muller & Phipps (Ceylon) PLC (MULL) further to its disclosure on 1 March 24 said, MULL has invested a LKR 270 Mn in its Subsidiary Muller & Phipps (Health care) Limited via conversion of 154.5Mn debt and direct investment.
- > (02 Apr) Lanka Rating Agency Ltd has maintained the rating assigned to Alliance Finance Company PLC (ALLI) an entity rating (long term) of BBB- with a stable outlook.
- (o2 Apr) Net Asset Value per unit of CAL Five Year Optimum Fund (CALI.U) as at 31 Mar 2024 is 11.96. (29 Feb 11.83)
- (o2 Apr) Laxapana Batteries PLC (LITE) has changed its name as Laxapana PLC effective from 1st April 2024.
- (02 Apr) ARCASIA Investments & Trading (Pvt) Ltd has purchased 120Mn shares (11.97% stake) of Ambeon Capital PLC (TAP) on 1st April 2024. ARRC Capital (Pvt) Limited have disposed 274Mn shares (27.32% stake) of TAP on 1 Apr 2024.
- (03 Apr) CSE said, market will be closed at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 10 Apr 2024 in view of the additional half-holiday on account of Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day falling on Saturday 13th April 2024.
- (05 Apr) Ambeon Holdings PLC (GREG) has acquired Green Field Ventures (Private) Limited, a SPV holding 22% of the shares of Eon Tee (Pvt) Ltd (Eon Tec) for LKR 800Mn from Finance Land and General (Private) Limited (FLGL). Mr. Sanjeev Gardiner, Chairman/Director of GREG is also the Chairman/Director of FLGL. With the above transection GREG has increased its stake in Eon Tec (Pvt) Ltd from 78% to 100%. Eon Tec holds 64.36% of the issued ordinary shares of Millenium I. T. E. S. P. (Private) Limited (MIT).
- (05 Apr) Hatton National Bank PLC (HNB) said, its MD/CEO Mr. Jonathan Alles, will be availing his prior to retirement leave w.e.f. 5 Apr 24. Board approved the appointment of Mr. Damith Pallewatte as CEO with effect from 5 Apr 2024.

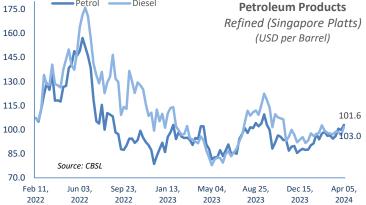
Dealings by Directors

Counter	Nature	Director / Company involved	No of Shares	Price	Date
AGPL	Purchase	Mr. S.D.R. Arudpragasam	2,557,413	7.50	28 Mar 2024.
CFLB	Purchase	Mr. Anushman Rajaratnam	9,036	30.1 - 30.5	02, 04 Apr 2024.
MRH	Purchase	Mr. J. Asitha Panabokke	10,000	13.00	01 Apr 2024.
MRH	Purchase	Mr. P.B Panabokke	40,000	13.00	01 Apr 2024.
MRH	Purchase	Mr. D.L Panabokke	10,000	13.00	01 Apr 2024.
MRH	Purchase	Mr. J. A Panabokke	10,000	13.00	01 Apr 2024.
SIRA	Disposal	Mr. D S Panditha	3,685,582	10.5 - 11.9	28 Mar - 3 Apr 24.
TYRE	Purchase	Silverstock Ltd - Mr R C D De Silva	117,884	68.0 - 70.0	26,27 Mar 2024.
VLL	Purchase	Mr. Riyaz Sangani	196,847	7.00	28 Mar 2024.
VLL. X	Purchase	Dynawash Limited- Mr. Riyazi & Mr. Shahid	16,053	5.6, 5.7	27, 28 Mar 2024.
WAPO	Purchase	Mr.S.V.Rajiyah	1,500	29.30	28 Mar 2024.

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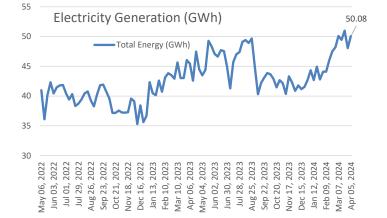


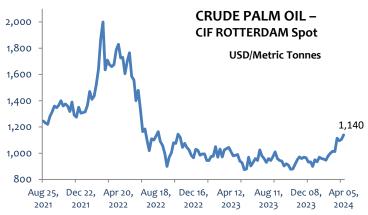
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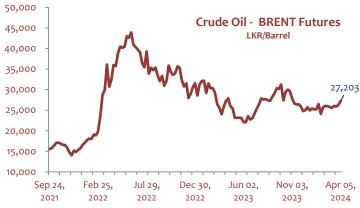


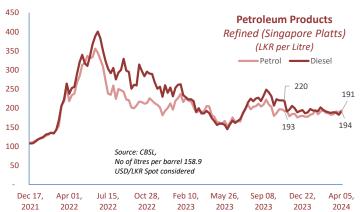












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