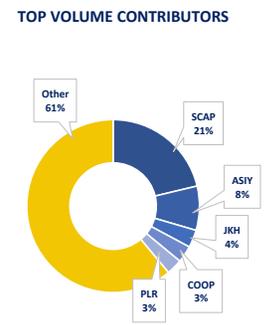
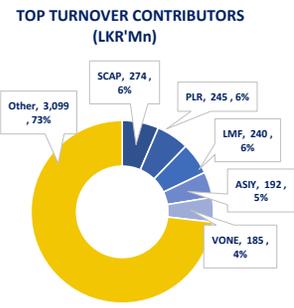


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"Turnover slumps 38% MoM, amid profit-taking in banking counters"

The Colombo Bourse traded slightly lower during the session, as early gains were reversed by profit-taking, particularly in banking counters following their previous day's rally. Indices recorded modest declines but recovered part of the losses toward the close. ASPI declined by 17 points to close at 23,883, while the S&P SL20 dropped 2 points, closing at 6,709. Leading negative contributors to the ASPI were CTHR, PABC, DIMO, DFCC and RICH. Market breadth was negative, with 124 stocks declining compared to 105 advancers. HNW investor participation remained subdued, while retail investor activity was observed at average levels, particularly in retail trading stocks. Daily turnover was below average level standing at LKR 4.2Bn. Turnover dropped 37.7% over the monthly average of LKR 6.8Bn. Capital Goods sector led the daily turnover with a share of 22%, followed by the Banking, and Food Beverage & Tobacco sectors collectively contributing 30%. Foreign investors remained net sellers, posting a net outflow of LKR 42.3Mn.

	LKR	USD		
TURNOVER (Mn)	4,234.47	13.70	▼	-24.8%
MARKET CAP. (Bn)	8,475.97	27.43	▲	0.1%
VOLUME (Mn)	160.83		▼	-34.0%
FOREIGN (LKR Mn)	40.00	82.34		-42.35
VALUATIONS	PER 11.3x	PBV 1.5x		



ASPI	23,882.82
Intraday Points	-17.29
	-0.07%
S&P SL20	6,708.71
Intraday Points	-1.62
	-0.02%

