

"Investors continue the lackluster sentiment"

The Broad Market continued its decline for the fourth consecutive day, driven by significant price drops in COMB, JKH, SAMP and HNB. Selling pressure prevailed throughout the session, causing ASPI to exhibit bearish sentiment from the start. Although the index saw a slight recovery after midday, it ultimately closed at 10,571, down by 92 points. Selected Banking sector counters led by COMB, SAMP, HNB and DFCC and blue-chip led by JKH, emerged as the top negative contributors to the index. Amidst the improved participation of both retail and HNW investors, turnover recorded at LKR 1.2Bn, marking a 46.9% increase from the monthly average standing at LKR 821.6Mn where off-board transactions accounted for 39.7% of the total turnover. The Capital Goods sector contributed 46% to the overall turnover whilst the Banking and Diversified Financials sectors jointly contributed 36% to the total turnover. Foreign investors remained net buyers, recording an inflow of LKR 131.1Mn.

