DAILY MARKET WATCH

16th October 2026

Friday

COLOMBO STOCK EXCHANGE | CLOSE OF TRADE

ALL-SHARE PRICE INDEX

20,185.05

▲ +213.90 - 1.07% | ASPI YTD: -10.78% | SL20 YTD: +5.60%

The index is back above 20,000, **with 184 shares up and just 33 down**. Dialog Axiata's rise alone was 49 of the 214 gainers.

S&P SL20	TURNOVER. LKR MN	MARKET CAP. LKR BN
5,738.83	**1,143.23**	**7,293.28**
+0.78%	-33.7% dtd	+1.18%

00 MARKET COMMENTARY

FRIDAY - CLOSE OF TRADE

The All Share Price Index rose **1.07**% to **20,185.05**, back above 20,000 two sessions after its first close below that level this year. Over those two sessions it has recovered 388.99 points, or 1.96%. The S&P SL20 rose 0.78% to 5,738.83. The index is 3.02% down on the month and 10.78% on the year, and the RSI reads 34.66, back above the oversold line at 30.

The rise was broad for a second day. 184 securities rose against 33 that declined. There were four risers for every faller, after almost three yesterday. The eight contributors carried here are a net +94.82 points, leaving **+119.08** to everything else.

Dialog Axiata's rise alone accounted for 48.58 points, more than a fifth of the day's gain, on a close of 44.00 against 42.50. Distilleries added 26.26 and Cold Stores 14.31. Carsons gave back 16.36 points after yesterday's jump.

Turnover fell 24% to LKR 1,143.23 mn, 68% below the year-to-date daily average. CIC Holdings took 16.1% of it, mainly in its non-voting shares, and Commercial Bank 11.7%, though Commercial Bank closed unchanged at 198.00. Only 10.7% was arranged in the five crossings.

Foreigners were small net sellers: they sold 1.2 times what they bought, for a net outflow of LKR 8.71 mn. R I L Property was the largest net sale at LKR 12.96 mn and Dialog Axiata the second at LKR 8.43 mn.

01 MARKET BENCHMARK

INDEX LEVELS. PATHS REBASED TO COMPARE

Rebased to Monday 12 October. The index is **0.37% lower** across the five sessions, having recovered most of the week's fall in the last two.

02 CONTRIBUTORS TO ASPI

INDEX POINTS

Net +213.90 points. The eight shown are a net +94.82, so everything else together added **+119.08**. Dialog Axiata alone is **48.58** of it.

03 MARKET BREADTH

262 TRADED

184 up	securities, up against down	33 down
	184	33
262 traded companies		Risers to fallers: 5.58

184 and 33 count **securities**; 262 counts **companies**, so they do not sum. Risers to fallers was **5.58**, the strongest of the five sessions shown and a second strong day running.

04 FOREIGN FLOW

FIVE LARGEST EACH SIDE, LKR MN

BOUGHT	46.09	SOLD	54.80

LARGEST NET BUYS		LARGEST NET SELLS	
E B Creasy & Co	5.04	**R I L Property**	12.96
Hayleys	4.00	**Dialog Axiata**	8.43
Aitken Spence	3.34	**Digital Mobility**	4.06
Browns Inv	2.04	**Amana Bank**	2.21
Chevron Lubricants	2.04	**Janashakthi Insurance**	0.60

NET OUTFLOW **-8.71**

Foreigners sold **1.2×** what they bought, a net outflow of LKR 8.71 mn. R I L Property was the largest net sale at **LKR 12.96 mn**.

05 TOP MOVERS

PRICE CHANGE, %

GAINERS	%	LOSERS	%
ASPH	**+20.0**	**EDEN**	**-3.3**
CRL	**+17.2**	**EMER**	**-3.2**
SCAP	**+15.4**	**CARS**	**-3.1**
ACME	**+14.7**	**NEH**	**-3.1**
KPHL	**+10.3**	**MAL.X**	**-3.0**

Softlogic Capital rose **15.4%** to **9.00** and added 7.54 points. The largest fall was Eden Hotel Lanka, **3.3%** to **8.70**. 184 securities rose against 33.

06 WHERE THE MONEY WENT

TURNOVER, LKR MN

SHARE OF LKR 1,143.23 MN TURNOVER

1,143.23

YESTERDAY 1,690.99 -32.7% | YTD DAILY AVG 3,540

CIC Holdings took 16.1% of the day, over two thirds of it in its non-voting shares. Five crossings were **10.7%** of trade, two of them in CIC at LKR 26.00.

