DAILY MARKET WATCH

15th October 2026

Thursday

COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE — CLOSE OF TRADE

ALL SHARE PRICE INDEX

19,971.15

▲ +175.09 - 0.88% | ASPI YTD: -11.73% | 3L20 YTD: -7.44%

Most shares rose today. 164 against 57, **but foreigners sold a net LKR 76 mn**. LKR 72.6 mn of it was Dialog Axiata.

S&P SL20	TURNOVER, LKR MN	MARKET CAP, LKR BN
5,699.02	1,498.99	7,214.16
+0.48%	-22.2% d/d	+0.82%

00 MARKET COMMENTARY — THURSDAY · CLOSE OF TRADE

The All Share Price Index rose **0.88%** to **19,971.15**, recovering part of yesterday's fall but still below 20,000. The S&P SL20 rose 0.40% to 5,699.02. The index is 4.04% down on the month and 11.73% on the year, and the RSI reads 24.86, still inside oversold.

The turn in breadth was sharp. 164 securities rose against 57 that fell, almost three risers for every faller, a day after one riser for every two. The eight contributors carried here are a net +74.32 points, leaving **+100.77** to everything else, so the rise was broad rather than led.

Carson Cumberbatch's rise alone accounted for 33.87 points, a fifth of the day's gain, on a jump of LKR 44.50 to 700.00, a day after it fell 33.50. Distilleries added 15.76 and Commercial Bank 9.08.

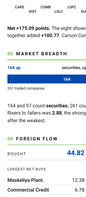
Foreigners sold into the rise. 2.7 times what they bought, for a net outflow of LKR 76.18 mn. Dialog Axiata was LKR 72.56 mn of it, 95% of the whole net outflow and three quarters of Dialog's turnover of LKR 96.70 mn. John Keells Holdings was a further LKR 28.09 mn of selling.

Turnover fell 22% to LKR 1,498.99 mn, 58% below the year-to-date daily average, and 33.0% of it was arranged in seven crossings. One Ceylon Tobacco block of 100,000 shares at LKR 1,750.00 was LKR 175.00 mn, most of that counter's trade.

01 MARKET BENCHMARK — INDEX LEVELS, PATHS REBASED TO COMPARE

Rebased to Friday 9 October. The index is **1.70% lower** across the five sessions, and today recovered part of yesterday's fall.

02 CONTRIBUTORS TO ASPI — INDEX POINTS



Net +175.09 points. The market is near the +247.32, so a net retreat, as everywhere else together added **+100.77**. Carson Cumberbatch alone is **33.87** of it.

03 MARKET BREADTH — 261 TRADES

164 up	securities, up against down	57 down
164		57
261 traded companies		Risers to fallers 2.88

164 and 57 count **securities**; 261 counts **companies**, so they do not sum. Risers to fallers was **2.88**, the strongest of the five sessions shown, a day after the weakest.

04 FOREIGN FLOW — FIVE LARGEST EACH SIDE, LKR MN

BOUGHT	44.82	SOLD	121.00
LARGEST NET BUYS		LARGEST NET SELLS	
Maskeliya Plant.	12.38	Dialog Axiata	72.56
Commercial Credit	6.78	John Keells	28.09
Ambeon Capital	5.61	Digital Mobility	11.24
Hatton National Bank	4.88	Tanjay Lanka	1.49
Commercial Bank	4.77	Hayleys Fibre	1.41

NET OUTFLOW **-76.18**

Net outflow, LKR mn. **Dialog Axiata was LKR 72.56 mn**, 95% of the net selling, 95% of the day's whole net outflow and three quarters of Dialog's own turnover.

05 TOP MOVERS — PRICE CHANGE, %

GAINERS	%	LOSERS	%
CARSON.X	+50.0	SOFL	-5.0
YORK	+17.5	LVEN	-3.9
SEMB	+11.1	MDL	-3.5
EMER	+10.6	TAJ	-3.5
AAIL	+10.5	KVAL	-3.3

York Arcade rose **17.5% to 4.70** a day after falling, and Bogawantalawa fell **6.0% to 44.30**, the day's largest fall. 164 securities rose against 57.

06 WHERE THE MONEY WENT — TURNOVER, LKR MN

SHARE OF LKR 1,498.99 MN TURNOVER

CEYLON TOBACCO	197.34	13.2%
DIALOG AXIATA	96.70	6.5%
SINGER SRI LANKA	93.59	6.2%
SAMPATH	93.40	6.2%
COMI CREDIT	90.79	6.1%
Rest of market	927.17	61.9%

YTD DAILY AVG 3,366

Ceylon Tobacco took 13.2% of the day, and one block of 100,000 shares at LKR 1,750.00 was **11.7%** of that counter's own turnover. Seven crossings worth LKR 495.36 mn were **33.0%** of trade.

