DAILY EQUITY WATCH

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"ASPI soars beyond 12,000, first time in 2 years"

Bourse extended its bullish trend, closing the short trading day with a significant gain of 71 points, reaching a new milestone by surpassing 12,000 mark for the first time in 2-years, and settling at 12,033 ahead of the new year holidays. Investor sentiment remained optimistic, particularly towards the Banking sector due to attractive valuations, with COMB, HNB, and SAMP notably driving the ASPI hike for the day. Additionally, there was a slight uptick in investor interest observed in selected construction sector counters. Improved retail participation coupled with active buying of HNWIs and institutional investors further fueled turnover particularly through off-board transactions in SAMP, LOLC, and MGT, which jointly accounted for 46% of the market turnover. As a result, turnover reached LKR 3.0Bn during the session (+34% cf. monthly average turnover of LKR 2.2Bn), with the Banking sector accounting for 60% of the turnover.

