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## "Banks and Diversified Financial sector counters fuel rally"

Similar to the previous day, the Colombo Stock Market continued its upward trend, fueled by heightened investor optimism following strong quarterly earnings. The Banking sector counters and selected Diversified Financial sector stocks played a key role in driving the index into positive territory. As a result, the ASPI closed at 20,571, marking a gain of 101 points. Notable contributors to this positive movement included COMB, HNB, CARS, SAMP, and BUKI. On the back of increased participation from both retail and HNW investors, turnover for the day amounted to LKR 10.9Bn, marking an 86% increase from the monthly average of around LKR 5.8Bn. The Banking sector dominated turnover, contributing 42%, followed by the Diversified Financials and Food. Beverage and Tobacco sectors with a combined contribution of 21%. Foreign investors remained net sellers with a net outflow of LKR 2.2Bn.

