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## "ASPI extends gains amid elevated turnover"

The Colombo Stock Exchange continued its upward momentum, with the ASPI advancing 139 points to close at 17,353, refreshing its all-time high for the second consecutive day. The market exhibited intraday volatility opening on a firm note, dipping mid-session, and subsequently recovering to end in positive territory. The rally was primarily supported by strength in CTC, CFIN, HHL, LION, and CARG. Investor sentiment remained broadly positive, underpinned by heightened participation from retail investors, Interest from HNW individuals was particularly evident in CDB and LOLC. Market turnover rose sharply to LKR 7.4Bn, representing a 69% increase over the monthly average of LKR 4.4Bn. The Diversified Financials sector was the largest contributor to turnover, accounting for 26%, followed by the Capital Goods and Banking sectors, which collectively added a further 37%. Despite the upbeat domestic tone, foreign investors remained net sellers, recording an outflow of LKR 71.4Mn, suggesting continued caution amidst broader global uncertainties.

