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DAILY

First Capital

"Market volatility driven by mixed sentiment"

The stock market experienced a day of volatility, driven by mixed sentiment among investors. The index opened in negative territory but recovered after the first hour of trading, supported by increased activity in the Banking sector and prominent blue-chip stocks. However, the ASPI closed the day in green at 15,168 gaining 148 points marking a 0.98% increase from the previous day. The most significant contributors towards the positive index were HAYL, CFIN, CTHR, SAMP, and RICH. Additionally, improved investor sentiment was also enticed on Consumer Services and Hotel sector shares, which continued to attract investor interest throughout the day. Moreover, turnover stood at LKR 5.5Bn, marking an increase of 9.2%, from the monthly average. Moreover, the Banking sector led the turnover by 21%, followed by the Capital Goods and Consumer Services sectors jointly contributing 31% of the overall turnover. There was a net foreign outflow of LKR 94.7Mn.

