

"Five-days of winning streak fizzles out with profit booking"

Reversing from the positive sentiment of the previous day, the Colombo Bourse faced selling pressure as investors opted to book profits during the trading session. In the early hours of trading investors booked profits with the index experiencing a sharp decline, but index gradually recovered, experiencing sideways movements. However, the ASPI ultimately failed to close in the green, halting at 17,997, down by 30 points. The Banking sector, including counters like HNB and NDB, exerted negative pressure on the index, along with CDB, CTHR and CARS. Retail and highnet-worth investor participation remained strong, with turnover reaching LKR 7.6Bn, reflecting a 55% increase from the monthly average of LKR 4.9Bn. Notably, 1.7% of LOFC's stake was traded through an off-board transaction at LKR 6.0 per share, generating a turnover of LKR 3.3Bn. The Diversified Financials sector was the top contributor to today's turnover, accounting for a share of 55%. This was followed by the Capital Goods and the Banking sectors which produced a joint contribution of about 20%. Foreign investors remained net sellers, with a net outflow of LKR

