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

#### For the month of May 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)	7.4%	9.5%	10.8%	10.5%	11.2%	0.8%	-8.1%
<b>Annual Effective Growth Rate</b>							
1 year	10.6%	19.2%	26.4%	25.5%	26.7%	5.5%	-9.6%
3 years	10.0%	13.8%	12.4%	12.1%	12.7%	20.9%	6.3%
5 years	0.8%	7.5%	11.4%	10.9%	11.6%	6.0%	-7.5%
7 years	2.1%	7.8%	11.0%	10.5%	-	3.9%	-4.8%
From Inception - CAGR	8.5%	10.5%	10.6%	10.1%	11.2%	8.0%	-1.4%

Note: Past performance is not an indication of future performance

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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 $<sup>:</sup> The Stable \ Money \ Market \ fund \ was \ introduced \ on \ 21 \ Apr \ 2017, \ while \ the \ remainder \ of \ the \ funds \ were \ introduced \ on \ 02 \ May \ 2006 \ Ma$ 

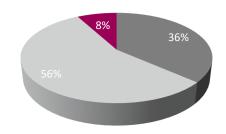
## Your fund performance: Growth fund

#### **Unit Price Movement**



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#### **Asset Allocation**



■ Government Securities ■ Fixed Deposits ■ Equity ■ Money Market

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#### **Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)**

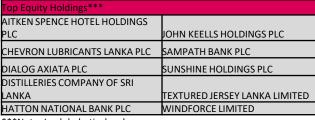
#### \*Period from 31/12/2022 to 31/05/2023

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	40.24
Growth (%)	10.1%	12.1%	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	-20.1%	7.4%

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#### **Equity Allocation**

Sector	%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	22%
Capital Goods	17%
Banks	13%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	12%
Telecommunication Services	7%
Utilities	6%
Materials	6%
Consumer Services	5%
Transportation	4%
Energy	3%
Software & Services	3%
Food & Staples Retailing	0%
Total	100%



<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Note: In alphabetical order



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The unit price has increased by 7.4% for the period 01 January 2023 to 31 May 2023.

The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Growth fund is <u>8.5% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.

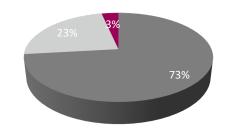
## Your fund performance: Balanced fund

#### **Unit Price Movement**



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#### **Asset Allocation**



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#### Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

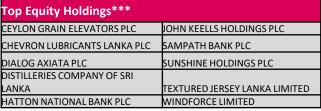
#### \*Period from 31/12/2022 to 31/05/2023

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	50.68	55.48
Growth (%)	10.1%	12.1%	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	0.1%	9.5%

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#### **Equity Allocation**

Sector	%				
Food Beverage and Tobacco	24%				
Capital Goods	16%				
Banks	13%				
Consumer Durables & Apparel	10%				
Telecommunication Services	8%				
Utilities	7%				
Materials	6%				
Consumer Services	5%				
Transportation	5%				
Energy	4%				
Software & Services	3%				
Food & Staples Retailing	0%				
Total	100%				



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■ The unit price has increased by 9.5% for the period 01 January 2023 to 31 May 2023.

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The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Balanced fund is <u>10.5% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.

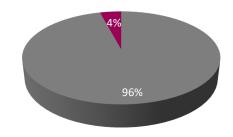
## Your fund performance: Secure fund

#### **Unit Price Movement**



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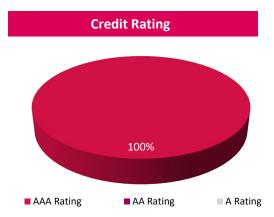
#### **Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)**

#### \*Period from 31/12/2022 to 31/05/2023

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	55.91
Growth (%)	10.9%	7.6%	5.9%	8.2%	10.4%	10.1%	10.3%	6.9%	4.5%	18.7%	10.8%

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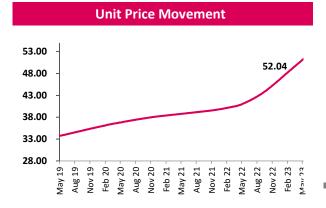
- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Secure fund is <u>10.6% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 10.8% for the period 01 January 2023 to 31 May 2023.
- Investment holdings as of 31 May 2023 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.



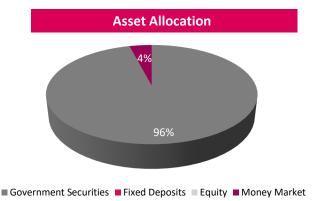
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<sup>\*</sup>Includes money market Instruments

## Your fund performance: Protected fund



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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 31/05/2023

`	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	52.04
•	Growth (%)	10.5%	6.9%	5.8%	7.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.8%	6.7%	4.3%	18.1%	10.5%

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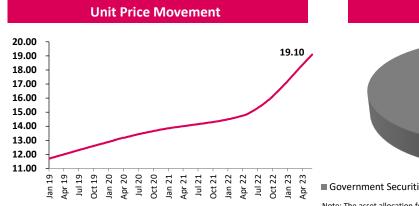
- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Protected fund is <u>10.1% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 10.5% for the period 01 January 2023 to 31 May 2023.
- Investment holdings as of 31 May 2023 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.



