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# Sri Lanka 100 2021

The annual report on the most valuable and strongest Sri Lankan brands May 2021



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12 sectors covered

A minumum of **250 respondents** surveyed surveyed for brand

Key metrics across all industries and brands



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### Foreword.



**Ruchi Gunewardene** Managing Director, Brand Finance Lanka

Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the objective of publishing the Brand Finance Most Valuable Brands Index, is to provide our readers with a well researched and comprehensive analysis of brands that are operating in the country.

Presenting a comprehensive fact based analysis across many sectors requires robust data. To do so, we tap into the latest financial data of companies listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange and combine that with an exclusive consumer market research study across 2204 respondents conducted by our independent research partner Breakthrough Business Intelligence.

In addition, we reached out to the main brands in the country and obtained some non-confidential information that was not available in the public domain which we used in our analysis. This enabled us to provide a more comprehensive picture of the brand landscape. We had a very healthy response rate to our requests, with over 50% of the brands contacted providing us with additional data to fill in some of the gaps.

This comprehensive analysis is the definitive annual guide of Sri Lanka's brands. It has a variety of uses such as for companies to track the performance of their brand, for companies to publish their brand performance to investors and other stakeholders and for students of business for their research.

Using all this information we are able to publish the listings whilst also providing a comprehensive report of the brand value and strength to those companies who seek further information in the form of a Brand Value Report (BVR).

We find that increasing number of Directors on Boards are seeking to understand brand value and to use it as a performance measure to hold their marketing departments accountable. This has led to an increase in use of measuring performance through a brand value and strength index.

We are pleased to present our latest report and look forward to your continued interest in the work we do.

# Sri Lanka's Top 100 Brands Showcase Resilience Growing in Brand Value.

- + Total value of Sri Lanka's top 100 brands increased by 3% over course of 2020 despite pandemic turmoil
- + **Dialog** remains Sri Lanka's most valuable and strongest brand with brand value of Rs. 54.0 billion and AAA brand strength rating
- + Supermarket sector records impressive 33% total brand value growth as demand spikes
- + In contrast, hospitality and airlines brands take hit as travel and tourism reach standstill amid lockdowns
- + Banking remains Sri Lanka's most valuable sector, with 19 brands featuring in ranking accounting for impressive 43% of total brand value
- General insurance sector drops 3%; Ceylinco
   General bucks trend growing 18%

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# **Executive Summary.**

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2020 was by all accounts one of the most tumultuous years for all businesses, not only in Sri Lanka but throughout the world. The nation, first having to deal with the Easter bombing in 2019, followed by COVID-19 lockdowns over the last year, has had to negotiate a significantly depressed economy, which has resulted in a reduction in consumer purchasing power. In such circumstances, the brands that a company owns, are arguably now more critical than ever before to sustain and grow businesses.

The total value of Sri Lanka's most valuable brands has increased slightly by Rs.16 billion or 3% this year, an impressive feat given the current economic climate. Total value, however, still falls short of the total value recorded in 2019, which stood at Rs. 630 billion. With a reduction in consumer spending power our review highlights that the larger, more established brands have withstood the downturn better, because of their resilience.

### **Dialog dominates**

Amidst the pandemic turmoil, **Dialog** has retained its enviable position as the most valuable brand in Sri Lanka for the third consecutive year, recording an 11% brand value increase to Rs. 54.0 billion. However. it now has a serious competitor to contend with, in SLT-Mobitel (brand value Rs. 22.3 billion) which has catapulted as a new entry into the top 10 through the merger of the two independently operated brands. Everything will now depend on the ability of SLT-Mobitel to deliver the services of a fully integrated technology service company, whilst leveraging brand and operational synergies, to be able to take on Dialog at the top of the ranking.

Brands can take decades to build. However, once built, brands are very resilient and can sustain a business during difficult times. This is what we see in this year's results in the **Brand Finance Sri Lanka 100** ranking. Those businesses that have systematically and strategically built strong brands can withstand the vagaries of uncertain times, performing significantly better than weaker brands in the categories they operate within.

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Managing Director, Brand Finance Sri Lanka

Dialog is only slightly ahead of second-ranked **BOC** (brand value Rs. 53.9 billion) with just Rs. 73 million separating them. People's Bank has retained its position as the third most valuable brand, despite brand value decreasing by 3% to Rs. 44.8 billion.

In addition to measuring overall brand value, Brand Finance also evaluates the relative strength of brands, based on factors such as marketing investment, customer familiarity, staff satisfaction, and corporate reputation. Alongside revenue forecasts, brand strength is a crucial driver of brand value. According to these criteria, Dialog is also the nation's strongest brand with a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 86.2 out of 100 and a corresponding AAA brand strength rating.

Since the late '90s, Dialog has continued to prove itself as a pioneer in technology by being quick to take new initiatives to embrace digital innovations. The brand demonstrates confidence in its growth strategy through key initiatives such as acquiring H One to supplement Dialog's expansive suite of enterprise solutions and its partnership with Zoho to enable technology diffusion across all enterprise segments.

This year, we mark a significant milestone in the Brand Finance Sri Lanka 100 ranking, with the top 10 strongest brands awarded a AAA brand strength rating - an increase from seven brands last year - showcasing that the more established brands have been able to consolidate themselves, even in times of crisis.

