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## AIA's Monthly Investment Market and Unit Linked Fund Update

For the month of February 2023

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### Unit-linked Price Performance – As at month end

	Growth	Balanced	Secure	Protected	Stable MM	ASPI	S&P SL20
Since 01 Jan 2023 (YTD)	8.3%	6.1%	4.3%	4.2%	4.5%	8.2%	6.1%
Annual Effective Growth Rate							
1 year	-18.0%	2.1%	20.7%	20.1%	20.7%	-31.9%	-37.1%
3 years	1.3%	7.4%	10.4%	10.1%	10.7%	14.3%	-0.8%
5 years	-0.2%	6.5%	10.3%	9.9%	10.4%	6.5%	-5.9%
7 years	1.8%	7.2%	10.1%	9.6%	-	4.9%	-2.5%
From Inception - CAGR	8.4%	10.4%	10.3%	9.8%	10.3%	8.4%	-0.2%

Note: Past performance is not an indication of future performance

: The Stable Money Market fund was introduced on 21 Apr 2017, while the remainder of the funds were introduced on 02 May 2006

 **Tip:** Your Investment Linked Long Term Insurance Policy allows you to be in control of your investments in Unit Linked Funds. Kindly refer your policy document to learn more about options like unit switches and premium redirections which are available for you to manage your investments. You can also contact us if you like to know how you can use the options available to you.

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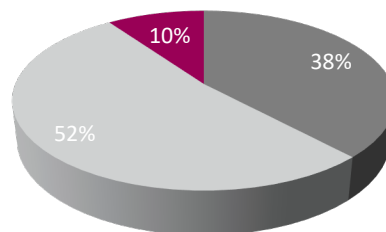
# Your fund performance: Growth fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Asset Allocation



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Note: The asset allocation for the fund is presented as at month end. The future asset allocation may change based on market conditions and investment strategy.

## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

\*Period from 31/12/2022 to 28/02/2023

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Unit Price	28.87	32.36	32.90	34.40	37.60	39.56	42.81	43.68	50.63	37.48	40.60
Growth (%)	10.1%	12.1%	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	-20.1%	8.3%

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## Equity Allocation

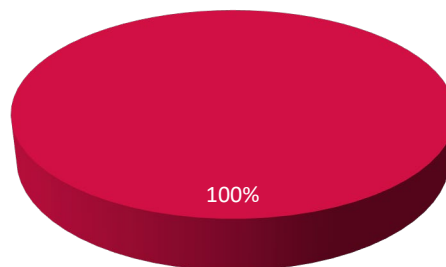
Sector	%
Capital Goods	24%
Banks	17%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	15%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	11%
Utilities	6%
Materials	6%
Energy	5%
Transportation	5%
Telecommunication Services	4%
Software & Services	4%
Consumer Services	3%
Food & Staples Retailing	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Top Equity Holdings\*\*\*

John Keells Holdings plc	Chevron Lubricants Lanka plc
Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka	Sunshine Holdings plc
Sampath Bank plc	Hayleys Knitting Mills plc
Windforce Limited	Commercial Bank of Ceylon plc
Textured Jersey Lanka Limited	Lanka IOC plc

\*\*\*Note: In alphabetical order

## Credit Rating



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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Growth fund is 8.7% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 8.3% for the period 01 January 2023 to 28 February 2023.

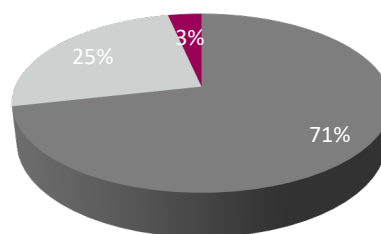
## Your fund performance: Balanced fund

### Unit Price Movement



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### Asset Allocation



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### Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

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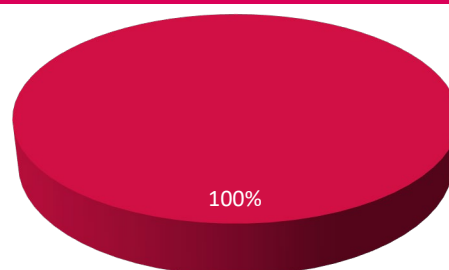
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Unit Price	28.87	32.36	32.90	34.40	37.60	39.56	42.81	43.68	50.63	50.68	53.76
Growth (%)	10.1%	12.1%	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	0.1%	6.1%

