

## "CSE extends losses, dipping 2.1%MTD on retail selling"

The Bourse started the fresh week off on a positive note as the ASPI surged in the early hours, remaining within the green zone, followed by a shift after midday, to ultimately close in the red. The ASPI dropped 17 points, marking a 0.11% decrease to close at 15,600. HAYL, LION, JKH, DIPD and TJL emerged as the top negative contributors to the index. Investor activity picked up during today's session as the holiday season drew its close, driven mainly by retail investors whilst HNW participation remained low. The banking sector showed a notable recovery, in contrast to its performance in recent sessions, contributing significantly to overall market turnover. The turnover stood at LKR 1.2Bn, marking a 54.3% decrease from the monthly average of LKR 2.6Bn. The Banking sector was the most significant contributor to the turnover with a 24% share, followed by the Diversified Financials, and Food, Beverage & Tobacco sectors jointly contributing 39%. Foreign investors turned net buyers, with a net inflow of LKR 5.2Mn.

