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DAILY

EQUITY WATCH

First Capital

"Turnover spikes to a near 1.5 month high"

The bourse experienced a downward trajectory, continuing its stance of profit taking from the previous session as it halted on the negative territory losing 45 points at 11,276. The banking sector shares displayed a mixed sentiment during the day as SAMP witnessed a spike of 0.4% compared to the previous day closing and was amongst the positive contributors towards the index gain, whilst profit taking was visible on COMB and DFCC, which saw increased interest during the previous few sessions. Moreover, the turnover was recorded at LKR 4.0Bn, (148.4% higher than the monthly average of LKR 1.6Bn) registering a near one and a half month high mainly contributed by several off-board transactions, notably on LOFC which recorded a 1.5% stake change totalling up to 500.0Mn shares at LKR 5.70 each, followed by PABC and HNB, alongside diversified financials sector which jointly contributed 85% of the total turnover. Foreign investors turned net sellers recording a net outflow of LKR 2.9Bn.