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### Equity Allocation

Sector	%
Capital Goods	21%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	18%
Banks	15%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	11%
Utilities	6%
Transportation	6%
Materials	6%
Energy	5%
Software & Services	4%
Telecommunication Services	4%
Consumer Services	3%
Food & Staples Retailing	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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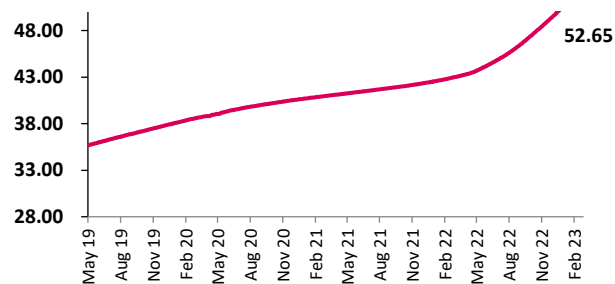
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Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka	Chevron Lubricants Lanka plc
Windforce Limited	Hatton National Bank plc
Sunshine Holdings plc	Lanka IOC plc
Textured Jersey Lanka Limited	Sampath Bank plc

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Balanced fund is 10.5% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 6.1% for the period 01 January 2023 to 28 February 2023.

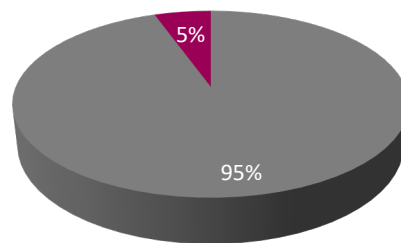
# Your fund performance: Secure fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Asset Allocation



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage) \*Period from 31/12/2022 to 28/02/2023

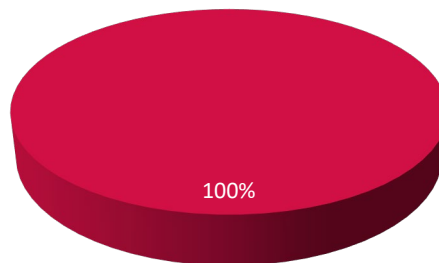
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Unit Price	23.02	24.76	26.21	28.37	31.32	34.49	38.05	40.68	42.53	50.47	52.65
Growth (%)	10.9%	7.6%	5.9%	8.2%	10.4%	10.1%	10.3%	6.9%	4.5%	18.7%	4.3%

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Secure fund is 10.4% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 4.3% for the period 01 January 2023 to 28 February 2023.
- Investment holdings as of 28 February 2023 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.

\*Includes money market Instruments

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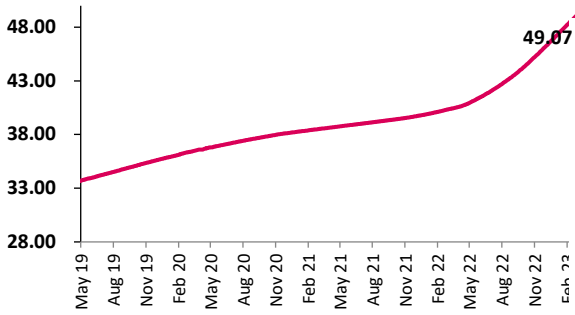


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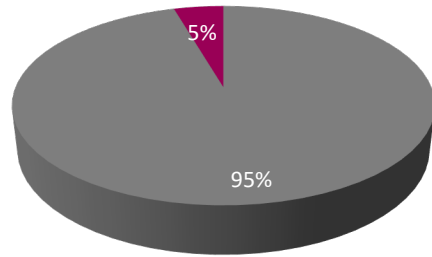
# Your fund performance: Protected fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Asset Allocation



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

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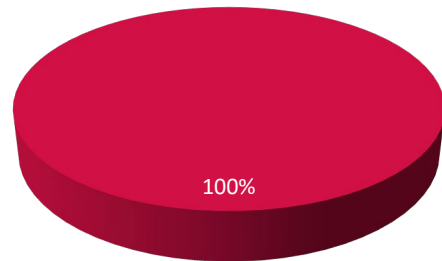
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Unit Price	22.27	23.81	25.20	27.18	29.82	32.66	35.58	38.25	39.88	47.09	49.07
Growth (%)	10.5%	6.9%	5.8%	7.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.8%	6.7%	4.3%	18.1%	4.2%

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Protected fund is 9.9% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 4.2% for the period 01 January 2023 to 28 February 2023.
- Investment holdings as of 28 February 2023 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.

