

## "Turnover falls to a 7-month low"

The broader market witnessed sideways movements and closed both indices in green as investors chose to adopt a wait-and-see approach amidst uncertainties surrounding the political environment in the country. Despite the recent confirmation of the ISB debt deal. investor sentiment remains cautious regarding its prospective market implications, with participation of foreign investors and HNWIs turned subdued after several sessions, despite the increased participation of retail investors. The Capital Goods sector counters such as RCL and HAYL, along with CTHR, CDB and LIOC majorly contributed to the index positively whereas investor sentiment towards the Banking sector counters remained mixed. Accordingly, ASPI closed the week at 11,947, gaining 21 points. Meanwhile, turnover fell to a 7-month low and stood at LKR 472.5Mn, a 74.0% decrease from the monthly average standing at LKR 1.8Bn. The Capital Goods sector contributed 30.5% to the overall turnover, whilst the Banking and Food, Beverage and Tobacco sectors jointly contributed 30.8% to the overall turnover. Foreign investors remained net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR 17.8Mn.

