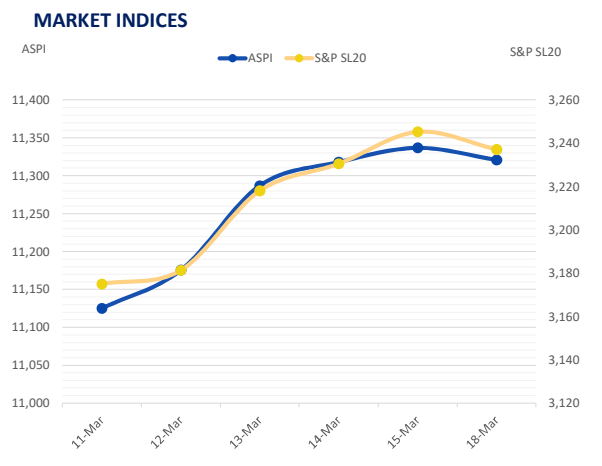
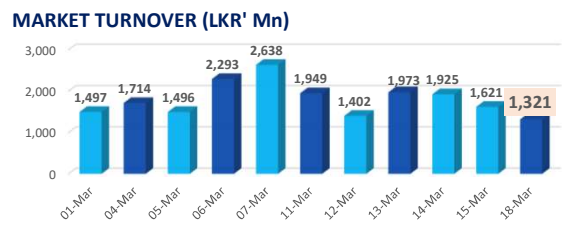
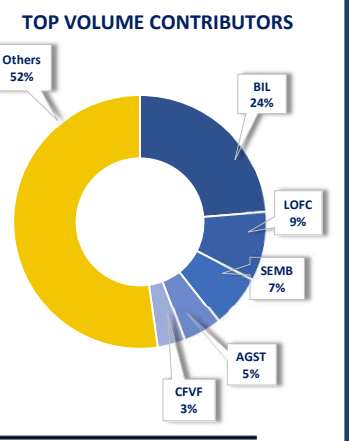
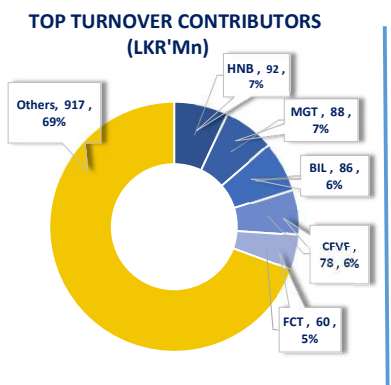


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“ASPI regresses to the red, breaking 10-day gaining streak”

The stock market dipped into the negative territory today, as investors opted for profit-taking after a prolonged period of gains over the past 10 sessions. Although there was a brief uptick in the first half-hour of trading, the market soon turned downward, with the index closing at 11,321, shedding 16 points. Investors were particularly keen on booking profits on stocks that had experienced price increases in the previous week, including BIL, LIOC, SAMP, and selected construction related stocks. While sentiment towards banking stocks was mixed, treasury stocks garnered interest from buyers, spurred by expectations of dividends following the announcement from FCT. Turnover softened slightly to LKR 1.3Bn, falling 17% compared to the monthly average turnover of LKR 1.6Bn. Nevertheless, foreign investors turned net buyers recording a net inflow LKR 18.7Mn.

TURNOVER (Mn)	LKR 1,320.94	USD 4.13	▼ -18.5%
MARKET CAP. (Bn)	4,492.08	14.04	▼ -0.1%
VOLUME (Mn)	69.73		▼ -8.5%
FOREIGN (LKR Mn)	59.72	41.06	18.66
VALUATIONS	PER 9.7x	PBV 1.0x	
	Inflow	Outflow	Net flow



ASPI	11,320.85
Intraday Points	-15.86
	▼ -0.14%
S&P SL20	3,237.12
Intraday Points	-8.12
	▼ -0.25%

