

## March 25, 2024

## "Investors caution prevails ahead of tomorrow's monetary policy verdict"

The bourse began the day with a modest bullish stride, but post-midday, it took a tumble to the red zone at 11,235, shedding 27 points, as investors held back eyeing tomorrow's monetary policy review. Blue-chip giants including LOLC, DIAL, RICH, and HAYL led the downward march, whilst profit-taking hit the counters in the Food, Beverage & Tobacco sector which includes DIST and LMF. On the flip side, banking counters including SAMP, HNB, and SEYB positively contributed to the index, whilst SAMP, NTB, and SDB dominated the crossing transactions, which accounted for 25.9% of the overall market turnover. Meanwhile, the market turnover was recorded at LKR 1.3Bn, down 27.4% from the monthly average of LKR 1.8Bn. Furthermore, foreign investors shifted to a net buying position, recording a net inflow of LKR 132.7Mn for the day.



