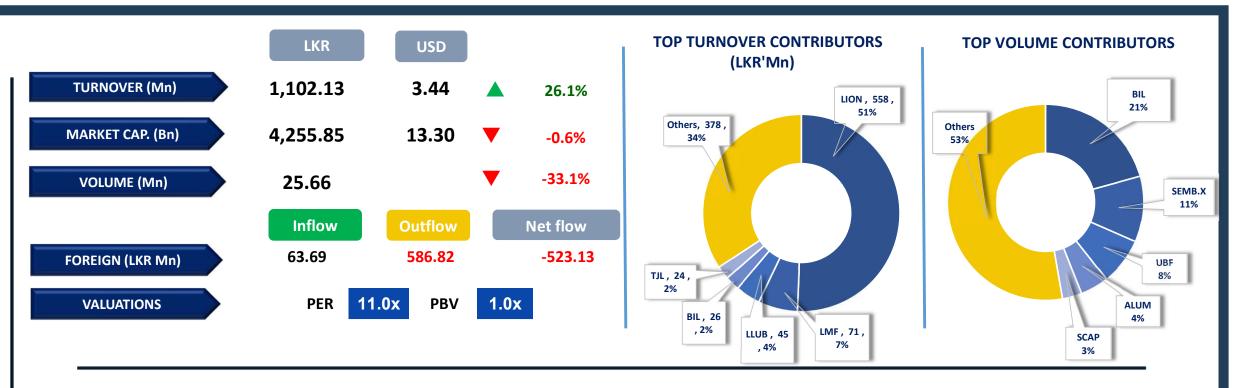
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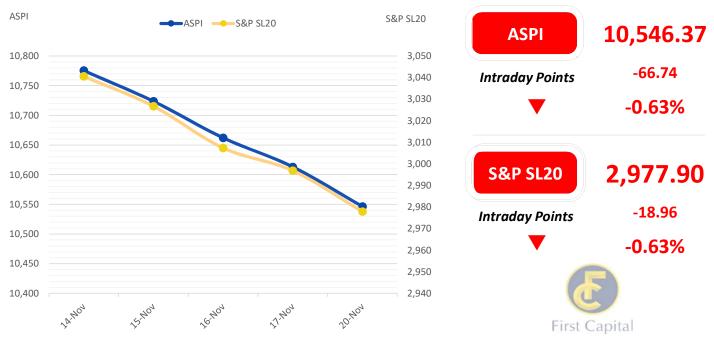
"ASPI falters to near 1-month low"

Bourse continued to skid lower for the fifth consecutive session as selling pressure extended across the board as investor participation continued to weaken ahead of the upcoming monetary policy review scheduled for 23rd Nov 2023. Although index edged up in the beginning to an intraday high of 10,647, negative sentiment outweighed and dragged the index to close the day at 10,546, losing 67 points. Moreover, bearish sentiment was witnessed on LION following the announcement of DIST to acquire shares of Heineken Lanka Limited, as this may intensify competition and might strengthen the market share of DIST. On a positive note, bull rally extended on LMF following the share split announcement on 14th Nov. However, lingering selling pressure on CTC negatively contributed to the ASPI as the dividend of LKR 36.0 per share reached the XD date today. Despite low retail participation, turnover surpassed LKR 1.0Bn with Food, Beverage & Tobacco sector accounting for 67% of overall turnover largely led by LION.









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