

## October 3, 2024

## "Profit taking continues as ASPI closes in red"

The bourse experienced another day of profit taking, as the ASPI fell to 11,930, losing 4 points and marking a 0.04% decline from the previous day. The most significant contributors towards the negative index were HNB, SAMP, COMB, HAYL, and JKH, reflecting low participation from HNW investors. Additionally, CINS was responsible for positive contributions towards the index. Selling sentiment dominated the market, where banks predominantly experienced increased selling pressure. Today marked the inaugural day of trading for PickMe (PKME), with shares rising by 8.3%. Turnover saw a decline, standing at LKR 1.3Bn, marking a 41.8% decrease from the previous day, where the Banking sector led turnover by 26.8%, followed by the Diversified Financials, and Capital Goods sectors jointly contributing to 34.9% of overall turnover over. There was a net foreign outflow of LKR 18.0Mn signaling interest in external investments.

