

## "Bourse closes flat, failing to hold yesterday's buying momentum"

The broader market failed to sustain yesterday's gains as investor sentiment shifted to the bearish in the post midday as banking sector counters and index-heavy weights exerted a negative pressure on the index. Notably, JKH's 2.3% price drop dragged down the index to close the day at 11,802 by losing 9 points. Additionally, SAMP, NDB and HAYL contributed to the index negatively. Retail investors and HNWIs refrained from active participation, with turnover plummeting by 32.4% from yesterday to LKR 541.2Mn in the absence of significant crossing transactions, and recorded a 68.1% drop from the monthly average standing at LKR 1.7Bn. Meanwhile, the Capital Goods sector contributed 32% to the turnover whilst Banking and Food, Beverage and Tobacco sectors jointly contributed 31% to the overall turnover. Furthermore, Foreign investors remained net sellers, with a net outflow of LKR 71.3Mn.