### **Brand Value Change 2020-2021 (%)**



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### **Top 10 Most Valuable Brands**





2021: **Rs.53,978m** +10.6% 2020: Rs.48,801m





2021: **Rs.53,905m** 2020: Rs.47,952m





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2021: **Rs.44,751m** 2020: Rs.46,161m



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2021: **Rs.43,657m** 2020: **Rs.44,009m** 





2021: **Rs.30,727m** 2020: Rs.28,122m



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2021: **Rs.24.295m** 2020: Rs.28,645m



**7 1**0 2021: **Rs.23,859m** 

+29.0% 2020: Rs.18,490m





2021: Rs.23,106m 2020: Rs.23.149m



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2021: Rs.22.302m 2020: -



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2021: **Rs.20,814m** +20.4% 2020: Rs.17,285m

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### **Top 10 Strongest Brands**





2021: **86.2** AAA 2020: **86.1** AAA





2021: **83.8** AAA-2020: **79.7** AAA-

+4.1

(1) COMMERCIAL BANK

**4** 2



2021: 83.8 AAA-2020: **85.7** AAA



+14.2

-0.7

+1.9

+0.7

-1.9

2021: **83.2** AAA-2020: **77.8** AA+





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2021: **81.7 AAA-**









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2021: **80.9** AAA-2020: **80.4** AAA-



**11** 







2021: **79.5** AAA-2020: **78.8** AA+

### **Supermarkets record impressive** 33% brand value growth

The ability to obtain basic groceries became a challenge in most urban areas across the country, whilst online delivery surged. As consumer movement was restricted during the nationwide lockdown, supermarket chains had to dust off their online platforms to serve their customers through direct-tohome delivery. Brands that successfully leveraged technological advancements emerged as winners in this year's brand valuations.

The supermarket sector performed strongest this year, with the four brands that feature in the Brand Finance Sri Lanka 100 2021 ranking seeing an impressive 18% cumulative brand value growth – excluding new entrant to the ranking Lanka Sathosa's brand value at Rs. 6.4 billion.

**Keells** remains the most valuable supermarket brand, sitting in 7th in the overall ranking, with a brand value of Rs. 23.9 billion. Following an impressive 20% brand value increase to Rs. 20.8 billion, Cargills Food City has made its debut into the top 10. In contrast, Arpico **Supercentre** recorded a 18% brand value loss to Rs. 5.9 billion.

When leading Supermarket brands, Keells and Cargills, were still struggling to perfect their online platforms, Sathosa's collaboration with PickMe to deliver groceries in the city of Colombo made them stand out as a customer centric brand.

Consumer perceptions of Keells and Cargills Food City's innovativeness, however, have improved significantly this year, possibly due to the greater emphasis and successful acceptance of their online initiatives and home delivery services.

### **Hospitality and airlines brands suffer**

In contrast, the hospitality sector was hit the hardest this year, with total brand value down by nearly 36%. As holidays were cancelled and people were instructed to work from home, the hospitality sector reached an almost complete standstill, from both foreign tourism and domestic travel. This had a significant negative impact on the sector's financial outlook, driving down brand values across the board. Kingsbury (brand value Rs. 398 million) and Amaya (brand value Rs. 228

million) were the worst hit, losing 52% and 50% of their brand values, respectively.

The airlines sector has also fallen victim to the pandemic. Sri Lankan Airlines has lost 15% of brand value this year to Rs. 9.7 billion, primarily due to weakening financial performance.

### Banking sector is nation's most valuable

Banking remains Sri Lanka's most valuable sector, with the 19 brands featuring in the ranking accounting for an impressive 43% of the total brand value. Overall brand value for the sector is up by 2% this year. There were mixed results across the sector, however, with some brands losing value in double digits and others growing in double digits.

Banking brands claim six of the spots in the top 10 this year, with some movement, including NSB (up 9% to Rs. 30.7 billion) climbing one spot to 5th overtaking Sampath Bank (down 15% to Rs. 24.3 billion) which has slipped one place to 6th.

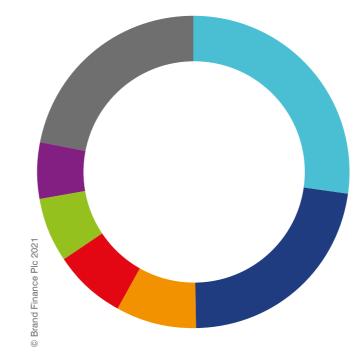
Despite the lower economic activity and reduced interest rates, some banks were still able to record an increase

in year-on-year revenues. **NDB** was the fastest growing bank this year, recording a 15% growth in brand value to Rs. 10.3 billion, and simultaneously jumping four spots in the ranking to 16th. This solid performance can be attributed to continued growth in revenue, linked to an improvement in the brand's perception, and thus the resulting boost to brand strength.

At the other end of the spectrum, **RDB** has lost 18% of its brand value to Rs. 2.0 billion and is the fastest falling banking brand this year - a reflection of the brand's diminishing growth in revenues that it has been experiencing over the previous four years. The brand also lacks consistency in its branding, which has negatively impacted its brand strength.

Banks have played a vital role over the past year to ensure economic stability and to provide consumers with relief from the financial burden caused by the pandemic. Brand Finance's Global Brand Equity Monitor has showed an uptick in reputation for banks globally due to these initiatives taken to support communities. However, despite similar efforts being made by Sri Lankan banks, our consumer research showed a drop in reputation this year.

