

"Banks and Conglomerates on the lead"

The Colombo bourse started the week on a positive note, mirroring last week's positive sentiment as index experienced a sustained bullish momentum throughout the day, with nearly all Banking sector counters and conglomerates showing gains. Accordingly, ASPI halted the day at 11,892 gaining 48 points. Notably, significant buying interest in COMB was observed ahead of the XR date, which falls tomorrow. Despite limited participation from retail investors, HNWIs were actively involved compared to previous sessions, with 47.7% of the overall turnover generated from off-board transactions. Meanwhile, turnover stood at LKR 1.6Bn, with a >100% increase from previous close and 4.3% up from the monthly average standing at LKR 1.5Bn. The Capital Goods sector contributed 61% to the turnover whilst the Insurance and Banking sectors jointly contributed 20% to the overall turnover. Furthermore, a significant number of shares traded in CINS resulted in the insurance sector being the second highest contributor to the overall turnover. However, Foreign investors turned net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR 409.4Mn.

