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"ASPI scales high, boosted by DDO progression"

Bourse bounced back to the green territory after 6-consecutive days of price declines, as investor confidence regained as Sri Lanka took positive strides in debt restructuring after reaching an agreement with the Exim Bank of China. As a result, the government is optimistic on receiving the second tranche of the IMF loan in Dec. Index witnessed mixed sentiment until midday, yet gradually edged up as investor interests centred on the Banking counters (SAMP and COMB). As a result, market reversed during the day and closed on a positive note at 10,548, gaining 40 points. Moreover, bullish sentiment persisted on hotel counters as the constant influx of tourists recorded in Nov which reported over 100,000 within the first 20 days. Although retail participation remained subdued, turnover spiked to LKR 2.1Bn (+106% cf. monthly average turnover of LKR 1.0Bn) boosted by the offboard transaction of CALT which solely contributed 62%, witnessing a stake change of 6.6% totaling to 21.7Mn shares changing hands at LKR 60.10. Accordingly, Diversified Financials sector accounted for 66% to the overall turnover. Moreover, foreign investors turned net buyers after 6 straight sessions with active collection observed on PABC.