### **Brand Value by Sector**



Sec	ctor	Brand Value (LKR bn)	% of total	Number of Brands
<ul><li>Bar</li></ul>	nking	263.1	42.6%	19
	od & verage	82.5	13.3%	13
• Tele	ecoms	79.1	12.8%	4
• Sup	permarkets	56.9	9.2%	4
	ancial vices	40.6	6.6%	14
• Tob	acco	19.5	3.2%	3
• Oth	ier	76.5	12.4%	43
Tot	al	618.2	100.0%	100

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### **Insurance sector drops 3%**

This year, general insurance brands (excluding new entrants **Continental Insurance** and **LOLC General**) recorded a decrease in brand value of 3%. This drop could be attributed to the pandemic's impact on all types of travel, as a result of nationwide and global lockdowns, curtailing transportation and thus impacting motor premiums, which account for a large proportion of general insurance premiums. Furthermore, the pandemic severely impacted travel in the tourism sector, resulting in a significant drop in demand for hiring these vehicles. But as the restrictions begin to ease, most general insurance brands' gross written premiums have bounced back, and thus negative brand impact has been reduced.

Despite the hard times, **Ceylinco General** Insurance saw its brand value grow 18% to Rs. 3.6 billion. According to

Brand Finance's Global Brand Equity Monitor study, the brand has strengthened faster than its peers and was also the fastest growing brand in the sector.

Among the general insurance brands, **Sri Lanka Insurance General** retains its position as the most valuable and strongest brand, with a brand value of Rs. 3.9 billion and a AAA- brand strength rating.

Keeping in line with the historical trend of growing faster than the general insurance segment, the life insurance segment (excluding the new entrants) saw total brand value maintain stable. The **SLIC** life business recorded a 20% growth this year, thanks to it becoming the strongest brand amongst the life insurance sector, with a BSI score of 79.1 out of 100. Most other brands in the life segment saw their brand strength scores decline, and as a result, this impacted their brand value.



### **Future challenges**

Though Sri Lanka is no stranger to rough patches, the road to recovery and hopes are pinned on a return to normalcy with no further lockdowns and the kickstarting of the global economy again.

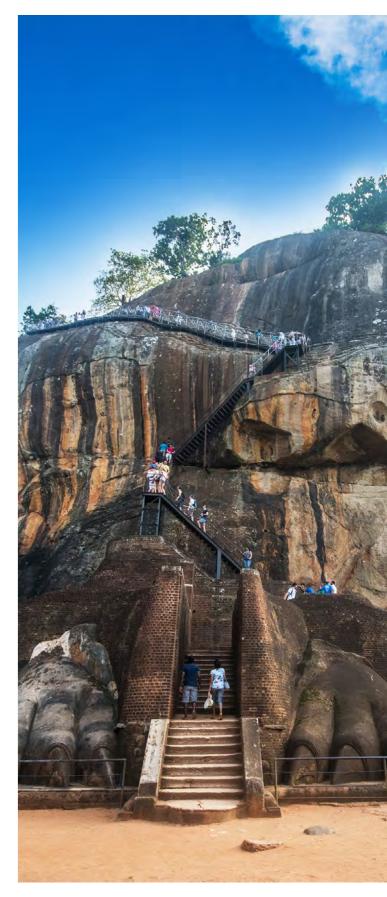
During times of uncertainty, building resilient brands should be what drives marketing actions. This requires a long-term view by adopting a brand blueprint or a well-defined brand platform, better brand management processes with rigorous systems, effective strategic decision making where investments are made in only those areas that will result in superior returns. One of the major challenges for marketing is to be more accountable through not only tracking consumer perceptions but also business performance output, as there are significant marketing investments made each year.

What is essential is to understand the drivers of value and adapt marketing strategies that leverage these, thereby moving brands to a more resilient platform in the long term. By viewing the brand not as an advertising outcome, but as an asset that could be molded to impact all stakeholders - beyond customers, to include employees, suppliers, governments, regulators, media.

This asset requires careful nurturing over a long period – often beyond the tenue of a brand manager, for which there must be a long-term blueprint in place to be picked up by whoever maybe next in charge of the brand.

This approach will ensure consistency and a sustainable approach is adhered to as businesses navigate through tumultuous times.

The complete list of the most valuable brands and detailed analysis can be found in LMD's Brands Annual.



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### **Global Sector Reputation Analysis.**

### Benchmarking against the very best Sectors Ranked by Reputation

Brand Finance's brand evaluations are designed to facilitate broader comparisons with brands across markets, and both within and across industries. This provides a more rounded assessment of brand strength. with benchmarking against the very best.

This perspective is particularly important as brand categories converge, with new technologies enabling disruption and brands seeking tactical entry into neighbouring categories. Brands with a strong reputation also have licensing opportunities in new sectors.

This year's global sector reputation rankings from our B2C research included a significantly larger number of product categories, with scores for over 2,500 brands.

### Reputation on the up

Overall, reputation scores are slightly higher in 2021 across sectors covered both this year and last. In part, this reverses a small dip from 2020, but the impact of COVID-19 cannot be discounted. In a challenging year, consumers have relied upon and tested brands in different ways, and the best brands have stood up well to the challenge, keeping kitchens and wardrobes stocked, connections running, and essential services available.

### Supermarkets, restaurants, and apparel shine

In many countries, being able to obtain basic groceries became a challenge for the first time in decades, as shopping was restricted and demand for online delivery slots surged. But by and large, supermarkets have responded well, and consumers have noted this. The average reputation score in the sector increased significantly year-on-year, and brands such as Aldi, Lidl, and Migros have improved already-strong reputations.

A similar dynamic has helped restaurants to a lesser degree, ensuring that brands in this sector maintain a positive reputation overall, despite reduced levels of instore experiences. Apparel brands have also seemingly benefited from this dynamic, as the shift to online shopping accelerates.