07 MARKET PERFORMANCE — BASED NAMES3 BELOW

METRIC	15.10	COMPARED WITH	CHG %
AGAINST THE PREVIOUS SESSION, 14.10			
All Share Price Index	19,971.15	19,796.06	0.88
S&P Sri Lanka 20	5,699.02	5,676.43	0.40
Market cap, LKR bn	7,214.16	7,155.40	0.82
Dividend yield, %	3.33	3.36	-0.89
AGAINST THE YEAR-TO-DATE DAILY AVERAGE			
Turnover, LKR mn	1,498.99	3,560.00	-57.89
Share volume, mn	51.56	137.73	-62.56
Trades	14,459	26,880	-46.21
TODAY			
Foreign purchases, LKR mn	44.82	—	—
Foreign sales, LKR mn	121.00	—	—
Net foreign flow, LKR mn	-76.18	—	—
Traded companies	261	—	—

08 MOMENTUM AND RATES — OVERSOLD

PRIME LENDING RATE		POLICY RATE	
11.16%		8.75%	
WEIGHTED AVG ACTIVE RATE · CBSL		OPR, EFFECTIVE DATE · CBSL	
TREASURY BILL		INFLATION	
9.95%		1.9%	
364-day, 11 Oct auction · FCMC		CCPI year-on-year, September · CBSL	
MARKET P/E		PRICE TO BOOK	
10.30x		1.19x	
trailing · S&P SL20		market · S&P SL20	

09 DIVIDEND CALENDAR — DAYS TO EX-DIVIDEND

ALL ROWS HAVE DOWN EX, PAYMENT DATES ASSUMED

CODE	COMPANY	EX-DIV	PAYMENT	TO EX-DIV	LKR/SHARE
MCPL	Mahaweli Coconut	1 Oct	20 Oct	−14d	3.00
KCAB	Kelani Cables	9 Oct	21 Oct	−6d	5.00
KVAL	Kelani Valley	9 Oct	21 Oct	−6d	0.20
MGT	Hayleys Fabric	9 Oct	21 Oct	−6d	0.27
TPL	Talawakelle	9 Oct	21 Oct	−6d	0.90
DIPD	Dipped Products	9 Oct	21 Oct	−6d	1.50
HAYC	Haycarb	9 Oct	22 Oct	−6d	1.00
SINS	Singer Sri Lanka	9 Oct	22 Oct	−6d	0.34
ALL	ACL Cables	9 Oct	23 Oct	−6d	0.60

The rule beside each row is the wait from ex-dividend to payment. Amounts are LKR per share. **Dates to be confirmed against the CSE announcements.**

10 SECTOR STATISTICS — TURNOVER AND MULTIPLES

INDUSTRY GROUP	TURNOVER	SHARE	PER	PBV	DY
BY TURNOVER TODAY, LKR MN					
Food beverage & tobacco	377.58	25.2%	14.12	1.89	4.90
Diversified financials	206.45	13.8%	7.36	0.75	2.87
Retailing	196.21	13.1%	8.33	1.62	2.07
Capital goods	185.65	12.4%	16.89	1.02	3.33
Banks	185.37	12.4%	4.70	0.74	4.23
Materials	100.86	6.7%	10.60	1.54	2.31
Telecommunication	99.94	6.7%	12.36	2.74	4.04
Consumer services	49.29	3.3%	99.50	0.85	0.58
BEST SECTORS YEAR TO DATE					
Telecommunication services	+36%				
Commercial & professional	+12%				
Real estate management	+7%				
Transportation	+2%				
Health care equipment	-7%				

Food beverage and tobacco took 25.2% of the day's turnover, and Ceylon Tobacco was over half of that group. Banks trade on **4.70x** earnings against a market on 10.30x.

11 GLOBAL MARKETS — ASIA-PACIFIC, DAILY AND YTD

MARKET	INDEX	PACIFIC	DAILY	YTD
FRONTIER, ASIA-PACIFIC				
Bangladesh	DSE Broad		+0.4%	**+11.6%**
Pakistan	Karachi All Share		+0.7%	**-3.5%**
Vietnam	VN Index		-0.4%	**-4.9%**
Sri Lanka	CSE All Share		+0.9%	**-11.7%**
EMERGING, ASIA-PACIFIC				
Taiwan	Taiwan Weighted		-3.4%	**+62.2%**
South Korea	KOSPI		+7.6%	**+81.0%**
Thailand	SET Index		-0.4%	**+24.6%**
Malaysia	FTSE Bursa KLCI		-0.2%	**-4.3%**
Philippines	PSEi Composite		+0.8%	**-6.4%**
China	Dow Jones Shanghai		-1.9%	**-8.7%**
India	Nifty 50		+1.4%	**-12.2%**
China	SZSE Component		-2.4%	**-12.6%**
India	BSE Sensex 30		+2.0%	**-12.9%**
Indonesia	JSE Composite		-1.6%	**-32.4%**
DEVELOPED, ASIA-PACIFIC				
Japan	Nikkei 225		-2.0%	**+28.1%**
Singapore	FTSE Singapore		+0.2%	**+16.6%**
New Zealand	NZX 50		+0.5%	**+2.1%**
Australia	S&P/ASX 200		+0.1%	**-0.1%**
Hong Kong	Hang Seng		-1.0%	**-6.1%**

Sri Lanka's 0.9% rise was the third best of the nineteen, behind the two Indian indices, on a day Korea fell 7.6%. On the year it is now fifteenth of nineteen.

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