

## May 20, 2025

## "ASPI ends lower on broad-based losses"

The Colombo Bourse closed in the red, with the ASPI down 61 points to 16,336. After a brief uptick early in the session, the index declined sharply, weighed down by price declines in Banking sector counters HNB and SAMP, and conglomerates JKH and SPEN. While HNW investors showed selective interest in Banking stocks and JKH, overall market activity remained subdued during today's session. Turnover decreased to LKR 1.5Bn, 37.9% below the monthly average of LKR 2.4Bn. The Banking sector led activity with 23%, followed by Capital Goods and Diversified Financials, which together contributed 39%. Foreign investors recorded a net inflow of LKR 169.9Mn.

