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"Market gains momentum on positive sentiment"

The bourse saw a day of positive sentiment and heightened momentum, supported by the improvement in investor confidence post unveiling of the maiden budget of the newly formed government. During today's trading session, most of the investor attention was focused on Banking sector and Blue-chip stocks. Amidst the increased participation from HNW investors, ASPI closed the day in green at 17,156, gaining 219 points and marking a 1.30% increase from the previous day. The most significant contributors to the positive index were CINS, MELS, NDB, SAMP, and HAYL. There was significant activity on CFVF and DIAL following the dividend announcement. Meanwhile, turnover stood at LKR 5.4Bn marking a 4.9% decrease from the monthly average, where the Insurance sector led turnover at 19%, followed by Banking and Diversified Financials jointly contributing 37% of overall turnover. There was a net foreign inflow of LKR 777.4Mn.