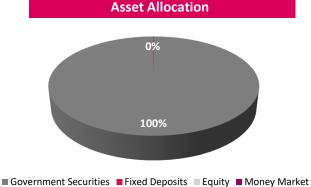
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## Your fund performance: Stable Money Market fund



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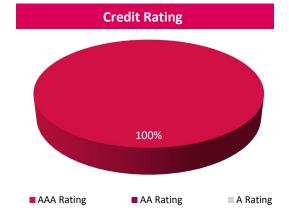
#### **Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)**

#### \*Period from 31/12/2022 to 31/05/2023

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	19.10
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-	6.2%	10.2%	10.1%	7.5%	4.6%	18.6%	11.2%

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- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Stable Money Market fund is <u>11.2% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>increased by 11.2% for the period 01</u>
  <u>January 2023 to 31 May 2023.</u>
- Investment holdings as of 31 May 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





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#### Major events during the month

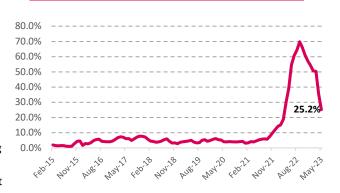
- Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and the Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) of the Central Bank were reduced by 250 basis points to 13.00 per cent and 14.00 per cent,
- During the four months ending April 2023, the trade deficit decreased notably, compared to a year earlier, reflecting mainly the subdued import expenditure.
- Inflows to the domestic forex market remain robust following the approval of the Extended Fund Facility from the IMF and renewed foreign investor appetite for short term government securities .

#### 364-day T-bill: Since 01 Jan 2021



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#### Inflation: Since 01 Jan 2015



## Market Update: Stock Market

#### **ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2015**



S&P SL Movement: Since 01 Jan 2015



#### ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2021



S&P SL Movement: Since 01 Jan 2021



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	8,555
Growth (%)	4.80%	23.40%	-5.50%	-9.70%	2.30%	-5.00%	1.30%	10.50%	80.50%	-30.56%	0.77%
S&P SL 20	3,264	4,089	3,626	3,496	3,672	3,135	2,937	2,638	4,233	2,636	2,421
Growth (%)	5.80%	25.30%	-11.30%	-3.60%	5.00%	-14.60%	-6.30%	-10.20%	60.50%	-37.74%	-8.12%

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#### Highlights of the performance

- The annual <u>average growth rate</u> of ASPI is <u>8.0% per year</u> and S&P SL20 index is <u>-1.4% per year</u>, since the unit linked funds were first started.
- The ASPI has <u>increased by 0.77% and S&P SL20</u> has declined by <u>8.12% for the period of 01 January 2023 to 31 May</u> 2023, respectively.

### Market Update: Stock Market

#### For the month

Description	Apr-23	May-23
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	8,983	8,555
ASPI growth for the month	-3.4%	-4.8%
S&P SL 20 Index	2,618	2,421
S&P SL 20 growth for the month	-2.42%	-7.50%
Total market turnover (LKR Millions)	15,426	13,995
Market Capitalization (LKR Billions)	3,823	3,598
PE Ratio (times)	4.13x	4.63x

## 10 Companies with highest market Capitalisation on the CSE as of 31 May 2023

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

#### Highlights of the month

- The ASPI and S&P SL20 slightly decreased for the month of May 2023 by 4.8% and 7.50% respectively.
- Net foreign flows for the month amounted to LKR 184 Mn of outflows, a decrease from the prior period.
- The market has witnessed decreased 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.

<sup>\*</sup>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.

### Fund manager's outlook



#### Fixed income outlook

- The Monetary Board decided to reduce the policy rates by 2.50% in June 2023. The decision was mainly based on easing monetary conditions in line with the faster than expected slowing of inflation measured by Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI, 2021=100), which reduced to 25.20% in May 2023 from 35.3% in April 2023. Appreciation of the Sri Lankan Rupee coupled with the overall improvement in the external sector (despite the decline in exports) mainly due to foreign inflows through portfolio investments may have contributed further towards the significant reduction in policy rates.
- Following the monetary policy announcement, the benchmark 364-day Treasury bill rate recorded a sharp decline to 19.10% from 22.91% at the first Treasury bill auction held in June 2023. The yields of Treasury bonds across the yield curve depicted a similar trend, where the decline in yields were in the range of 3% 4% during the week following the monetary policy announcement. Overnight liquidity shortage hovered around LKR 115 billion, while the CBSL holding of Government securities stood at LKR 2.59 trillion as at 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- Interest rates will depend heavily on market dynamics and any new information on the progress of the overall debt restructuring process.

#### Equity outlook

- The two main indices of Colombo Stock Exchange, All Share Price Index (ASPI) and the S&P SL 20 Index (S&P SL), continued to record significant losses in May 2023. As a result, the year-to-date gain of ASPI as at 31st May 2023 reduced to 0.77% while the overall loss of S&P SL index increased to 8.12%.
- The negative investor sentiment continued through May 2023 as the overall market activity remained at subdued levels. The persistent uncertainties on the macro front coupled with the contractionary economic policies may have been the key reasons for the negative investor sentiment.
- However, if interest rates and inflationary pressures continue to decline, equity markets may witness an improvement in the overall sentiment during the second half of 2023.

## **AIA Unit Linked Funds**





## **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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## **AIA Unit Linked Funds**



#### 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: <a href="https://www.aialife.com.lk/en/help-support/our-unit-linked-fund-performance.html">https://www.aialife.com.lk/en/help-support/our-unit-linked-fund-performance.html</a>.
- 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). Accessing unit price updates, policy information and receiving real-time updates are the benefits of availing the customer portal.
- If you wish to receive the daily unit prices via SMS, kindly contact us on our hotline or via the customer portal and we will make necessary arrangements for you to receive the daily SMS. We would also appreciate if you could notify us of any changes to your contact details.

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