## **December 2, 2024**

DAILY

## "ASPI starts the week with Blue-Chip gains and sector-specific interest"

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The broad market started the week with bullish momentum, extending the positive sentiment from the previous week's trading session, with interest visible on blue-chip firms. Amidst the increased participation from retail investors, ASPI closed in the green at 13,229, gaining 40 points, marking a 0.30% increase from the previous week. Additionally, specific stocks in the Construction sector continued to attract investor interest throughout the day. The most significant contributors towards the positive index were HAYL, SPEN, AEL, JKH, and CFIN. Additionally, the selected Food and Beverage sector and Capital Goods sector stocks saw increased interest during the day. Meanwhile, turnover stood at LKR 2.3 Bn, marking a 39.2% decrease from the monthly average. Moreover, the Food Beverage & Tobacco sector led the turnover by 28%, followed by the Capital Goods, and Banking sectors jointly contributing 30% of the overall turnover. Foreign investors remained net sellers with a net outflow of LKR 379.8Mn signaling interest in external investments.