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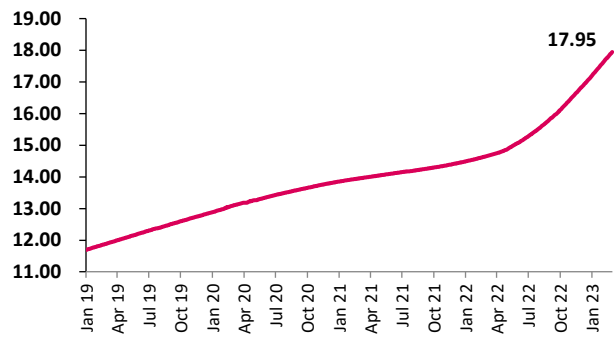


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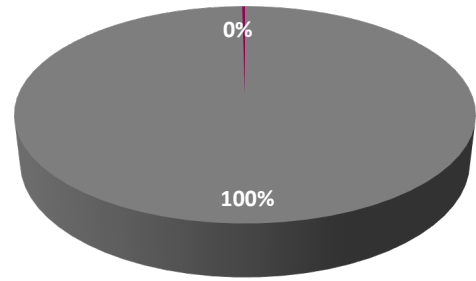
# Your fund performance: Stable Money Market fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Asset Allocation



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage) \*Period from 31/12/2022 to 28/02/2023

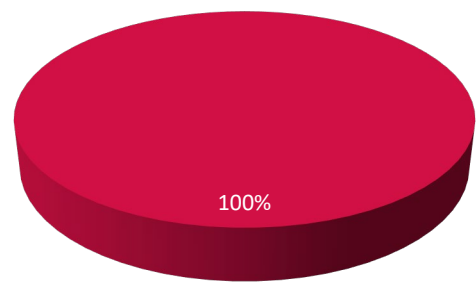
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023**
Unit Price	-	-	-	-	10.62	11.70	12.88	13.85	14.49	17.18	17.95
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-	6.2%	10.2%	10.1%	7.5%	4.6%	18.6%	4.5%

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Stable Money Market fund is 10.5% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 4.5% for the period 01 January 2023 to 28 February 2023.
- Investment holdings as of 28 February 2023 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.

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# Market Update: Interest Rates

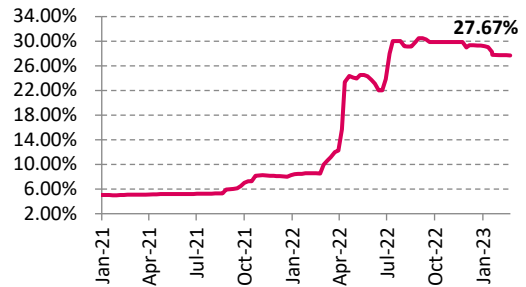
We use the 364-day T-Bill as an indicator of how interest rates move

364-day T-bill: Since 01 Jan 2015



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364-day T-bill: Since 01 Jan 2021

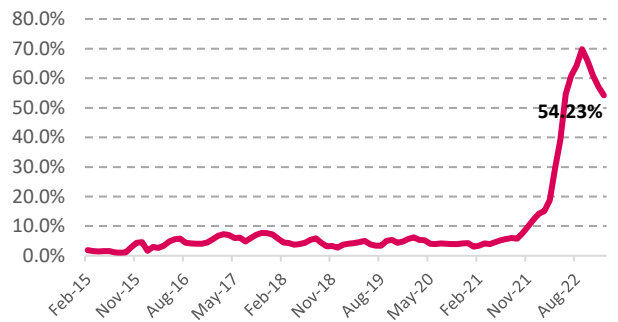


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Major events during the month

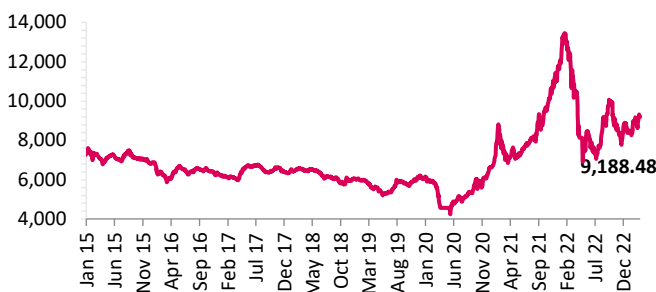
- Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and the Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) was raised by 100 basis points to 15.50% & 16.50% respectively during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monetary Policy Review meeting
- The IMF has stated that Sri Lanka had secured financing assurances from China, India and all its major bilateral creditors, setting the stage for final approval of the IMF's \$2.9 billion.

