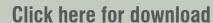




MARKET UPDATE AND FUND REVIEW



2017 JULY





MARKET BRIEF BY NDB WEALTH

INFLATIONS SLOWS

Inflation as measured by the CCPI slowed considerably to 4.8% in July 2017 on a year-on-year basis mainly on account of food prices which fell by 1.7% during the month. On the NCPI inflation slowed to 6.3% on a year-on-year basis in June from 7.1% in May, despite food prices rising by 2.9% during the month, primarily owing to the base effect. We are of the view that inflation will continue to stabilize at mid-single digit levels with weather-related supply-side disruptions expected to ease in the period ahead.

RUPEE DEPRECIATION PRESSURE CONTINUES

The Sri Lankan Rupee depreciated by 0.14% against the US Dollar in July and 2.56% for the year so far and followed a similar trend against other hard currencies. The Central Bank continued to be a net buyer of US Dollars for the third consecutive month in June with purchases of USD 136 mn (and no sales for the month) on account of foreign interest in local markets. Despite the LKR being expected to see pressure owing to widening trade deficits, significant foreign fund inflows to the country such as the Hambantota port sale USD 1.1 bn may ease some pressure on the exchange rate.

INTEREST RATES FALL

Interest rates declined in July with the 364-day Treasury Bill rate closing the month below the psychological 10% at 9.99% on account of foreign buying witnessed on local government securities. Net foreign buying in July stood at LKR 18.9 Bn., increasing foreign holding of Rupee denominated bills and bonds to 5.29%. However, for the year so far, foreigners have been net sellers of local government securities with net sales amounting to LKR 33.9 Bn. Credit growth has been displaying signs of easing, slowing to 18.6% year-on-year in June, in line with the government's policy tightening measures. We expect interest rates to remain at current levels in the short term unless the government manages to secure foreign funding in to the country, in which case interest rates may reduce further.

WEAK STOCK MARKET

Reversing the trend observed in the past three months, equity markets turned negative with the All Share Price Index and the S&P SL 20 index losing 1.63% and 3.11% respectively. This was mainly on the backdrop of poor earnings recorded by corporates for the June quarter. Foreigners however continued to take positions in selected counters with net foreign buying for the month of July standing at LKR 3.6 Bn and the year-to-date figure at LKR 25.3 Bn. We expect the market to be range-bound in the short to medium term as current macro-economic fundamentals do not support sustainable stock market rallies.

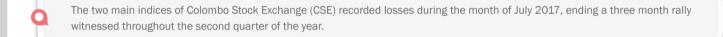
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Research Analyst

EQUITY OUTLOOK

	Past month Performance (1st Jul – 31st Jul 2017)	Past 12 months Performance (Jul 2016 – Jul 2017)	Year to Date Performance (1st Jan – 31st Jul 2017)
All Share Price Index	-1.63%	3.81%	6.57%
S&P SL 20	-3.11%	11.62%	9.00%
MSCI Frontier Markets Index	2.13%	20.72%	18.35%
MSCI World Index	2.39%	16.12%	13.31%
MSCI Emerging Markets	5.96%	24.84%	25.49%
MSCI Asia Ex Japan	5.35%	27.34%	29.38%

Source: www.cse.lk and www.msci.com 🔌



As a result, the year to date returns of All Share Price Index in 2017 declined to 6.57% compared to MSCI frontier market index return of 18.35% (Frontier markets are countries with investable stock markets, but are too small, illiquid, or unregulated to qualify as emerging markets).

Emerging-market stocks outperformed their developed-market counter parts mainly owing to encouraging economic data in China, investor inflows and corporate earnings growth.

Frontier market equities witnessed net inflows during the first half of 2017, suggesting the interest in developing economies' stock markets is broadening.

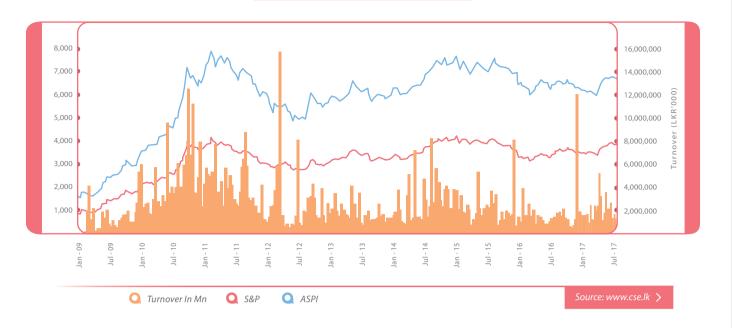
Global frontier market equity funds welcomed net inflows of USD 269 million in June alone, according to Morningstar data.

