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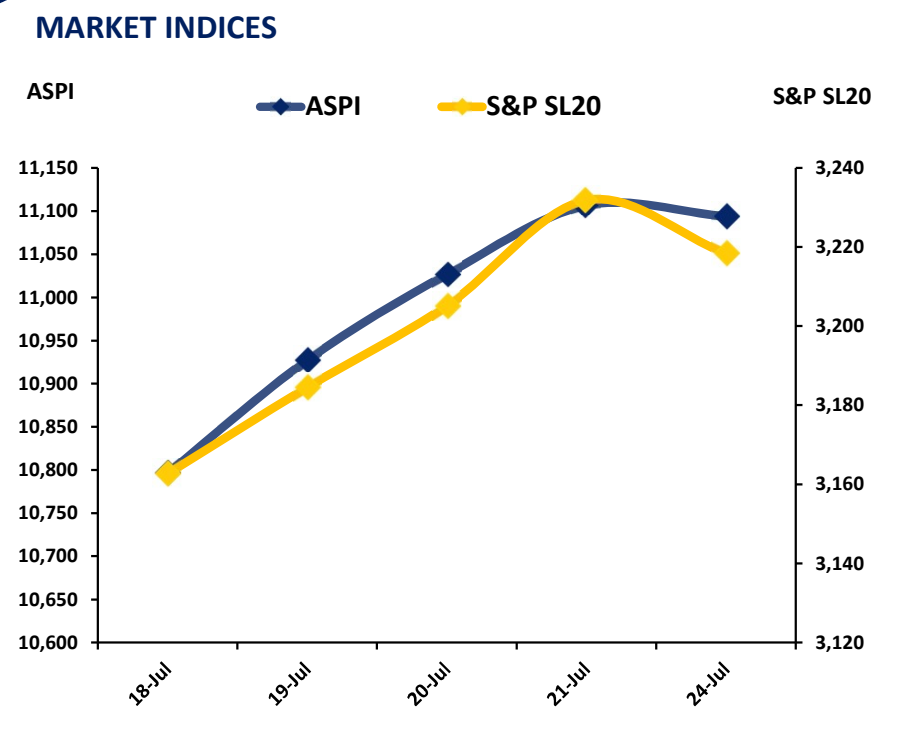
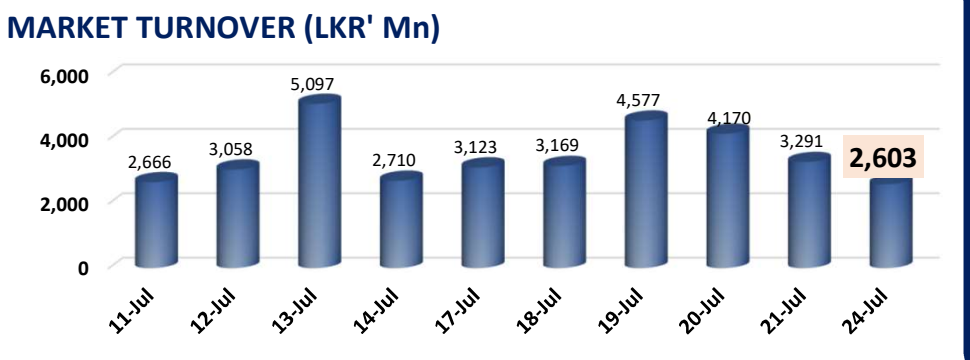
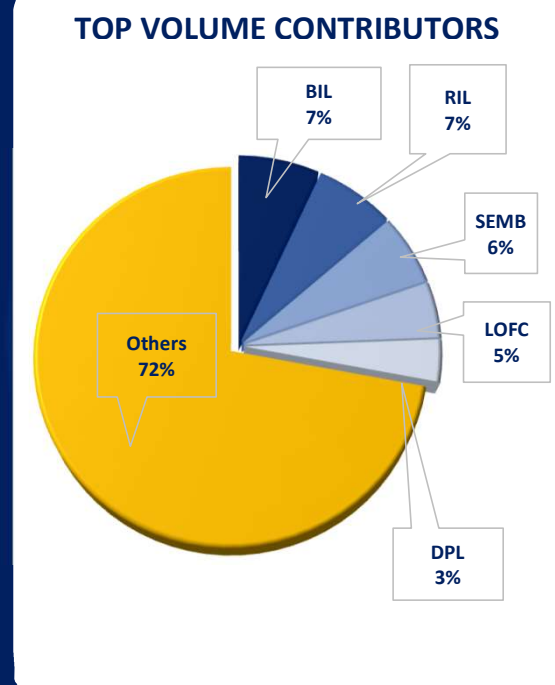
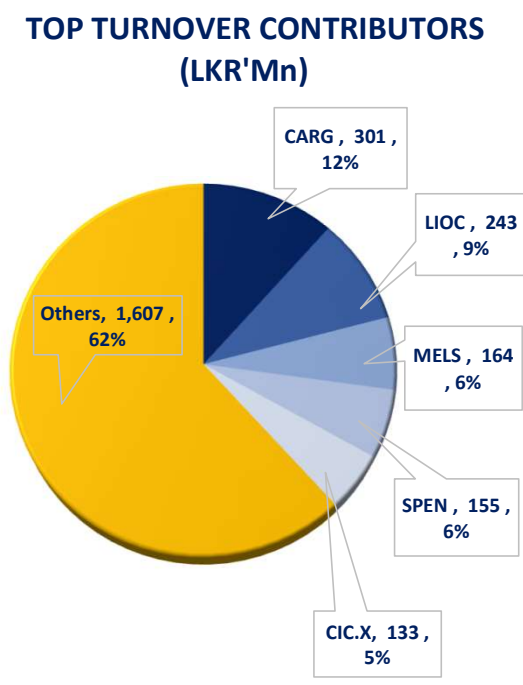