Cosmetics

7.6/10



1= Food

7.6/10



**Appliances** 

7.5/10



4= **Hotels** 

7.4/10



4= Retail

7.4/10



6= Apparel

7.3/10



6= **Beers** 

7.3/10



Supermarkets 7.2/10



Pharma

7.2/10



Oil & Gas

**Restaurants** 



**12**= **Auto** 



12= **Logistics** 



**Tech** 



15 6.9/10 **Real Estate** 



16 **Airlines** 





6.6/10 Insurance



18 **Utilities** 



**Telecoms** 



19= **Banking** 

6.3/10

6.5/10

6.3/10

### **FMCG** brands have outstanding reputation

Major cosmetics and food brands have the highest reputations, on average, a reminder of the enduring value of a strong brand – some of the top performers are over a century old. The positive reputations of global giants such as Johnson's, Dove, Danone, and (in some markets) Nestlé have been nurtured and refreshed over long periods. Local favourites, such as Bimbo (Mexico) and Amul (India), show that they can match their global counterparts.

The slight cloud for the food sector is the more 'average' reputation that some of the big brands have in a number of developed markets, such as the UK. Here, supermarkets have perhaps squeezed the big food brands somewhat.

### Tech admired, but not universally

The overall ranking of the tech sector fell slightly, and while the biggest brands such as YouTube, Google, and Apple continue to enjoy strong reputations, not all consumers are in love with these brands. **Amazon**, for example, ranks high in some markets (#1 in the sector in the USA, #3 in Spain), but polarises in some markets (e.g. Sweden, France). Similarly, the mixed reputation of brands such as **Facebook** shows no sign of significant improvement. Many consumers may support the increasing regulation of tech giants, and it might also be the case that there is room for an upstart challenger with the right innovation, a fresh approach and perhaps a clean slate.

### Banks and telecoms struggle to improve their standing

Banking and telecoms brands rank lowest of all in many markets for reputation and trust, and last year saw little improvement, though banks did at least pull level with telecoms. As with other sectors, many brands have arguably served customers well in difficult times (with connectivity even more vital in the case of telecoms), but this has not helped erode distrust appreciably. Frustrated CMOs may feel that their brands continue to be taken for granted – unfortunately for them, 'business as usual' means treading water in terms of reputation. Across 2,500 brands, seven of the ten lowest-ranked for reputation are banks, the most prominent being **Deutsche Bank** in its home country.

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# **Brand Finance Sri Lanka 100 (LKR m).**

### Top 100 most valuable Sri Lankan brands 1-50

2021 Rank	2020 Rank		Brand	Sector	2021 Brand Value	Brand Value Change	2020 Brand Value	2021 Brand Rating	2020 Brand Rating
1	1	+	Dialog	Telecoms	Rs. 53,978	+10.6%	Rs. 48,801	AAA	AAA
2	2	<b>+</b>	Bank of Ceylon	Banking	Rs. 53,905	+12.4%	Rs. 47,952	AAA-	AA+
3	3	+	People's Bank	Banking	Rs. 44,751	-3.1%	Rs. 46,161	AAA-	AAA-
4	4	+	Commercial Bank	Banking	Rs. 43,657	-0.8%	Rs. 44,009	AAA-	AAA
5	6	1	NSB	Banking	Rs. 30,727	+9.3%	Rs. 28,122	AA	AA
6	5	+	Sampath Bank	Banking	Rs. 24,295	-15.2%	Rs. 28,645	AA+	AAA-
7	10	1	Keells	Supermarkets	Rs. 23,859	+29.0%	Rs. 18,490	AAA-	AAA-
8	7	+	HNB	Banking	Rs. 23,106	-0.2%	Rs. 23,149	AA	AA
9	-	New	SLT-Mobitel	Telecoms	Rs. 22,302	-	-	AA	-
10	11	1	Cargills Food City	Supermarkets	Rs. 20,814	+20.4%	Rs. 17,285	AA+	AA+
11	8	+	Lion Beer	Food & Beverage					
12	9	+	Nestlé	Food & Beverage	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>			
13	12	+	John Player Gold Leaf	Tobacco					
14	13	+	DCSL	Food & Beverage					
15	15	+	Elephant House	Food & Beverage					
16	20	1	NDB	Banking	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>			
17	17	+	Singer	Retail					
18	14	+	SriLankan Airlines	Airlines	<u></u>		₽		
19	18	+	Seylan Bank	Banking					
20	22	1	Dilmah	Food & Beverage	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>			
21	21	+	PLC	Financial Services					
22	-	New	Lanka Sathosa	Supermarkets	<b>a</b>	<b>a</b>			
23	26	1	Nations Trust Bank	Banking					
24	25	1	LB Finance	Financial Services	<u></u>		₽		
25	24	+	Arpico Supercentre	Supermarkets					
26	23	+	LOLC Finance	Financial Services	<u></u>	<b></b>	₽		
27	28	1	DFCC Bank	Banking					
28	30	1	Central Finance	Financial Services		<b></b>			
29	31	1	Sri Lanka Insurance General	Insurance					
30	27	+	Commercial Credit	Financial Services		<u> </u>			
31	34	1	Lanka loc	Oil & Gas					
32	35	1	Ceylinco General	Insurance (General)		<u> </u>			
33	33	+	Ceylinco Life	Insurance (Life)					
34	29	+	Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts	Hotels					
35	43	1	Sri Lanka Insurance Life	Insurance (Life)					
36	44	1	ACL Cables	Retail					
37	41	1	Watawala Tea	Food & Beverage					
38	36	+	Prima	Food & Beverage					
39	39	+	Pan Asia Bank	Banking					
40	32	+	Tokyo Cement	Retail					
41	-	New	Hutch	Telecoms					
42	38	+	Asiri Health	Healthcare					
43	45	1	SDB Bank	Banking					
44	37	+	Softlogic Life	Insurance (Life)					
45	50	1	CDB	Financial Services					
46	49	1	Commercial Leasing	Financial Services					
47	46	+	AIA Insurance	Insurance (Life)					
48	53	1	Ceat	Auto					
49	40	+	RDB	Banking					
50	-	New	HNB Finance	Financial Services		<u> </u>			

