

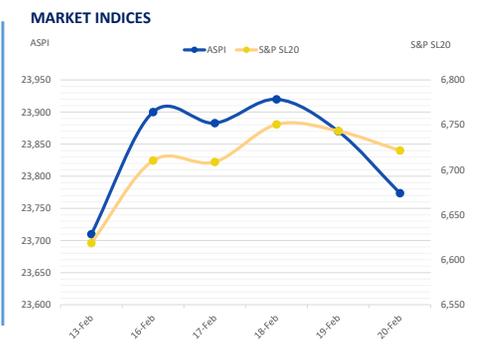
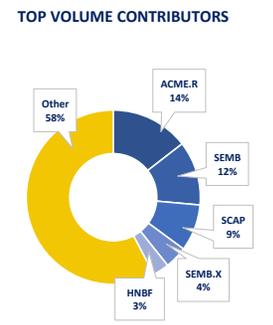
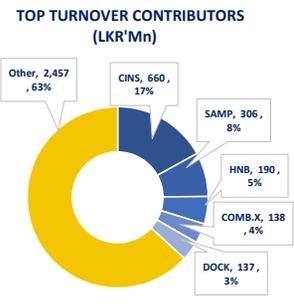
# DAILY EQUITY WATCH

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**“Colombo bourse dips as banking sector results and rising global tension weigh on sentiment”**

The Colombo Bourse opened lower with a sharp early drop and showcased a partial recovery during the second half to partially offset the losses made during first half of the day. Both the ASPI and S&P SL20 ended slightly down following the tension building up in the middle east and the release of banking sector results for the last quarter. ASPI is down by 96 points, closing at 23,774, while the S&P SL20 has slipped down by 22 points to settle at 6,721. Leading negative contributors to the ASPI were COMB, CTHR, MELS, BUKI and JKH. HNW and retail investor participation were subdued, resulting a lower turnover level of LKR 3.9Bn, marking a decrease of 41.5% over the monthly average of LKR 6.6Bn. Banking sector led the daily turnover with a share of 23%, followed by the Insurance, and Capital Goods sectors collectively contributing 35%. Foreign investors turned net sellers, posting a net outflow of LKR 11.3Mn.

	LKR	USD		
TURNOVER (Mn)	3,888.01	12.58	▼	-20.9%
MARKET CAP. (Bn)	8,411.38	27.22	▼	-0.5%
VOLUME (Mn)	138.83		▼	-49.6%
FOREIGN (LKR Mn)	89.84	101.16		-11.32
VALUATIONS	PER 11.2x	PBV 1.5x		



<b>ASPI</b>	<b>23,773.64</b>
Intraday Points	-96.43
	-0.40%
<b>S&amp;P SL20</b>	<b>6,721.47</b>
Intraday Points	-21.72
	-0.32%