07 MARKET PERFORMANCE

BASES NAMED BELOW

METRIC	16.10	COMPARED WITH	CHG %
AS AT THE PREVIOUS SESSION, 15.10			
All Share Price Index	20,185.05	19,971.15	1.07
S&P Sri Lanka 20	5,738.83	5,699.02	0.70
Market cap, LKR bn	7,293.28	7,214.16	1.10
Dividend yield, %	3.30	3.33	-0.90
AGAINST THE YEAR-TO-DATE DAILY AVERAGE			
Turnover, LKR mn	1,143.23	3,540.00	-67.71
Share volume, mn	68.44	137.37	-50.18
Trades	15,863	26,820	-40.85
TODAY			
Foreign purchases, LKR mn	46.09	–	–
Foreign sales, LKR mn	54.80	–	–
Net foreign flow, LKR mn	-8.71	–	–
Traded companies	262	–	–

08 MOMENTUM AND RATES

NEUTRAL

POWER LENDING RATE		POLICY RATE	
11.16%	+0.00 pp	**8.75%**	+0.00 pp
AWPR, week to Oct. CBSL		OPR, held 30 Sept. CBSL	
TREASURY BILL		**AWLR**	
9.95%	+0.00 pp	**8.00%**	+0.00 pp
364-day, 14 Oct auction PDMD		CCPI year on year, September CBSL	
INVESTOR RATE		**PRICE TO BOOK**	
1.20x	+0.00x	**1.20x**	+0.00x
trailing · COB yr-5		market · COB yr-5	

09 DIVIDEND CALENDAR

DAYS TO EX-DIVIDEND

ALL NEWS HAVE GONE EX. PAYMENT DATES AHEAD

CODE	COMPANY	EX-DIV	PAYMENT	TO EX-DIV	LKR/SHARE
MCPL	Mahaweli Coconut	1 Oct	20 Oct	-14d	**3.00**
KFP	Kelani Valley	9 Oct	31 Oct	-6d	**0.50**
KVAL	Kelani Valley	9 Oct	31 Oct	-6d	**0.20**
MGT	Hayleys Fabric	9 Oct	21 Oct	-7d	**0.27**
TPL	Tokyo Cement	9 Oct	21 Oct	-7d	**0.80**
DIPD	Dipped Products	9 Oct	22 Oct	-7d	**0.96**
HAYC	Hayleys	9 Oct	22 Oct	-7d	**1.00**
SMB	Singer Sri Lanka	9 Oct	22 Oct	-7d	**0.50**
ACL	ACL Cables	7 Oct	26 Oct	-9d	**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					
Materials	373.33	23.95%	10.75	1.56	3.16
Banks	236.30	20.7%	4.73	0.74	4.19
Capital goods	148.84	13.0%	17.01	1.94	3.22
Diversified financials	133.72	11.7%	7.44	0.76	2.84
Real estate management	81.64	7.1%	9.06	1.10	2.21
Food beverage & tobacco	73.91	6.5%	14.20	1.91	4.87
Retailing	38.63	3.4%	8.41	1.64	2.05
Insurance	26.11	2.3%	7.53	0.97	5.01
BEST SECTORS YEAR TO DATE					
Telecommunication services	**+40%**				
Commercial & professional	**+13%**				
Real estate management	**+10%**				
Transportation	**+2%**				
Health care equipment	**-5%**				

Materials took 23.9% of the day's turnover, two thirds of it CIC Holdings, and banks 20.7%. Banks ended on **4.73x** earnings against a market on 10.42x.

11 GLOBAL MARKETS

ASIA-PACIFIC, DAILY AND YTD

MARKET	INDEX	DAY	YTD
FRONTIER, ASIA-PACIFIC			
Bangladesh	DSE Broad	+0.4%	**+12.1%**
Pakistan	Karachi All Share	+0.3%	**-3.3%**
Vietnam	VN Index	+0.4%	**-4.4%**
Sri Lanka	CSE All Share	+1.1%	**+10.8%**
EMERGING, ASIA-PACIFIC			
Taiwan	Taiwan Weighted	+0.5%	**+62.9%**
South Korea	KOSPI	+2.0%	**+54.5%**
Thailand	SET Index	-0.2%	**+24.9%**
Malaysia	FTSE Bursa KLCI	-1.0%	**-4.3%**
Philippines	PSEi Composite	+2.1%	**-4.5%**
China	Dow Jones Shanghai	+0.2%	**-8.6%**
India	Nifty 50	+0.5%	**-11.5%**
India	BSE Sensex 30	+0.3%	**-12.5%**
China	SZSE Component	+0.1%	**-12.7%**
Indonesia	JSE Composite	-11.3%	**-39.8%**
DEVELOPED, ASIA-PACIFIC			
Japan	Nikkei 225	+0.3%	**+30.1%**
Singapore	FTSE Singapore	-0.3%	**+16.2%**
New Zealand	NZX 50	-0.6%	**+1.5%**
Australia	S&P/ASX 200	+1.0%	**+1.1%**
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	+0.5%	**-5.6%**

Sri Lanka's 1.1% rise was the third best of the nineteen, behind the Philippines and Korea, on a day Indonesia fell 11.3%. On the year it is fifteenth of nineteen.

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