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## “Market snaps 15-day winning streak over profit taking”

Commencing the week, ASPI slid to the red zone losing 13 points, snapping the fifteen-day rally as investors chose to book profits on index heavyweights. Meanwhile, panic selling on LIOC drove the index down amidst the new entrance to the retail fuel market (Sinopec to start operation in Aug 2023) coupled with the implementation of MRP for fuel going forward, which is expected to intensify competition. On the upside, investor interest persisted on selected banking counters mainly COMB as the bank continued to be the largest lender to the SME sector in 2022 (34.2% with LKR 195.8Bn) and is expected to benefit from the recovery of private sector credit in 2H2023 aided by declining interest rates. Furthermore, hotel sector shares continue to gain during the day on the back of significant rise in tourist arrivals (1st to 20th July: 89,724 arrivals, YTD: 714,598 arrivals). Meanwhile, turnover dipped to a 2-week low of LKR 2.6Bn, as retail participation remained dull. However, High net-worth investors took positions in the market through offboard transactions mainly CARG (1.0Mn shares at LKR 300.0 each) and MELS (1.1Mn shares at LKR 76.5 each) which contributed 18% to the overall turnover.

	LKR	USD		
<b>TURNOVER (Mn)</b>	2,603.21	8.14	▼	-20.9%
<b>MARKET CAP. (Bn)</b>	4,441.73	13.88	▼	-0.1%
<b>VOLUME (Mn)</b>	78.45		▼	-33.2%
<b>FOREIGN (LKR Mn)</b>	564.36	437.76		126.59
<b>VALUATIONS</b>	PER 5.7x	PBV 1.1x		
	<b>Inflow</b>	<b>Outflow</b>	<b>Net flow</b>	



<b>ASPI</b>	<b>11,093.92</b>
Intraday Points	-12.62
	▼ -0.11%
<b>S&amp;P SL20</b>	<b>3,218.32</b>
Intraday Points	-13.51
	▼ -0.42%