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2021 Rank	2020 Rank		Brand	Sector	2021 Brand Value	Brand Value Change	2020 Brand Value	2021 Brand Rating	2020 Brand Rating
51	55	1	Dunhill	Tobacco					
52	48	•	Union Assurance	Insurance					
53	80	+	Union Bank	Banking					
54	47	•	Odel	Retail					
55	42	<b>+</b>	Allianz General	Insurance (General)					
56	57	1	Vallibel Finance	Financial Services					
57	51	+	Nawaloka Hospitals	Healthcare					
58	58	<b>(=</b>	LANKATILES	Retail					
59	54	+	Fairfirst Insurance	Insurance (General)					
60	61	1	Alliance Finance	Financial Services					
61	63	1	Mercantile Investments And Finance	Financial Services					
62	59	+	Kelani Cables	Retail		₽			
63	65	1	Kotmale	Food & Beverage					
64	69	1	Singer Finance	Financial Services		₽			
65	52	1	Krest	Food & Beverage					
66	67	1	LAUGFS Gas	Oil & Gas		<u> </u>			
67	62	+	Senkadagala Finance	Banking					
68	71	1	Harischandra	Food & Beverage		<u> </u>			
69	56	+	Bairaha	Food & Beverage		<u></u>			
70	-	New	Bandaranaike International Airport	Airports					₽
71	74	1	SMIB	Banking					
72	73	1	Caltex	Oil & Gas		<u> </u>			
73	68	+	HDFC Bank	Banking					
74	81	1	Rocell	Building Materials		<u> </u>			<u> </u>
75	76	1	People's Insurance	Insurance (General)					
76	77	1	HNB Assurance	Insurance (Life)		<b>a</b>			
77	72	+	Lanka Hospitals	Healthcare					
78	75	+	Taj Samudra	Hotels					₽
79	82	1	HNB General Insurance	Insurance (General)					
80	79	+	Amãna Bank	Banking					₽
81	88	1	Sierra Cables	Retail					
82	78	+	Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka	Banking		<u> </u>			₽
83	94	1	Swadeshi	Cosmetics & Personal Care					
84	84	+	Durdans	Healthcare		<b>a</b>			
85	90	1	Abans	Retail					
86	83	+	Lanka Soy	Food & Beverage		<b>a</b>			
87	92	1	Janashakthi Life	Insurance (Life)					
88	93	1	Lankem	Chemicals		<u> </u>			
89	85	+	Morison	Healthcare					
90	-	New	Continental Insurance	Insurance (General)					₽
91	60	+	Bristol	Tobacco					
92	70	+	Kingsbury	Hospitality				₽	₽
93	-	New	Cargills Bank	Banking					
94	-	New	LOLC General	Insurance (General)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
95	86	+	Softlogic Finance	Financial Services			<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
96	95	•	Lucky Yoghurt	Food & Beverage	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
97	98	<b>†</b>	Lanka Bell	Telecoms	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
98	91	•	Amāna Takaful General	Insurance (General)	_	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
99	-	New	LOLC Insurance Life	Insurance (Life)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
100	87	+	Amaya Resorts & Spas	Hotels	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		

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### **Definitions.**

Brand Contribution

**Brand** 

Value •

# Enterprise Value Branded Business Value

### **Brand Value**

### + Enterprise Value

The value of the entire enterprise, made up of multiple branded businesses.

Where a company has a purely monobranded architecture, the 'enterprise value' is the same as 'branded business value'



+ Branded Business Value

The value of a single branded business operating under the subject brand.

A brand should be viewed in the context of the business in which it operates. Brand Finance always conducts a branded business valuation as part of any brand valuation. We evaluate the full brand value chain in order to understand the links between marketing investment, brandtracking data, and stakeholder behaviour.



### + Brand Contribution

The overall uplift in shareholder value that the business derives from owning the brand rather than operating a generic brand.

The brand values contained in our league tables are those of the potentially transferable brand assets only, making 'brand contribution' a wider concept. An assessment of overall 'brand contribution' to a business provides additional insights to help optimise performance.



### + Brand Value

The value of the trade mark and associated marketing IP within the branded business.

Brand Finance helped to craft the internationally recognised standard on Brand Valuation - ISO 10668. It defines brand as a marketing-related intangible asset including, but not limited to, names, terms, signs, symbols, logos, and designs, intended to identify goods, services or entities, creating distinctive images and associations in the minds of stakeholders, thereby generating economic benefits.

### **Brand Valuation Methodology.**

### **Definition of Brand**

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### **Brand Value**

Brand value refers to the present value of earnings specifically related to brand reputation. Organisations own and control these earnings by owning trademark rights.

All brand valuation methodologies are essentially trying to identify this, although the approach and assumptions differ. As a result published brand values can be different.

These differences are similar to the way equity analysts provide business valuations that are different to one another. The only way you find out the "real" value is by looking at what people really pay.

As a result, Brand Finance always incorporates a review of what users of brands actually pay for the use of brands in the form of brand royalty agreements, which are found in more or less every sector in the world.

