

September 18, 2025

"Retail investors sustain the market's rally"

The Colombo Stock Exchange continued to thrive on the momentum built up from the previous session, as the ASPI closed with a gain of 190 points at 20,965. The index maintained an upward trajectory throughout the day, despite brief periods of volatility. Key contributors to the upward movement included NTB, DFCC, JKH, CINS and MELS. Today's rally was led by the retail segment, followed by a reasonable level of HNW involvement as well. Following the declaration of an LKR 5.0 dividend by FCT, investor attention shifted toward the stock, pushing its share price up by 30.2% and making it the top price gainer of the day. Turnover for the day reached LKR 6.9Bn, reflecting a 9% decline compared to the monthly average that stands at around LKR 7.6Bn. In terms of sector-wise contribution to turnover, the Diversified Financials sector took the lead with a share of 24%, while the Banking, and Capital Goods sectors followed behind with a combined contribution of 32%. Foreign investors remained net sellers, recording a net outflow of LKR 481.2Mn.

