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"Buying spree extends for the 4th straight session"

Bourse continued to eke gains for the 4th consecutive day amidst improved buying interest enticed across several sectors while retail participation remained active. Index experienced a short-lived downslide during the initial hour of trading, yet steadily gathered momentum and continued to escalate during the day with market participants collecting on Food, Beverage and Tobacco sector shares, namely LION, RICH, SUN and TAFL. Meanwhile, Construction sector counters (AEL, RCL and TKYO) too witnessed some interest during the day as the Construction sector PMI for Jan-24 surpassed to neutral threshold of 50. Further, LLUB share price was up by 2.9% ahead of the XD date (07th Mar-24) for its third interim dividend. Hotel sector counters and Treasury counters too were amongst the several sectors which gathered interest today. On account of these positive developments, ASPI closed in the green at 10,882 gaining 40 points. Meanwhile, turnover displayed robust improvement as it registered at LKR 2.3Bn (+31.0% cf. monthly average turnover of LKR 1.8Bn) predominantly led by the off-board transaction of LOFC worth 200.0Mn shares at LKR 5.0 per share. Foreign investors dominated as net sellers for the 6th consecutive day whilst net outflow mounted to LKR 1.1Bn led by the foreign selling on LOFC.