Inflation: Since 01 Jan 2015



# Market Update: Stock Market

ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2015



ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2021



S&P SL Movement: Since 01 Jan 2015



S&P SL Movement: Since 01 Jan 2021



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Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023**
ASPI	5,913	7,299	6,894	6,228	6,369	6,052	6,129	6,774	12,226	8,490	9,648
Growth (%)	4.80%	23.40%	-5.50%	-9.70%	2.30%	-5.00%	1.30%	10.50%	80.50%	-30.56%	8.8%
S&P SL 20	3,264	4,089	3,626	3,496	3,672	3,135	2,937	2,638	4,233	2,636	2,852
Growth (%)	5.80%	25.30%	-11.30%	-3.60%	5.00%	-14.60%	-6.30%	-10.20%	60.50%	-37.74%	3.15%

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\*The S&P SL20 index was introduced on 18 June 2012. Inclusions in the S&P 20 index are rebalanced on a bi-annual basis.

### Highlights of the performance

- The annual average growth rate of ASPI is 8.6% per year and S&P SL20 index is -0.1% per year, since the unit linked funds were first started.
- The ASPI & S&P SL20 indices have increased by 8.23% and 6.11% for the period of 01 January 2023 to 28 February 2023, respectively.

## Market Update: Stock Market

### For the month

Description	Jan-23	Feb-23
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	8,865	9,188
ASPI growth for the month	4.42%	3.6%
S&P SL 20 Index	2,765	2,797
S&P SL 20 growth for the month	4.89%	1.16%
Total market turnover (LKR Millions)	37,138	37,384
Market Capitalization (LKR Billions)	3,881	3,906
PE Ratio (times)	4.99x	5.02x


### 10 Companies with highest market

#### Capitalisation on the CSE as of 28 February 2023

- EXPOLANKA HOLDINGS PLC
- LOLC HOLDINGS PLC
- JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC
- LOLC FINANCE PLC
- SRI LANKA TELECOM
- CEYLON TOBACCO COMPANY PLC
- LANKA IOC PLC
- BROWNS INVESTMENTS PLC
- DISTILLERIES COMPANY OF SRI LANKA PLC
- COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC

### Highlights of the month

- The ASPI and S&P SL20 slightly increased for the month of February 2023 by 3.6% and 1.16% respectively.
- Net foreign flows for the month amounted to LKR 1.398 Bn of inflows, a decrease from the prior period.
- The market has witnessed increased turnover for the period compared to the prior period.

 **Investment strategy:** AIA Sri Lanka maintains a prudent investment strategy for its investment portfolios, in line with its investment philosophy and guidelines as set out in the investment policy. The Company advocates a long-term investment strategy supporting long-term growth. The equity strategy is driven by in-depth research with emphasis on growth and sustainability of earnings whilst principles such as liquidity, solvency and corporate governance also play a significant role in stock selection.



### Fixed income outlook

- Interest rates continued to decline as the benchmark 364-day Treasury bill rate declined to 27.67% during the month of February 2023. The medium and long-term Treasury bond yields witnessed a steeper drop as Sri Lanka moved closer to obtaining the IMF board level approval for the extended fund facility (EFF) in March 2023.
- During the Monetary policy meeting held in March 2023, the Monetary Board decided to raise the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and the Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) of the Central Bank by 100 basis points to 15.50% and 16.50%, respectively. The decision was mainly to demonstrate Sri Lanka's commitment to the IMF-EFF arrangement. Moreover, the overall market liquidity improved during the month while the Central bank holding of Government Securities continued to increase in February 2023.
- Furthermore, the LKR appreciated against USD in 2023 as the banking system continued to witness improved inflows and conversions. With the expectation of obtaining the IMF extended fund facility and the improvement in liquidity in terms of LKR and foreign currency in the banking system, the overall interest rates may decline. However, due to the overhang on possible restructuring of Domestic debt, investors are likely to include a premium on Treasury bonds.

