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Daily Market Watch

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Market Clinches New Highs As Record Breaking Rally Ploughs Ahead...

Market Commentary

The Colombo Stock Exchange continued its strong upward momentum, closing with fresh all-time highs for both indices. The broader index advanced 0.66% to kick off the holiday-shortened week, to close at 22,783.62. With today's gains, the ASPI is up by a robust 42.9% year-to-date and has solidified its position as one of the best performing stock exchanges in both the region as well as in the world. Meanwhile the more liquid S&P SL20 index added 0.34% to end at 6,284.07, another all-time high.

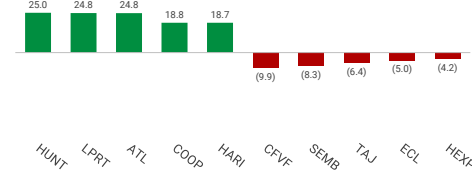
Central Finance Company PLC (CFIN.N), Co-operative Insurance Company PLC (COOP.N), and Harischandra Mills PLC (HARI.N) were the top contributors to today's advance, while market breadth remained positive with 126 gainers against 99 decliners.

Turnover came in at LKR 7.42Bn, well above the YTD daily average of LKR 5.31Bn. Activity was led by Seylan Bank PLC (SEYB.N) which generated a turnover of LKR 1.76Bn, of which LKR 1.58Bn came from crossings. This was followed by Sierra Cables PLC (SIRA.N), and Co-operative Insurance Company PLC (COOP.N). Trading was concentrated in the Banking, Diversified Financials, and Capital Goods sectors.

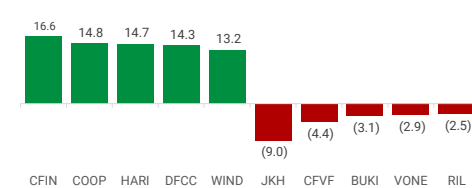
After an initial set of earnings reports by a few companies last week which showed some improved performance across the board, investors could be waiting for a pickup in earnings reports this week as many companies could be waiting to open their books for the September quarter, which are expected to be even better than what they previously reported.

Meanwhile the consumer prices measured by the National Consumer Prices for September showed the prices rising by 2.1% from a year ago, picking up from the 1.5% in August, mainly due to higher food prices.

Top % Gainers and Losers



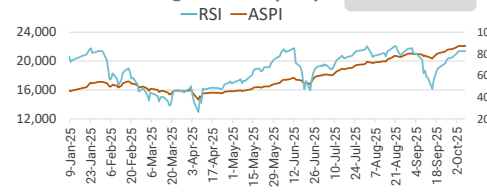
Contributors to ASPI



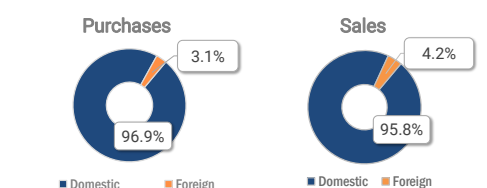
Market Performance

	21.10.2025	17.10.2025	Change (%)
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	22,783.62	22,633.80	0.66
S&P Sri Lanka 20 Index	6,284.07	6,263.03	0.34
Turnover (LKR mn)	7,422.61	11,277.74	(34.18)
Foreign Purchases (LKR mn)	227.73	157.36	44.72
Foreign Sales (LKR mn)	314.19	1,551.57	(79.75)
Market Cap (LKR bn)	8,125.23	8,093.78	0.39
Market Cap (USD bn)	26.81	26.71	0.39
Traded Companies	270	270	-
Market PER (x)	10.07	8.94	0.40
Price to Book (x)	1.50	1.50	-
Dividend Yield (%)	2.35	2.36	(0.42)

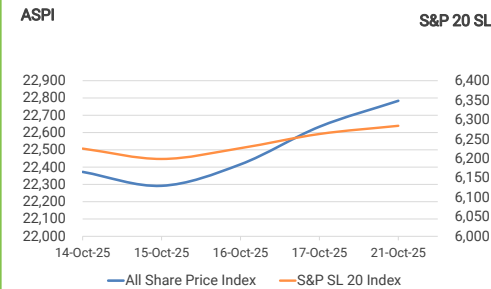
Relative Strength Index (RSI)



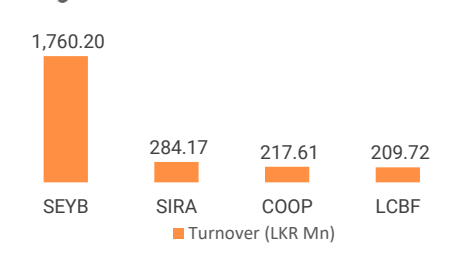
Turnover Breakdown



Market Benchmarks



Largest Trades



Key Rates

Prime Lending Rate (Weekly Avg. Weighted %)	7.93
Fixed Deposit Rate (Avg. Weighted %)	8.36
Treasury Bill Rate (364 Days %)	8.02
Consumer Price Inflation - CCPI (YoY %)	2.10

Dividend Announcements

Company Code	Dividend (LKR)	XD Date	Payment Date
UCAR	38.00	22.10.2025	07.11.2025
MFPE	0.10	17.11.2025	05.12.2025

Daily Change in Foreign Holdings

Company Name	Code	(LKR mn)
Net Foreign Purchases		
HNB Assurance PLC	HASU	56.27
Hunas Falls Hotels PLC	HUNA	29.45
Central Finance Company PLC	CFIN	26.29
First Capital Holdings PLC	CFVF	15.70
Sierra Cables PLC	SIRA	14.60
Total		195.56
Net Foreign Sales		
Union Assurance PLC	UAL	(58.05)
People's Leasing Company PLC	PLC	(41.50)
Pan Asia Banking Corporation PLC	PABC	(34.68)
ACL Cables PLC	ACL	(25.67)
Seylan Bank PLC	SEYB	(21.81)
Total		(282.02)