

## "Positive sentiment drives market activity"

The bourse experienced a day of positive sentiment and increased market activity, with interest visible on Plantation sector and Food, Beverage and Tobacco sector stocks such as AGPL, KOTA, and LMF, Amidst the increased participation from retail investors, ASPI closed the day in green at 13,613, gaining 54 points. Amongst the notable trades, c.179.7Mn shares of HNBF was transacted on-board between LKR 3.10 to LKR 5.70, with foreign selling visible on the share. Additionally, specific stocks in the Construction sector such as AEL and TKYO continued to attract investor interest throughout the day. Participation in the Banking sector saw a decrease during the trading session. The most significant contributors towards the positive index were HAYL, SUN, LOLC, AEL, and RCL. Meanwhile, turnover stood at LKR 5.0Bn, marking a 35.0% increase from the monthly average. Moreover, the Food, Beverage and Tobacco sector led the turnover by 27%, followed by the Diversified Financials and Capital Goods sectors jointly contributing 46% of the overall turnover. Foreign investors turned net sellers with a net outflow of LKR 429.7Mn signaling interest in external investments.