### Equity outlook

- The two main indices of Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), All Share Price Index (ASPI) and S&P SL 20 Index (S&P SL), continued to record gains in February 2023, as they gained 8.23% and 6.11% respectively, on a year to date basis as at February 2023. Improved investor sentiment on the backdrop of obtaining the IMF board level approval and appreciation of LKR may have been the key catalysts for the gains recorded in February 2023. Foreign investors were net buyers in excess of LKR 2.3 billion as at February 2023.
- We continue to expect the CSE to be range bound through Q1 2023, mainly due to the weak macroeconomic fundamentals prevailing in the country. Moreover, the corporates are expected find contractionary monetary and fiscal measures challenging in FY2023.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Where are AIA Unit Linked Funds invested?

The Unit Linked funds are invested in instruments specified in the policy documents i.e. government securities, debt securities and money market investments such as fixed deposits, etc, and in shares listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange. These investments are made within the parameters provided in the policy documents, in order to achieve the investment objective of each fund.

- **Equities:** Investment in shares listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange.
- **Debt Securities:** Investments in Treasury instruments, Corporate Debt instruments, repurchase agreements of Treasury instruments and Corporate Debt instruments of longer maturity tenor than those classified as Money Market investments.
- **Money Market investments:** Funds held as Corporate Debt instruments, overnight repurchase agreements of Treasury instruments, Corporate Debt instruments with a tenor of one day, investments in Treasury instruments and cash in bank current accounts.

Treasury instruments refers to instruments such as Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds issued by the government of Sri Lanka. Corporate debt refers to debt instruments issued by financial institutions and companies.

### How does AIA manage Unit Linked funds?

AIA maintains a prudent investment strategy for its investment portfolios, in line with its investment philosophy and guidelines, as set out in the Company's investment policy. The investments of each fund are carried out in line with the investment objectives of the respective fund. The Company advocates a long-term investment strategy supporting long-term growth. The equity strategy is driven by in-depth research with emphasis on growth and sustainability of earnings whilst principles such as liquidity, solvency and corporate governance also play a significant role in stock selection.

### Why do unit prices of the Growth & Balanced Funds fluctuate in comparison to the other Unit Linked Funds?

The prices of all unit linked funds move in tandem with the price movements or market values of their underlying investments. The Growth & Balanced funds invest in shares listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange. As prices of shares can be volatile at times, the unit prices of Growth & Balanced funds too can move higher or lower in tandem with these movements in share prices.

### Is the All Share Price Index (ASPI) or S&P20 movement comparable with AIA Growth & Balanced Funds Performance?

The Growth and Balance fund performance may differ from the performances of the ASPI and the S&P SL 20 stock indices due to the fund portfolios holding different stocks and different proportions of stocks when compared to those used in the computation of the indices. The ASPI measures the movement of share prices of all listed companies on the Colombo Stock Exchange based on market capitalization and the S&P SL 20 measures the movement of share prices of 20 of the leading companies selected and rebased on certain criteria including market capitalisation.

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## ▪ What are the Investment Strategies mentioned in the Policy Document\* ?

Depending on the policy you have purchased, at the date of commencement the policy owner selects the investment strategy out of the four available; namely Aggressive, Moderate, Cautious and Advanced. Aggressive, Moderate and Cautious strategies have their funds allocated and switched at predetermined milestones depending on the policy term. Policy owners can switch fund strategies on written request during the policy period subject to conditions. Policy owners with Advanced investment strategy are responsible for determining the allocation and switching throughout the lifetime of the policy.

## ▪ What are Unit switches and amendment of Regular Premium Allocation Proportions?

Depending on the policy you have purchased, your Investment Linked Long Term Insurance Policy allows you to be in control of your investments. Options such as Unit switches\* and amendment of Regular Premium Allocation Proportions\* may be available to you, so that you have total control over your long term investment.

- **Unit switches:** If you request to switch units from one unit linked fund to another, the Company will cancel units of equal amount from the fund from which the units are to be switched from at the Unit price of that fund prevailing on the day and after deduction of switching charge, if any, and the funds so generated will be used to create units in the fund in which the amount is to be switched to at the Unit price of that fund prevailing on the day. Note that the unit switches are not permitted into or out of the Protected Fund and Stable Money Market Fund.
- **Amendment of Regular Premium Allocation Proportions:** At the written request of the Policy Owner, the Company will amend the Allocation Proportion whereafter the previous Allocation Proportion will become ineffective, and the amended Allocation Proportion will be applicable to all future Basic Premiums received from the date of the Company's acceptance of the request. Note that the amendment of allocation proportions is not permitted into or out of the Stable Money Market Fund.

