

"Banking sector powers ASPI's bullish streak"

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The bourse experienced positive sentiment and increased activity in today's trading session. The ASPI closed at 16,829, showcasing a 1.40% increment due to a 232-point upsurge. Positive sentiment was noted among all market participants including HNW and retail investors. HNB, NDB, CTC, LOLC and BIL emerged as the top positive contributors to the index. The banks' rating upgrade announcement fueled investor interest towards the sector, contributing significantly to the positive sentiment seen today. Meanwhile, the turnover stood at LKR 10.7Bn, marking a 47.5% increase from the monthly average of LKR 7.2Bn. The Banking sector was the most significant contributor to turnover with a 46% share, followed by the Food, Beverage & Tobacco sector at 15%, largely due to BIL. The Diversified Financials and Capital Goods sectors tied at 12% contribution each, towards overall turnover. Foreign investors remained net sellers, with a net outflow of LKR 670.1Mn.

