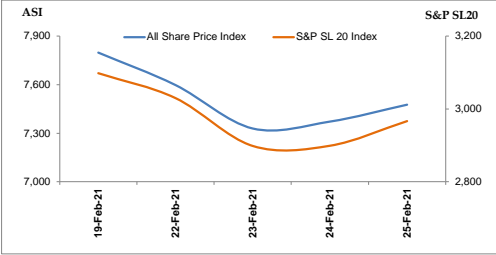


Daily Market Watch

Market Benchmarks



Market Update

The Colombo bourse closed the week on positive note with the All Share Price Index gaining 1.4% to end the trading session at 7476 while the S&P Sri Lanka 20 index gained 2.3% to close the session at 2967. Consolidated turnover rose to LKR 3,007 mn with crossings witnessed in Access Engineering, Panasian Power, Sampath Bank and HNB (X).

While we believe that the market has now largely bottomed out, we advise investors to refrain from taking short term trading positions and adopt a selective stock picking strategy with a focus on investing in quality companies that have robust cashflow generating abilities and long term fundamental strength.

Corporate News

Commercial Bank of Ceylon - First and Final Scrip Dividend for FY2020; 25,064,237 Voting Shares at LKR 87.70.
1,770,070 Non- Voting Shares at LKR 76.80.
First and Final Cash Dividend for FY2020 of LKR 4.50 per Voting and Non-Voting Share. Payment Date 23 Apr 2021.

Three Acre Farms, Ceylon Grain Elevators – Cash Dividend of LKR 11.00 and LKR 9.00 respectively per Voting Share to be paid today (Feb 25th 2021).

Local News

Govt. to review vehicle import restrictions by end 2021 – The Morning
EFL 3PL becomes 1st logistics company to receive Covid-19 Safety Mgmt. Systems Certification – LBO
Sri Lanka Central Bank buying US\$10mn dollars a day from market: CB Governor - ECONOMYNEXT
We regret disproportionate attention drawn to SL by UNHRC – The Morning
Presidential Commission appointed to streamline Sri Lanka Customs –

Key Rates

	25.02.2021
Prime Lending Rate (Avg. Weighted)	5.76%
Deposit Rate (Avg. Weighted)	5.36%
Treasury Bill Rate (364 Days)	5.09%
Consumer Price Inflation (YoY % change)	3.00%

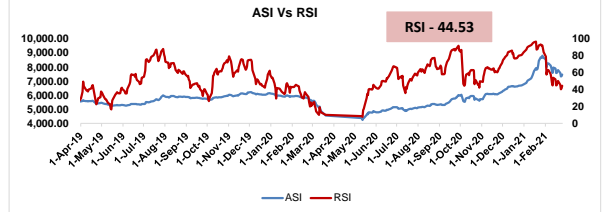
Global Market Performance

25.02.2021	Index	%Chg.
S&P 500	3,925	1.14%
Dow Jones	31,962	1.35%
Nasdaq	13,598	0.99%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,719	0.34%
MSCI Emerging Markets	1,377	-1.53%
Hong Kong - Hang Seng	30,074	1.20%
Shanghai Composite	3,564	-1.99%
India - Sensex	50,782	2.07%
DAX	13,971	-0.04%

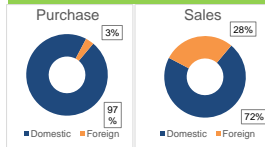
Market Performance

	25.02.2021	24.02.2021	%Chg.
All Share Price Index	7,476.3	7,371.9	1.42
S&P SL 20 Index	2,966.6	2,899.0	2.33
Turnover (LKR mn)	3,006.5	2,620.1	14.7
Foreign Purchases (LKR mn)	101.4	88.1	15.0
Foreign Sales (LKR mn)	854.7	412.2	107.4
Traded Companies	260	249	4.4
Market PER (X)	13.2	13.0	1.4
Market Cap (LKR bn)	3,269.4	3,223.7	1.4
Market Cap (US\$ bn)	16.9	16.6	1.4
Dividend Yield (%)	2.4	2.5	-1.6
Price to Book (X)	1.2	1.2	0.8

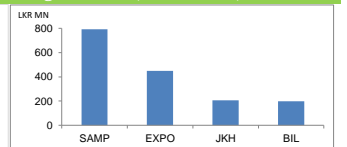
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Turnover Breakdown



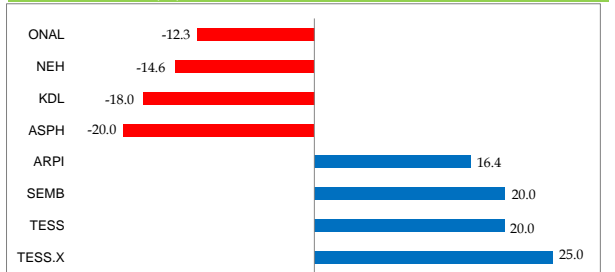
Large Trades (in LKR mn)



Global News

- World shares jump after Powell nixes rate hike fears - Reuters
- GameStop's Frankfurt shares surge, overshoot U.S. rally - Reuters
- China Calls Biden Effort to Shift U.S. Supply Chains Unrealistic - Bloomberg
- Australia passes new media law that will require Google, Facebook to pay for news - CNBC
- Hong Kong's trading tax hike spurred markets into a 'healthy correction,' says Goldman Sachs - CNBC

Gainers/Losers (%)



Commodities

	25.02.2021
Gold (USD/Ounce)	1,793.1
Oil (Brent) (USD/barrel)	67.2
Copper (USD/Pound)	4.2
Cotton (USD/Pound)	0.9

Currencies

	25.02.2021
LKR/USD	194.0
LKR/ Sterling Pound	274.3
LKR/EURO	235.9
LKR/ AUD	154.5

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