The total market capitalization of frontier markets around USD 144 billion, compared to USD 4.93 trillion for the MSCI Emerging Markets index.

With most of the largest frontier market economies remaining highly dependent on commodity exports, it is important to monitor the volatility of USD and commodity prices, to forecast market performance.

Frontier markets have significantly underperformed emerging markets this year, with frontier funds also lagging behind emerging market fund performance figures.

Colombo Stock Exchange Performance



		Jul 2017	Jul 2016
	Market PER	10.75 X	12.98 X
CSE	Market PBV	1.42 X	1.45 X
	Market DY	2.89%	3.06%
MSCI Frontier Markets	Market PER	14.70 X	11.68 X
	Market PBV	1.75 X	1.45 X
	Market DY	3.53%	4.36%

Foreign investors continued to be net buyers in the CSE, as net foreign purchases for the seven months of 2017 exceeded LKR 25 billion (net foreign purchases for July 2017 was in excess of LKR 3.5 billion).

Colombo Stock Exchange	Jan - Jul 2017	Jan - Jul 201 6
Foreign Inflows	LKR 71.12 Billion	LKR 36.47 Billion
Foreign Outflows	LKR 45.79 Billion	LKR 41.13 Billion
Net Foreign Inflows/(Outflows)	LKR 25.33 Billion	(LKR 4.65 Billion)



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FIXED INCOME OUTLOOK

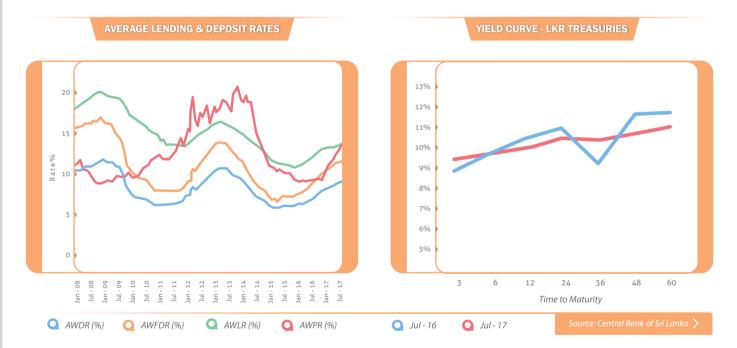
INTEREST RATES IN SRI LANKA

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) held the key policy rates stable in July maintaining the Standing Lending Facility Rate (the rate CBSL lends to commercial banks) and the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (the rate which commercial banks place their excess cash with CBSL) at 8.75% and 7.25% respectively.

	Jul 16	Dec 16	Jun 17	Jul 17
364 Day T-bill	10.48%	10.17%	10.47%	9.99%
5-Year Bond	11.76%	12.21%	11.47%	11.04%
1-Year Finance Company Fixed Deposit (A+)*	10.73%	11.70%	12.19%	12.19%

^{*} Net Rate assuming consistent WHT of 2.5% for comparison purposes

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka 🕽



AWDR: Average Weighted Deposit Rate | AWFDR: Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate | AWLR: Average Weighted Lending Rate | AWPR: Average Weighted Prime Lending rate

Treasury Bill rates decreased with the 364-day T-Bill rate falling to 9.99% and the 182-day and 91-day Treasury Bills closing the month at 9.71% and 9.44% respectively.

Broad money (M_2 b) growth slowed marginally to 21.2% year-on-year in June 2017, from 21.4% in the previous month whilst credit extended to the private sector too slowed to 18.6% year-on-year (from 18.9% in May) despite an expansion of LKR 80.3 Bn in June.

We believe the pace of credit growth will moderate further with the Central Bank removing the rate caps on banks' loan products allowing banks the discretion to set interest rates to reflect market interest rates.

Total Govt. Debt LKR 4,825 Billion / USD 31.72 Billion			
T Bills (Total)	T Bonds (Total)		
LKR 827 Billion	LKR 3,998 Billion		
Domestic (Bills & Bonds)	Foreign (Bills & bonds)		
LKR 4,570 Billion	LKR 255 Billion		
Total Faraign Holding of Pills and Bonds			

Total Foreign Holding of Bills and Bonds – 5.29%

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka 🕻



Foreign holding of government securities improved (net) in June by LKR 18.9 billion to 5.29%, on account of foreign buying interest on local government securities. On a year-to-date basis however foreigners continued to be net sellers on Rupee denominated bills and bonds amounting to LKR 33.9 billion.

