

## "Positive market sentiment drives ASPI

The bourse experienced a strong start to the day, driven by positive sentiment and increased market activity in the morning. However, by midday, the market slowed down due to a wave of selling pressure. Amidst the increased participation from retail and HNW investors, the ASPI closed the day in green at 13,559, gaining 48 points, marking a 0.35% increase from the previous day. Additionally, specific stocks in the Banking sector and blue-chip firms continued to attract investor interest throughout the day. The most significant contributors towards the positive index were COMB, SAMP, MELS, HNB, and JKH. Meanwhile, amidst multiple off-board transactions, turnover stood at LKR 4.5Bn, marking a 24.5% increase from the monthly average. Moreover, the Banking sector led the turnover by 29%, followed by the Capital Goods, and Materials sectors jointly contributing 35% of the overall turnover. Foreign investors turned net buyers with a net inflow of LKR 4.7Mn signaling interest in internal investments.

