

## "ASPI closes the week in green"

The bourse experienced gentle gains amidst a slight upturn in market activity and increased positive investor sentiment. The ASPI closed at 11,844, marking a 0.35% increase from the previous day, to which the most significant contributors were COMB, BUKI, HAYL, CTC, and LOLC, where COMB and BUKI led the way. The inflow of positive sentiment can be attributed to the presence of bargain buying as a result of a decline in prices. Heightened activity was displayed primarily amongst blue-chips JKH and HAYL, and banks. Turnover saw a slight increase, further reflecting the gradual increase in momentum, standing at LKR 653.4Mn, where the Capital Goods sector led turnover at 31.9%, followed by the Food, Beverage and Tobacco, and the Banking sectors jointly contributing 42.3% of overall turnover. There was a net foreign outflow of LKR 101.2Mn, signaling interest in external investments. The market overall, saw a day of positive sentiment amidst a gradual increase in momentum.