1 Year FD Rates – Sri Lankan Banks				
	Jul 2017	Jun 2017		
NSB	11.00%	11.00%		
COMB	11.00%	11.00%		
SAMP	12.00%	12.00%		
HNB	11.00%	11.00%		
NDB	11.00%	11.50%		

Rates on Credit Cards	Jul 17
HSBC	24.00%
SCB	24.00%
Sampath	28.00%
NDB	21.00%
AMEX	24.00%

Source: Respective Commercial Banks



NDB reduced its fixed deposit rate during July on par with the other banks.



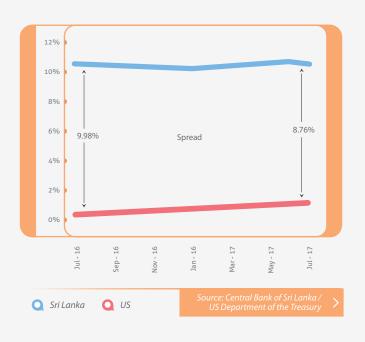
Effective July 1st, The Central Bank allowed banks to raise interest rates on credit cards and several other loan products by removing the interest rate ceilings that were in place. Interest rates on credit cards which were capped at 24% given the new directive have increased to as much as 28%.

NDIB CRISIL Fixed Income Indices Total return as at 31/07/2017	3 Month Return	1 Year Return	3 Year Return
NDBIB-CRISIL 91 Day T-Bill Index	2.43%	9.16%	7.41%
NDBIB-CRISIL 364 Day T-Bill Index	3.56%	10.70%	7.04%
NDBIB-CRISIL 3 Year T-Bond Index-TRI	5.23%	14.73%	7.64%
NDBIB-CRISIL 5 Year T-Bond Index-TRI	6.24%	16.05%	6.56%

Central Bank Policy Rates	2014	2015	2016	Latest
Sri Lanka	6.50%	6.00%	7.00%	7.25%
US	0.0% - 0.25%	0.25% - 0.50%	0.50% - 0.75%	1.00% - 1.25%
Euro Zone	0.05%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%
Australia	2.50%	2.00%	1.50%	1.50%
India	8.00%	6.75%	6.25%	6.00%

Source: www.cbrates.com 🕽

1 YEAR TREASURY RATE - USD Vs. LKR



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US gross domestic product (GDP) growth picked up to 2.6% in the second quarter, matching expectations of economists, while growth in the first quarter was revised down to 1.2%, albeit short of the 3% to 4% growth the Trump administration has been targeting. Measures of inflation remained weak, casting more doubt on the Federal Reserve's plan to continue steadily raising interest rates.

364 Day Treasury Bill Rate	Jul 16	Dec 16	Jun 17	Jul 17
Sri Lanka	10.48%	10.17%	10.47%	9.99%
India	6.74%	6.34%	6.38%	6.29%
US	0.50%	0.85%	1.24%	1.23%
Euro Zone	-0.64%	-0.82%	-0.65%	-0.71%

Source: Respective Central Banks 🗦

	Rates on Savings Accounts - Jul 2017
Sri Lanka	4.00%
US	0.01%
Euro Zone	0.01%
Australia	1.70%
India	4.00%

Source: Respective Commercial Banks

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut its policy repo rate by 25 basis points (0.25%) to 6% in order to stimulate the economy on the back of inflation running well below its target since November 2016.

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INFLATION RATES

Country	Jul 16	Dec 16	Jun 17	Jul 17
Sri Lanka	5.76%	4.46%	6.10%	4.83%
US	0.83%	2.07%	1.63%	1.63%*
Euro Zone	0.16%	1.14%	1.26%	1.26%*
India	6.07%	3.41%	1.54%	1.54%*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics - Sri Lanka http://www.inflation.eu/, https://tradingeconomics.com/

*June 2017

Inflation as measured by the CCPI (2013=100), slowed considerably to 4.8% in July 2017 on a year-on-year basis from the previous month's 6.1% mainly on account of deceleration in food prices which fell by 1.7% during the month. Within the food category prices of vegetables, sea fish and coconuts decreased.

Core inflation, which excludes the more volatile aspects of price movements (food, energy and transport), slowed to 4.9% in July year-on-year from 5.1% in the previous month.

Inflation as measured by the NCPI (2013=100), slowed to 6.3% on a year-on-year basis in June from 7.1% in May primarily owing to the base effect despite food prices rising by 2.9% during the month. This monthly increase was mainly due to the increase in prices of vegetables, rice, fresh fish, green chilies, red onions, dried fish (sprats) and chicken during the month.

