

"ASPI extends gains; turnover surges above monthly average"

The Colombo Bourse extended its upward momentum, with the ASPI advancing by 60 points to close at 22,851. While retail participation remained moderate, strong HNW interest was evident, supported by notable off-board transactions in DFCC, LGL, and RCL. Key positive contributors to the index included HAYL, GRAN, RICH, CARG, and BFL. Additionally, large-cap counters such as HNB, COMB, and JKH declined, exerting pressure on the S&P SL20 index. Market turnover was high at LKR 9.2Bn, approximately 24% above the monthly average of LKR 7.5Bn. The Banking sector led market activity, accounting for 22% of total turnover, while the Capital Goods and Energy sectors collectively contributed 29%. Meanwhile, foreign investors turned net buyers, recording a modest net inflow of LKR 13.8Mn.

