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"Bullish spark in May as HNW investors step up"

The month commenced on a positive note with the Bourse experiencing a day of positive sentiment and increased activity. The ASPI closed 52 points up at 15,852, reflecting a 0.33% surge. PABC, CTHR, DFCC, MELS and NTB emerged as the top positive contributors to the index. Retail investors showed a modest uptick in activity compared to the previous session, while HNW participation saw a notable surge, significantly boosting today's turnover — driven primarily by crossings in CTHR and CARG, which together accounted for 68.4% of the total turnover. The slight moderation in March's Construction PMI still signaled growth, which aligned with renewed investor interest in specific counters in the sector such as AEL, JAT, and ACL. Furthermore, the Banking sector saw positive sentiment, with PABC leading the way following stellar quarterly results. The turnover surged to LKR 5.9Bn, reflecting a 132.3% increase from the monthly average of LKR 2.5Bn. The Food Retailing sector led today's turnover with a 68% share, followed by the Banking and Food, Beverage & Tobacco sectors jointly accounting for 16%. Foreign investors remained net sellers, with a net outflow of LKR 87.1Mn.

