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## "Index rallies to an 8-month peak"

Bourse witnessed a sustained bullish trend driven by robust interest on banking sector and selected Bluechip counters. Bulls dominated the market, leading to continuous positive trading throughout the day, reaching an intraday high of 11,755 during midday before closing at an 8-month high of 11,698, gaining 74 points. Notably, banking sector shares such as COMB, HNB, and NDB continued to drive the index, leveraging their discounted prices. Buoyed by a resurgence in overall market sentiment and lower interest rates, funds began to flow from retailers to the equity market. As a result, turnover continued to record at a healthy level of LKR 3.2Bn (+57% cf. monthly average turnover of LKR 2.0Bn) supported by retailers, HNWIs and institutional investors. Banking sector emerged as a major contributor, accounting for 42% of the overall turnover, fueled by active trading both on and off the board.



