CAPITAL TRUST RESEARCH

DAILY MARKET WATCH

06th October 2026

Tuesday

COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE	CLOSE OF TRADE
ASI (SCORE PE PRICE INDEX)	
20,650.23	
▲ +0.57 - 0.03%	YEAR-TO-DATE -8.72%	10,310 YTD -5.09%

The index scraped a gain while the S&P SL20 fell **breadth recovered from 29 risers to 87**, on the thinnest turnover since the run began.

S&P SL20	TURNOVER, LKR MN	MARKET CAP, LKR BN
5,844.28	**1,065.65**	**7,477.09**
-0.03%	-36.3% d/d	+0.10%

The recovery was in breadth, not in level. 87 securities rose against 108 that fell, an advance/decline ratio of 0.81 against Monday's 0.13 — which was the weakest reading on file. That the SL20 fell while the broad index rose says where the buying was: in the smaller end of the board, not in the large caps.

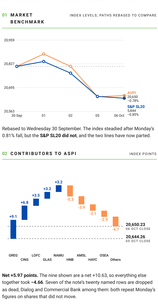
Seven of the twenty contributor rows the note names are not named here. Their closing prices are identical to Monday's, so they cannot have moved the index. **Two of them are Dialog Axiata at -27.66 points and Commercial Bank at -12.10**, the largest drags by a distance, and the session would have been worse. Read as printed, the twenty rows imply a heavy tape at the top of the index.

Turnover fell **66% to LKR 1,065.65 mn**, 71% below the year-to-date daily average and the thinnest session of the year, with **27.2% of it arranged** in four crossings worth LKR 289.74 mn. Two of those, 3,000,000 Citizens Development Business shares at a flat LKR 33.00, was 97.9% of that counter's entire trade. Foreigners took out a net LKR 29.28 mn, the most even session of the week, as buyers and sellers met.

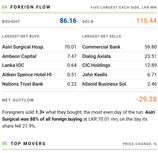
Asiri Surgical is the session in one counter. It fell 21.9% to LKR 10.00 on LKR 156.42 mn, the largest turnover of the day and almost the whole of the health care sector, and brokerages logged **LKR 70.01 mn** of it, 88% of all foreign buying. A call for that size meeting the day's largest foreign purchase in the same counter is worth watching, in our view. Away from the market the Central Bank held the policy rate at 8.75% on 30 September and the next Treasury bill auction is tomorrow.

01 MARKET BENCHMARK

INDEX LEVELS, PATHS REBASED TO COMPARE



Rebased to Wednesday 30 September. The index steadied after Monday's 0.81% fall, but the **S&P SL20 did not**, and the lines have not parted.

02 CONTRIBUTORS TO ASPI

INDEX POINTS