We are of the view that inflation will continue to stabilize at mid-single digit levels with weather-related supply-side disruptions expected to ease in the period ahead.

On the global front, US inflation and Euro zone inflation fell to 1.63% and 1.26% year-on-year in June 2017.

GLOBAL INFLATION RATES



FOREX OUTLOOK

Exchange Rates Vs. LKR	Jul 17	Jul 16	1 Year App / (Dep) LKR
USD	153.73	145.75	-5.19%
GBP	201.91	192.24	-4.79%
EURO	180.48	161.53	-10.50%
YEN	1.39	1.40	0.65%
AUD	122.72	109.86	-10.48%
CAD	123.32	110.93	-10.04%
INR	2.40	2.17	-9.37%
BHD	407.63	386.49	-5.19%
CNY	22.85	21.88	-4.28%

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka 🕽

The Sri Lankan Rupee depreciated marginally by 0.14% against the US Dollar (USD) in July to close the month at LKR 153.72 per USD and lost 0.98% against the British Pound.

The US dollar was broadly lower as a combination of underwhelming US economic data and political uncertainty increased demand towards the Euro and other world currencies.

The pound fell 0.8% against the US Dollar after the Bank of England decided to hold interest rates and downgraded its UK growth forecast to 1.7%.

Most Asian currencies edged up as the USD came under renewed pressure with uncertainty over the pace of The Federal Reserve's policy tightening.

USD PER 1 EURO MOVEMENT



Source: http://www.x-rates.com/ 🕽

COMMODITY OUTLOOK

	1 month (1st Jul – 31st Jul 2017)	Past 12 months (Jul 2016 – Jul 2017)	YTD (1st Jan - 31st Jul 2017)
Bloomberg Commodity Index	2.17%	0.13%	-3.57%
Tea	-1.22%	24.58%	-0.68%
Gold	-1.86%	-7.47%	6.87%
Oil (Brent)	0.00%	4.04%	-13.28%

Source: www.worldbank.com, Bloomberg and NDB Wealth Researchh

The Bloomberg Commodities Index gained 2.17% for the month of July 2017, the benchmark's best performance since September 2016 and reversing a slump that lasted four straight months.

The rally in commodities corresponds with the stronger economic data out of China and IMF's latest estimates for world economic growth of 3.5% for 2017, despite a reduction in the outlook for the U.S.

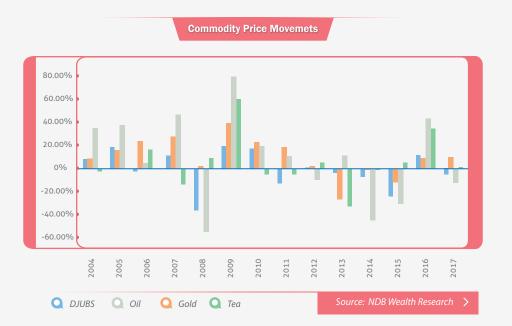
Oil prices continued to be around USD 50 range as a recovery in output at Libya's largest oil field and as doubts about OPEC-led production cuts continue to drag.

The recovery of the North African country's output has complicated OPEC's efforts to curb supply, fuelling doubts over the effectiveness of the production cuts. Libya churned out 1.03 million barrels per day in July, according to the latest Reuters survey.

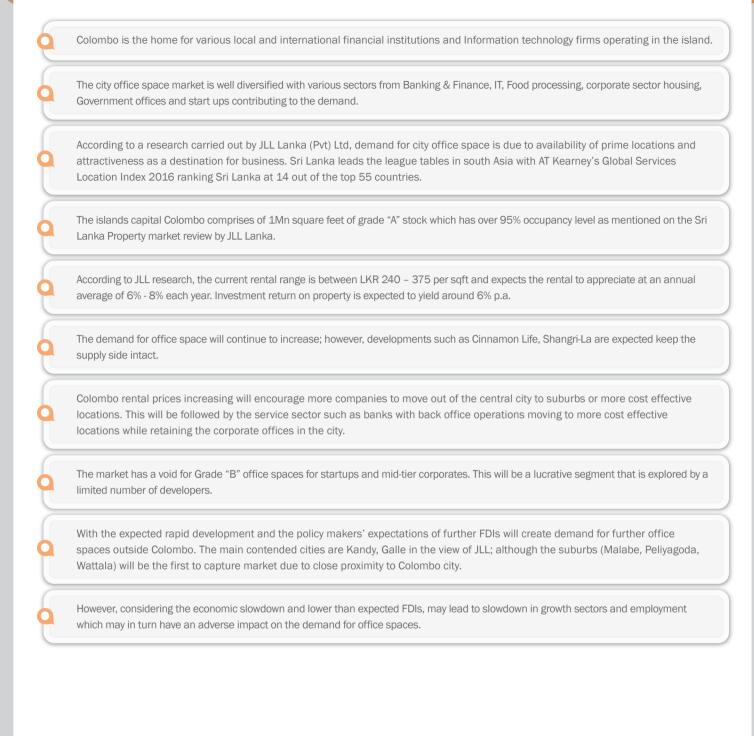
However, Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, still plans to cut supplies to buyers in Asia by as much as 10% in September.