This is sometimes known as the "Royalty Relief" methodology and is by far the most widely used approach for brand valuations since it is grounded in reality.

It is the basis for a public rankings but we always augment it with a real understanding of people's perceptions and their effects on demand - from our database of market research on over 3000 brands in over 30 markets.

### **Disclaimer**

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### **Brand Impact**

We review what brands already pay in royalty agreements. This is augmented by an analysis of how brands impact profitability in the sector versus generic brands.

This results in a range of possible royalties that could be charged in the sector for brands (for example a range of 0% to 2% of revenue)

### **Brand Strength**

We adjust the rate higher or lower for brands by analysing Brand Strength. We analyse brand strength by looking at three core pillars: "Inputs" which are activities supporting the future strength of the brand; "Equity" which are real current perceptions sourced from our market research and other data partners; "Output" which are brand-related performance measures such as market share.

Each brand is assigned a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score out of 100, which feeds into the brand value calculation. Based on the score, each brand is assigned a corresponding Brand Rating up to AAA+ in a format similar to a credit rating.

### **Brand Impact** × **Brand Strength**



The BSI score is applied to the royalty range to arrive at a royalty rate. For example, if the royalty range in a sector is 0-5% and a brand has a BSI score of 80 out of 100, then an appropriate royalty rate for the use of this brand in the given sector will be 4%.

### **Forecast Brand Value Calculation**

We determine brand-specific revenues as a proportion of parent company revenues attributable to the brand in question and forecast those revenues by analysing historic revenues, equity analyst forecasts, and economic growth rates.



We then apply the royalty rate to the forecast revenues to derive brand revenues and apply the relevant valuation assumptions to arrive at a discounted, posttax present value which equals the brand value.

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### **Brand Strength.**

### **Brand Strength**

Brand Strength is the efficacy of a brand's performance on intangible measures, relative to its competitors.

In order to determine the strength of a brand, we look at Marketing Investment, Stakeholder Equity, and the impact of those on Business Performance.

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Analysing the three brand strength measures helps inform managers of a brand's potential for future success.

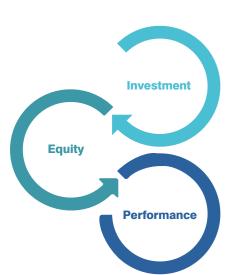
Marketing **Brand Strength Index Investment** 

Widely recognised factors deployed by marketers to create brand loyalty and market share.

Stakeholder **Equity** 

**Business Performance**  Perceptions of the brand among different stakeholder groups, with customers being the most important.

Quantitative market and financial measures representing the success of the brand in achieving price and volume premium.



### **Marketing Investment**

- A brand that has high Marketing Investment but low Stakeholder Equity may be on a path to growth. This high investment is likely to lead to future performance in Stakeholder Equity which would in turn lead to better Business Performance in the future.
- · However, high Marketing Investment over an extended period with little improvement in Stakeholder Equity would imply that the brand is unable to shape customers' preference.

### Stakeholder Equity

- The same is true for Stakeholder Equity. If a company has high Stakeholder Equity, it is likely that Business Performance will improve in the future.
- However, if the brand's poor Business Performance persists, it would suggest that the brand is inefficient compared to its competitors in transferring stakeholder sentiment to a volume or price premium.

### **Business Performance**

- Finally, if a brand has a strong Business Performance but scores poorly on Stakeholder Equity, it would imply that, in the future, the brand's ability to drive value will diminish.
- However, if it is able to sustain these higher outputs, it shows that the brand is particularly efficient at creating value from sentiment compared to its competitors.

### **Brand Equity** Research Database.



- **Building Materials**
- **Financial Service**
- Food & Beverage
- **Healthcare**
- **Hospitality**
- Insurance
- Oil & Gas
- Retail
- **Supermarkets**
- **Telecoms**
- **Tyres**

# To the 'Brand Strength Index' (BSI) score

Contributes 35%

### Methodology

Brand Finance conducted original market research in 12 sectors across the Colombo and Gampaha districts, representative of the country's entire population

### **Brand KPIs and Diagnostics**

1. Brand Funnel **Awareness** Have heard of your brand **Familiarity** Know something about your brand Consideration Would consider buying/using your brand 2. Brand Usage

- 3. Quality\*
- 4. Reputation
- 5. Closeness
- 6. Recommendation (NPS)
- 7. Word of mouth
- 8. Brand Imagery

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### **Consulting Services.**

### Make branding decisions using hard data

### **Brand Research** What gets measured

Brand evaluations are essential for understanding the strength of your brand against your competitors. Brand Strength is a key indicator of future brand value growth whether identifying the drivers of value or avoiding the areas of weakness, measuring your brand is the only way to manage it effectively.

### **Brand Valuation** Make your brand's business case

Brand valuations are used for a variety of purposes, including tax, finance, and marketing. Being the interpreter between the language of marketers and finance teams they provide structure for both to work together to maximise returns.

### Brand Strategy Make branding decisions with your eyes wide open

your brand, you can use it as tool to understand the business impacts of strategic branding decisions in terms of real financial returns.

### + Brand Audits

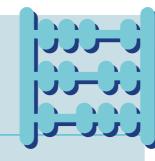
- + Primary Research
- + Syndicated Studies
- + Brand Scorecards
- + Brand Drivers & Conjoint Analysis
- + Soft Power



- + Are we building our brands' strength effectively?
- + How do I track and develop my brand equity?
- + How strong are my competitors' brands?
- + Are there any holes in my existing brand tracker?
- + What do different stakeholders think of my brand?

