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## "ASPI conquers the 18,500 milestone and debuts new high"

The Colombo Stock Exchange resumed trading after a day off and closed the week on a positive note with strong sentiment across the board. The ASPI gained 380 points, pushing it above the 18,500 milestone to close at 18,541. The index exhibited steady upward momentum, driven by sustained engagement and confidence from both retail and HNW investors. This came in the wake of increased certainty regarding reciprocal tariffs, with Sri Lanka being one of the nations to see the steepest reductions relative to the initially proposed amounts. Furthermore, the UK's upgraded trade reforms which are expected to boost exports and jobs by granting Sri Lanka easier tariff-free access for garments, added to today's overall bullish sentiment. The index was uplifted by Banking sector counters such as SAMP, HNB, COMB and DFCC alongside key conglomerate, JKH. High levels of investor activity resulted in a high turnover of LKR 10.2Bn, which reflects a 99% increase over the monthly average of LKR 5.1Bn. The Banking sector led the turnover, accounting for 27% of the day's total, followed by the Capital Goods and Diversified Financials sectors, which together contributed approximately 32%. Foreign investors remained net sellers with a net outflow of LKR 1.2Bn.