Gold prices have increased about 6.8% year to date, but demand for the precious metal is failing to attract investors as concerns about increasing policy rates by central banks weighs on demand and creates a conflicted outlook for the commodity.

A weak U.S. dollar and disappointing inflation expectations could continue to suppress real interest rates and present upside risk to the gold price.



PROPERTY OUTLOOK



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Mudharabah Deposit Rates of Selected Service Providers

	Savings		3 month		1 Year+		3 Year+		5 Year+
Amana Bank - As o	of June 2017	7							
Profit Sharing Ratio*	30:70	-	60:40	65:35	75:25	80:20	85:15	-	90:10
Distributed Profit	3.33%	-	6.65%	7.22%	8.46%	9.49%	9.80%	-	10.05%
Bank of Ceylon Isl	amic Busin	ess Unit - A	As of July 2	017					
Profit Sharing Ratio*	45:55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distributed Profit	5.62%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Bank	of Ceylon P	LC-Al Adala	ah Islamic I	Banking ur	it - As of Ju	uly 2017			
Profit Sharing Ratio*	45:55	-	55:45	65:35	75:25	-	-	-	-
Distributed Profit	5.70%	-	7.10%	8.40%	9.70%	-	-	-	-
Hatton National Ba	ank PLC-"Hr	nb Al- Najal	n" Islamic E	Banking un	it - As of Ju	ne 2017 (F	Released Q	uarterly)	
Profit Sharing Ratio*	30:70	-	55:45	60:40	70:30	-	-	-	-
Distributed Profit	4.43%	-	8.75%	9.50%	10.50%	-	-	-	-
National Developm	nent Bank P	LC-"Share	ek" Islamic	Banking u	nit - As of J	July 2017			
Profit Sharing Ratio*	40:60	60:40	65:35	40:60	65:35	-	-	-	-
3Mn - 50Mn									
Distributed Profit	5.51%	6.75%	7.58%	8.50%	11.15%	-	-	-	-
Citizen Developme	ent Busines	s Finance I	PLC- Islami	c Banking	unit - As of	July 2017			
Profit Sharing Ratio*	34:66	58:42	62:38	66:34	68:32	72:28	72:28	-	-
Distributed Profit	6.51%	8.04%	11.88%	12.64%	13.02%	13.79%	13.79%	_	_
Commercial Leasi	ng & Financ	e PLC- Isla	mic Financ	e - As of Ju	ıly 2017				
Profit Sharing Ratio*	35:65	55:45	58:42	60:40	61:39	65:35	66:34	71:29	72:28
Distributed Profit	5.00%	11.81%	12.45%	12.88%	13.10%	13.96%	14.10%	15.24%	15.46%
LB Al Salamah (LB	Finance PL	.C - Islamic	Business	Unit) - As o	f June 201	7			
Profit Sharing Ratio*	21:79	72:28	70:30	67:33	66:34	-	-	-	-
Distributed Profit	7.39%	9.85%	10.55%	10.61%	11.96%	-	-	-	-
LOLC Al-Falaah (La	nka Orix Fi	nance PLC	- Islamic B	usiness Un	it) - As of J	uly 2017			
Profit Sharing Ratio*	30:70	60:40	62:38	66:34	66:34	67:33	69:31	70:30	74:26
Distributed Profit	5.58%	11.15%	11.52%	12.27%	12.27%	12.27%	12.45%	13.01%	13.75%
Peoples Leasing Is	slamic Busir	ness Unit	As of May 2	2017					
Profit Sharing Ratio*	45:55	-	60:40	65:35	75:25	-	-	-	-
Distributed Profit	6.23%		8.30%	8.99%	10.38%				

Source: Respective Company Data

^{*} Profit sharing ratio provides profit ratio for Customer: Financial Institution; * Profits distributed at Maturity

The white list of shari'ah compliant stocks provides investors a means of ethical investing. The Core business is screened to ensure that corporate dealing in conventional banking, conventional insurance, alcoholic drinks, tobacco, pork production, arms manufacturing, pornography or related activities are excluded. Companies are also screened in terms of levels of debt, illiquid assets and non compliant investments.

