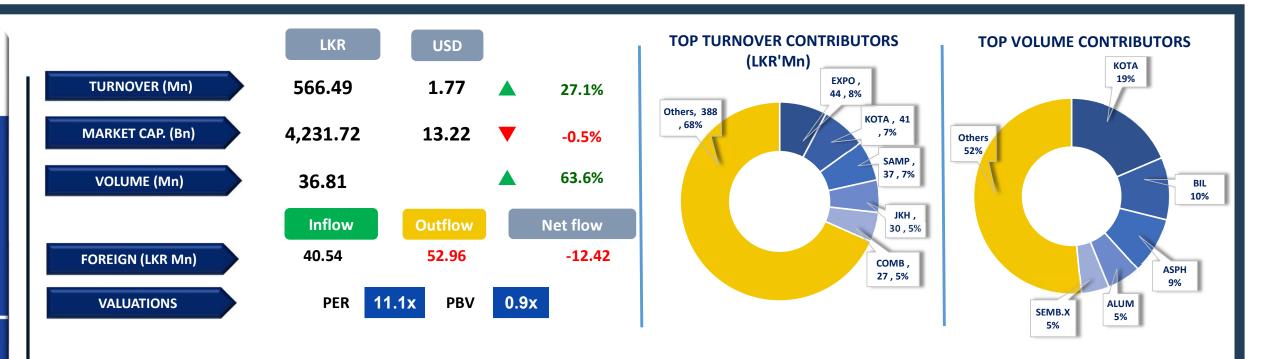
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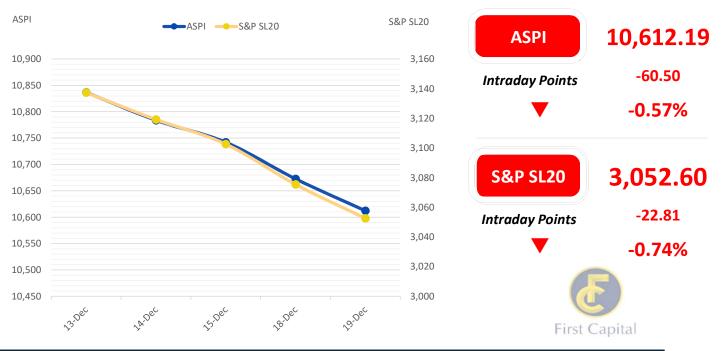
"Retail activities remain dull ahead of the Christmas holiday"

Bourse continued to descend and closed the day lower as investors remained sidelined amid uncertainty surrounding external debt restructuring. Index initially displayed a gradual sideline, with a slight recovery observed post midday. However, market failed to sustain the upward movement due to inflated selling pressure on Blue chip counters, mainly MELS, HAYL, and JKH, resulting in a closing of 10,612, losing 61 points. With the Christmas holiday approaching, market activities remained subdued as turnover remained 35% lower cf. monthly average turnover of LKR 865.3Mn and recorded at LKR 566.5Mn. Notably, the Food, Beverage & Tobacco sector accounted for 19% of turnover, while Banking and Capital Goods sectors each contributed 17%. Amidst the festive season, foreign investor participation remained thin and turned net sellers.





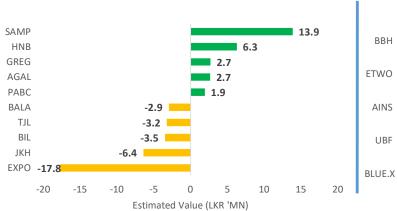




NET FOREIGN FLOW



LARGEST & LOWEST NET FOREIGN FLOW





TOP 5 LOSERS

