

## August 14, 2025

## "Profit takers steal the spotlight as bulls lose steam"

The Colombo Stock Exchange experienced mixed sentiment and high levels of volatility, mirroring the trend observed in recent sessions, as investors resorted predominantly towards profit taking. The ASPI closed at 19,929, registering a drop of 47 points, amidst moderate fluctuations throughout the day. The index opened with brief gains before declining until midday, after which it recovered slightly toward the close. Negative drivers towards the index marginally outweighed the positive ones, with HAYL, SAMP, CFIN, CARG and NDB leading the way. Today's turnover amounted to LKR 7.1Bn, marking an 11% increase from the monthly average of around LKR 6.4Bn. The Transportation sector dominated turnover, contributing 20% on the back of PKME crossings, followed by the Banking, and Diversified Financials sectors with a combined contribution of 34%. Foreign investors turned net sellers with a net outflow of LKR 28.5Mn.

