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"Volatile market day ends on a positive note"

The stock market experienced a day of volatility, starting off strong with positive sentiment and increased activity in the morning. However, by midday, a wave of profit taking caused the market to dip towards negative territory. Despite this, the market managed to recover by the close of the day. Amidst the increased participation from retail and HNW investors, ASPI closed the day in green at 17,194, gaining 38 points marking a 0.22% increase from the previous day. The most significant contributors towards the positive index were MELS. HNB. HHL. COMB. and SAMP. Additionally. specific stocks in the Construction and Banking sectors, such as SIRA, AEL, and SAMP, continued to attract investor interest throughout the day. This was driven by positive expectations surrounding their upcoming quarterly results and dividend announcements. Amidst multiple off-board transactions, turnover stood at LKR 5.5Bn marking a 4.7% decrease from the monthly average, where the Banking sector led turnover at 30%, followed by Diversified Financials and Capital Goods jointly contributing 38% of overall turnover. There was a net foreign outflow of LKR 92.9Mn.