### + Brand Impact Analysis

- + Tax & Transfer Pricing
- + Litigation Support
- + M&A Due Diligence
- + Fair Value Exercises
- + Investor Reporting

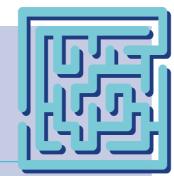


- + How much is my brand worth?
- + How much should I invest in marketing?
- + How much damage does brand misuse cause?
- + Am I tax compliant with the latest transfer pricing?
- + How do I unlock value in a brand acquisition?

Once you understand the value of

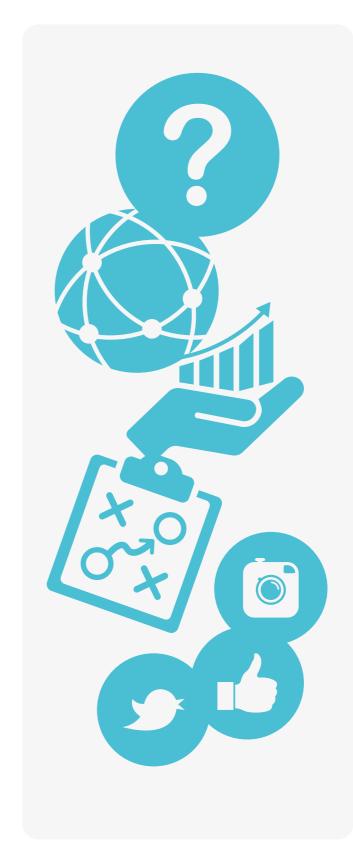
### + Brand Positioning

- + Brand Architecture
- + Franchising & Licensing
- + Brand Transition
- + Marketing Mix Modelling
- + Sponsorship Strategy



- +Which brand positioning do customers value most?
- +What are our best brand extension opportunities in other categories and markets?
- +Am I licensing my brand effectively?
- +Have I fully optimised my brand portfolio? Am I carrying dead weight?
- +Should I transfer my brand immediately?
- +Is a Masterbrand strategy the right choice for my business?

### **Brand Evaluation Services.**



### **How are brands perceived** in my category?

Brand Finance tracks brand fame and perceptions across 30 markets in 10 consumer categories. Clear. insightful signals of brand performance, with data mining options for those who want to dig deeper - all at an accessible price.

### What if I need more depth or coverage of a more specialised sector?

Our bespoke brand scorecards help with market planning and can be designed to track multiple brands over time, against competitors, between market segments and against budgets. Our 30-country database of brand KPIs enables us to benchmark performance appropriately.

### Do I have the right brand architecture or strategy in place?

Research is conducted in addition to strategic analysis to provide a robust understanding of the current positioning. The effectiveness of alternative architectures is tested through drivers analysis, to determine which option(s) will stimulate the most favourable customer behaviour and financial results.

### **How can I improve return** on marketing investment?

Using sophisticated analytics, we have a proven track record of developing comprehensive brand scorecard and brand investment frameworks to improve return on marketing investment.

### What about the social dimension? Does my brand get talked about?

Social interactions have a proven commercial impact on brands. We measure actual brand conversation and advocacy, both real-world word of mouth and online buzz and sentiment, by combining traditional survey measures with best-in-class social listening.

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## **Some Questions for Brand Finance.**

### Why is an understanding of brand value so important?

Brand is one of the most important intangible assets that are available to a company that can be leveraged for business value creation. Since there is no measure of brand value in the standard financial statements, this is a "hidden" asset. Because there is no measure of value attributed to it, the value of the brand is often overlooked by the Board and the management. Decisions are often made by not looking at an important value creating asset that is available to the business.

### Any other reasons?

Marketing budgets now far exceed many capital expenditure allocations in a business. These enormous marketing budgets are put together at the discretion of the marketing team. An approach which aligns budget allocations to levers of value creation through a better understanding of where value can be grown at the expense of value destruction, can be a better way of ensuring these large budgets are optimized.

### How does brand value help in developing strategies?

Through a comprehensive understanding of the business, market and consumer, Brand Finance is able to use its experience across diverse sectors and in many countries to explore opportunities for the brand to add value to the business. At its core, it uses market research and financial data to understand the dynamics of what is happening with the consumer along with the financial performance and outcomes. By linking consumer understanding with financial performance it is able to identify gaps and opportunities for strategic marketing consideration.

### What makes Brand Finance different to other consultancies?

Where it differs from other consultancies is in its ability to link strategic consumer insights with business value outcomes. By considering the brand as a value generating asset that could be deployed in the business, management is able to better see the various ways in which it can be leveraged or strengthened to grow the brand and the business.

### How can the brand be used to leverage more value in business negotiations?

Brand valuations can justify and support the value that a business can command. It is often used as an independent view, setting out the brand's ability to drive greater value in the future, and thereby justifying a higher business value.

### Can a company optimize the way in which it manages brands?

There are many examples of companies which have set up special purpose vehicles or BrandCo's where the brand ownership has been moved. By separating the operating company from the company that is owning the brand there is greater clarity and focus on driving brand value through the allocation of resources and charging back royalties from the entities that are using the brand. Depending on the sector and the jurisdiction of the BrandCo and the operating entities, there could be tax related benefits that could accrue. Sri Lankan companies need to explore all the different ways by which it can optimise brand management, tax efficiencies and ensuring performance is tracked of this important business asset.

