

## December 23, 2024

## "The ASPI surpasses the 15,000 mark"

The Colombo Bourse continued its bullish momentum from the previous weeks, starting the week on a positive note. The ASPI closed the day in green at 15,021, gaining 210 points for the 20th consecutive session, buoyed by Sri Lanka's credit rating upgrade by Fitch Ratings. Trading activity surged significantly exceeding 48,000 trades, driven by strong retail demand for stocks like BIL, LOFC, and AEL. Additionally, moderate participation from HNWIs was also observed. Meanwhile, the activity in the Banking sector remained robust throughout the day. LOLC, HNB, SAMP, COMB and BIL emerged as the top positive contributors to the index. Amidst multiple off-board transactions, turnover stood at LKR 8.4Bn, marking an increase of 74.0% from the monthly average, standing at LKR 4.9Bn. Moreover, the Banking sector led the turnover by 25%, followed by the Capital Goods and Diversified Financials sectors jointly contributing 33% of the overall turnover. Foreign investors turned net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR 43.2Mn.