## ▪ How often can Unit switches and Amendment of Allocation Proportions be executed?

- There is no limitation on frequency of Unit switches\*
- The Company will only allow two (2) requests for Amendment of the Allocation Proportion within any Policy Year\*
- The relevant applicable charges will be applied as stipulated in the Policy Document

## ▪ How can we get information on AIA Unit Linked Funds performance?

- Visit AIA Sri Lanka corporate website to view 'AIA Investor' for fund performance updates and details: <https://www.aialife.com.lk/en/help-support/our-unit-linked-fund-performance.html>.
- Our new and improved AIA Customer Portal is accessible in all three languages. Simply visit our AIA corporate website and register for free and access your policy details from the comfort of your own home, at any time ([aialife.com.lk](http://aialife.com.lk)). **Accessing unit price updates, policy information and receiving real-time updates are the benefits of availing the customer portal.**
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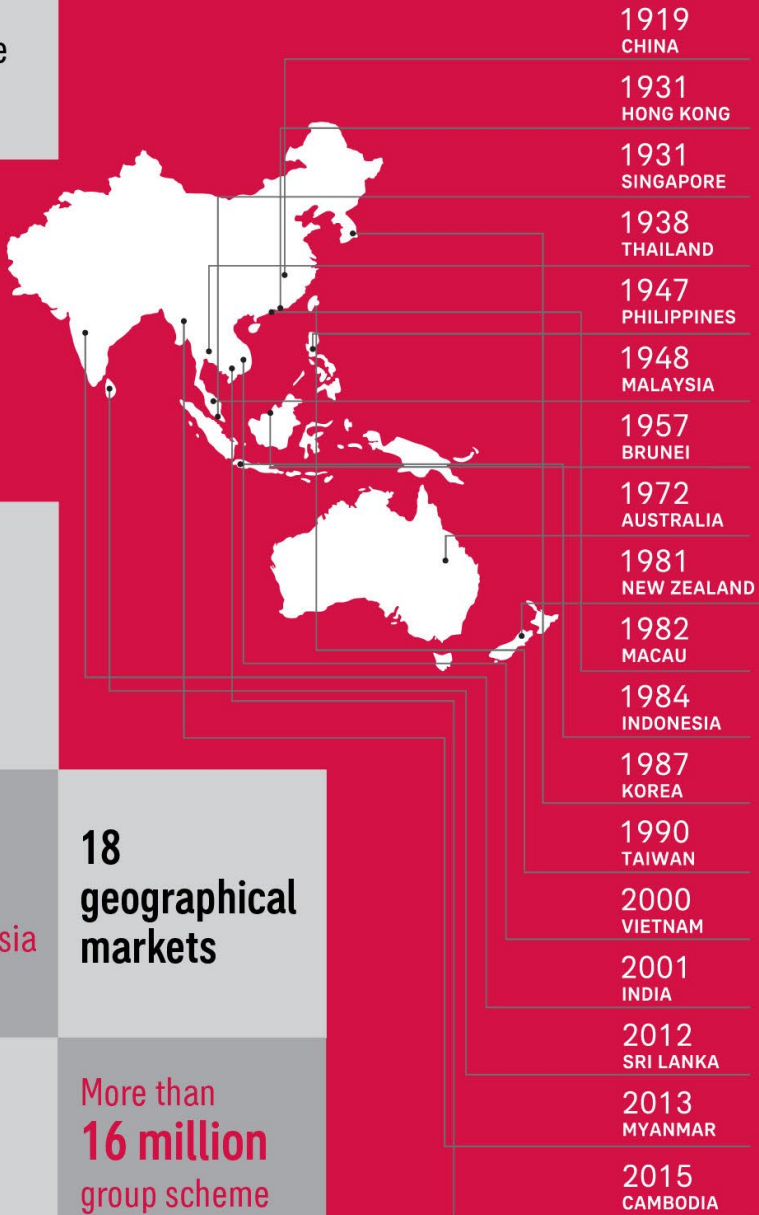
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