

## November 18, 2024

## "The ASPI starts the week in green"

The broad market maintained its bullish momentum, extending the positive sentiment from the previous week's close, driven by the political stability that bolstered investor confidence. Amidst the increased participation from retail and high net worth investors, ASPI closed in the green at 13,231, gaining 32 points, marking a 0.24% increase from the previous week. The most significant contributors towards the positive index were COMB, HNB, SPEN, SAMP, and MELS. Additionally, selected Banking sector and blue-chip stocks saw increased interest during the day. Meanwhile, amidst several crossings and increased participation from investors, turnover stood at LKR 5.6 Bn, marking a 69.2% increase from the monthly average. Moreover, the Banking sector led the turnover by 34%, followed by the Capital Goods, and Food, Beverage & Tobacco sectors jointly contributing 32% of the overall turnover. Foreign investors remained net sellers with a net outflow of LKR 761.2Mn.