WHITE LIST AS OF JUNE 2017

Finance and Insurance	Shalimar (Malay) PLC	Telecommunications	
Amana Takaful PLC	Diversified Holdings	Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	
Amana Takaful Life PLC	The Colombo Fort Land & Building PLC	Manufacturing	
Amana Bank PLC	Browns Capital PLC	ACL Cables PLC	
Beverages and Food	Expo Lanka Holdings PLC	Agstar Fertilizers PLC	
Bairaha Farms PLC	Hayleys PLC	Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC	
Ceylon Cold Stores PLC	Hemas Holdings PLC	Chevron Lubricants Lanka PLC	
Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC	Richard Pieris and Company PLC	Dankotuwa Porcelain PLC	
Harischandra Mills PLC	Sunshine Holdings PLC	Dipped Products PLC	
Nestle Lanka PLC	Healthcare	Kelani Tyres PLC	
Renuka Agri Foods PLC	Asiri Surgical Hospitals PLC	Kelani Cables PLC	
Renuka Foods PLC	Ceylon Hospitals PLC (Durdans)	Lanka Ceramic PLC	
Three Acre Farms PLC	The Lanka Hospital Corpoartion PLC	Lanka Tiles PLC	
Motors	Land and Property	Lanka Walltiles PLC	
Autodrome PLC	CT Land Development PLC	Lanka Cement PLC	
C M Holdings PLC	Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals	Piramal Glass Ceylon PLC	
Diesel & Motor Engineering PLC	Chemanex PLC	Printcare PLC	
Lanka Ashok Leyland PLC	Haycarb PLC	Royal Ceramic Lanka PLC	
Sathosa Motors PLC	J.L. Morison Son & Jones (Ceylon) PLC	Sierra Cables PLC	
United Motors Lanka PLC	Trading	Bogala Graphite Lanka PLC	
Construction & Engineering	Brown & Company PLC	Teejay Lanka PLC	
Access Engineering PLC	C. W. Mackie PLC	Tokyo Cement (Company) PLC	
Colombo Dockyard PLC	Eastern Merchants PLC	Services	
Footwear and Textiles	Stores & Supplies	Hunter & Company PLC	
Ceylon Leather Products PLC	Colombo City Holdings PLC	Lake House Printing & Publishers PLC	
Odel PLC	Hunters & Company PLC	Kalamazoo Systems PLC	
Hayleys Fabric PLC	Plantations Power & Energy		
Oil Palms	Bogawantalawa Tea Estates PLC	Lanka IOC PLC	
Good Hope PLC	Kahawatte Plantation PLC	Panasian Power PLC	
Indo Malay Pic	Namunukula Plantation PLC	Vallibel Power Erathna PLC	
Selinsing PLC	Watawala Plantations PLC		

Source: www.amanaasset.com

Note 1: The White List has taken to consideration company financials as at March 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

Note 2: Exclusions from the previous list – Convenience Foods PLC, Raigam Wayamba Salterns PLC, Lankem Development PLC, Adam Capital PLC, Huejay International Investment PLC, Serendib Engineering Group PLC, Serendib Land PLC, Union Chemical Lanka PLC, Office Equipment PLC, Gestetner of Ceylon PLC, Abans Electricals PLC, ACL Plastics PLC, Alumex PLC, Central Industries PLC, Laxapana Batteries PLC, Regins (Lanka) PLC, Samson International PLC, Singer Industries (Ceylon) PLC, Swisstek (Ceylon) PLC, Balangoda Plantations PLC, Elpitiya Plantations PLC, Hapugastenna Plantations PLC, Horana Plantations PLC, Kelani Valley Plantations PLC, Kotagala Plantations PLC, Madulsima Plantations PLC, Malwatte Valley Plantations PLC, Talawakelle Teas Estates PLC, Udapussellawa Plantations PLC,

Note 3: New Inclusions – Amana Takaful Life PLC, Hayelys Fabric PLC, The Colombo Fort Land & Building PLC, Hunters & Company PLC, Lanka Cement PLC, Bogawantalawa Tea Estates PLC,

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