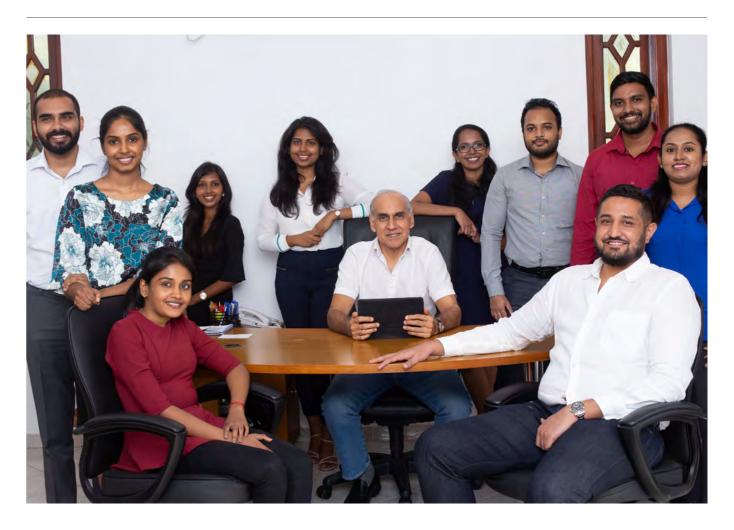
### Who does Brand Finance collaborate for its research study?

Brand Finance Lanka has been collaborating with the market research firm Breakthrough Business Intelligence, to provide the market research data which goes into the analysis to compile the annual Most Valuable Sri Lankan brands as well as the other tables. Breakthrough Business Intelligence is a full service boutique marketing research agency, committed to providing insightful partnerships that drive bottom-line results for clients. They take an innovative approach to research, reinventing market research when necessary. With the right balance of academic researchers and practicing marketing researchers, Breakthrough Business Intelligence has the ability to deliver the insights that are relevant in accelerating business growth.

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### The Team.



Brand Finance Lanka consists of a group of highly experienced marketers and well qualified analysts. This combination of marketers and analysts can provide the core Brand Finance offering of strategic solutions that bridge the gap between marketing and finance.

Our people can extract, analyse and interpret data to develop marketing and brand strategies and predict a financial or other measurable outcome, thereby providing a sound basis for the CEO to make factbased decisions. Furthermore, by tracking financial and other key indicators, marketing and brand strategies could be changed in a timely manner, ensuring return on investment.

Brand Finance Lanka has invested in training the team over the last 3 years, with visits to offices in London and Singapore. This has helped build skill development of the entire team in the disciplines of brand valuation and strategy development. This knowledge exchange is expected to be further built and enhanced over the next year. Brand Finance Lanka is on the lookout for bright and young talent who are passionate about analytics.

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### **Communications Services.**

### How we can help communicate your brand's performance in brand value rankings



**Brand Accolade** – create a digital endorsement stamp for use in marketing materials, communications, annual reports, social media and website. Advertising use subject to terms and conditions.







MOST VALUABLE SRI LANKAN BRAND



STRONGEST SRI LANKAN BRAND



**Video Endorsement** – record video with Brand Finance CEO or Director speaking about the performance of your brand, for use in both internal and external communications.



**Bespoke Events** – organise an award ceremony or celebratory event, coordinate event opportunities and spearhead communications to make the most of them.



**Digital Infographics** – design infographics visualising your brand's performance for use across social media platforms.



**Trophies & Certificates** – provide a trophy and/or hand-written certificate personally signed by Brand Finance CEO to recognise your brand's performance.



**Sponsored Content** – publish contributed articles, advertorials, and interviews with your brand leader in the relevant Brand Finance report offered to the press.



**Media Support** – provide editorial support in reviewing or copywriting your press release, pitching your content to top journalists, and monitoring media coverage.

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### **Brand Finance Institute**

Learn how to build, protect and measure brand value

The Brand Finance Institute is the educational division of Brand Finance, offering expert training on brand evaluation, management and strategy.

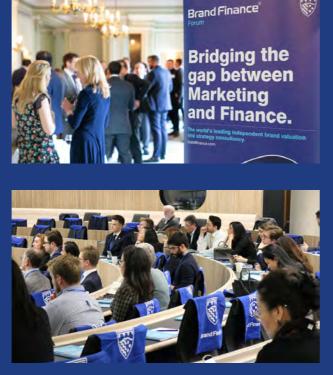
Our in-house training and workshops, online learning offer and webinars will help you answer key strategic questions about your brand for different levels of seniority and development needs:

- How can I grow brand value?
- How can I build a business case to show the return on my marketing investment?
- How can I set up my marketing budget using brand research and analytics?

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### Brand Dialogue®



With strategic planning and creative thinking, we develop communications plans to create dialogue with stakeholders that drives brand value.

Our approach is integrated, employing tailored solutions for our clients across PR, marketing and social media, to deliver strategic campaigns and helping us to establish and sustain strong client relationships.

We also have a specific focus on geographic branding, including supporting nation brands and brands with a geographical indication (GI).

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### Research, Strategy & Measurement

Brand & Communications Strategy

Campaign Planning

Communications Workshops

Market Research &

Coverage Analysis

Social Media Analytics



Media Relations Press Trips & Events Strategic Partnerships



### **Public Relations**

Relationship Management

Influencer Outreach Media Training

> Social Media Management



### Marketing

Promotional Events

Conference Management

Sponsorship Management

Native Advertising Print Advertising

Shopper Marketing Trade Marketing



### Content

Bespoke Publications

Press Releases Blog Posts &

Marketing Collateral Design

> Photography & Videography

Social Media Content



### **Strategic**

Crisis Communications

Brand Positioning & Reputation

Geographic Branding

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)





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