

# INVESTOR

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

For the month of January 2024

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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 2024 (YTD)	-2.0%	-0.4%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%	-3.2%	-5.6%
Annual Effective Growth Rate							
1 year	24.0%	23.7%	24.0%	22.3%	24.2%	16.3%	4.8%
3 years	2.3%	9.8%	16.2%	15.4%	16.3%	6.0%	-6.2%
5 years	5.2%	10.1%	13.0%	12.3%	13.1%	11.5%	-1.2%
7 years	4.2%	9.3%	12.2%	11.5%	-	7.7%	-2.6%
From Inception - CAGR	9.3%	11.1%	11.0%	10.5%	12.2%	8.9%	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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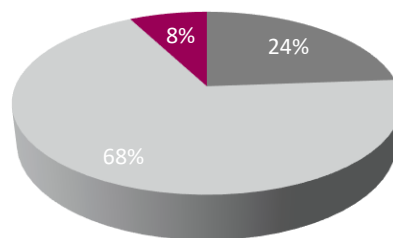
# Your fund performance: Growth fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Asset Allocation



■ Government Securities ■ Fixed Deposits ■ Equity ■ Money Market

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 31/12/2023 to 31/01/2024

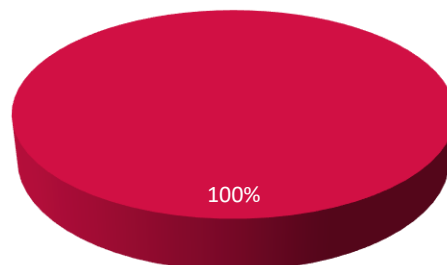
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024*
Unit Price	32.36	32.90	34.40	37.60	39.56	42.81	43.68	50.63	37.48	49.18	48.21
Growth (%)	12.1%	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	-20.1%	31.22%	-1.97%

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## Equity Allocation

Sector	%
Banks	30%
Capital Goods	24%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	15%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	13%
Materials	9%
Diversified Financials	4%
Energy	3%
Software & Services	2%
Transportation	0%
Utilities	0%
Telecommunication Services	0%
Food & Staples Retailing	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Credit Rating



■ AAA Rating ■ AA Rating ■ A Rating

Note: The credit rating is presented as at month end for investments in fixed deposits and does not include ratings for equity investments. All ratings are by Fitch Ratings Lanka.

## Top Equity Holdings\*\*\*

ACCESS ENG LTD	HAYLEYSMGT KNITTING MILLS PLC
CHEVRON LUBRICANTS LANKA PLC	JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC	SAMPATH BANK PLC
DISTILLERIES COMPANY OF SRI LANKA	SUNSHINE HOLDINGS PLC
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	TEXTURED JERSEY LANKA LIMITED

\*\*\*Note: In alphabetical order

- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Growth fund is 9.3% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has decreased by 1.97% for the period 01 January 2024 to 31 January 2024.

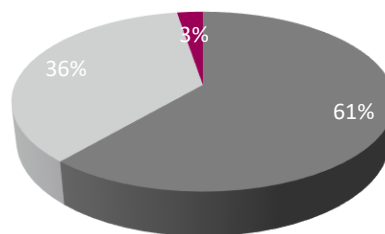
## Your fund performance: Balanced fund

### Unit Price Movement



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### Asset Allocation



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### Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

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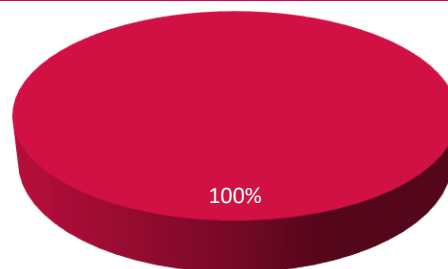
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024*
Unit Price	32.36	32.90	34.40	37.60	39.56	42.81	43.68	50.63	50.68	64.73	64.50
Growth (%)	12.1%	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	0.1%	27.7%	-0.4%

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### Equity Allocation

Sector	%
Banks	31%
Capital Goods	20%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	16%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	12%
Diversified Financials	9%
Materials	7%
Energy	3%
Software & Services	2%
Consumer Services	0%
Telecommunication Services	0%
Food & Staples Retailing	0%
Utilities	0%
Total	100%

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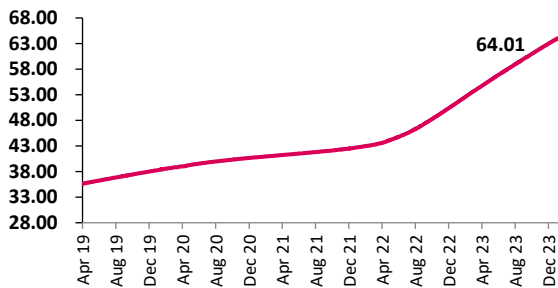
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HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	TEXTURED JERSEY LANKA LIMITED

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Balanced fund is 11.1% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has decreased by 0.4% for the period 01 January 2024 to 31 January 2024.

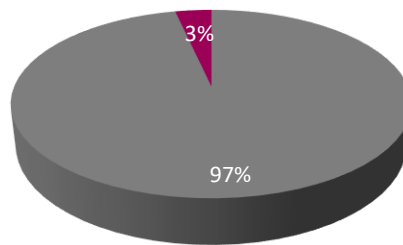
# Your fund performance: Secure fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Asset Allocation



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage) \*Period from 31/12/2023 to 31/01/2024

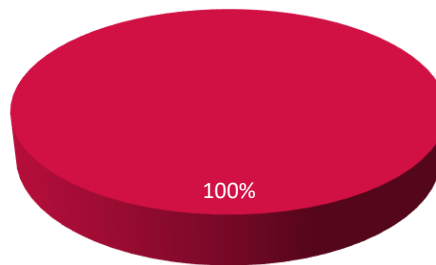
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024*
Unit Price	24.76	26.21	28.37	31.32	34.49	38.05	40.68	42.53	50.47	63.01	64.01
Growth (%)	7.6%	5.9%	8.2%	10.4%	10.1%	10.3%	6.9%	4.5%	18.7%	24.8%	1.59%

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Secure fund is 11.0% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 1.59% for the period 01 January 2024 to 31 January 2024.
- Investment holdings as of 31 January 2024 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.

\*Includes money market Instruments

## Credit Rating

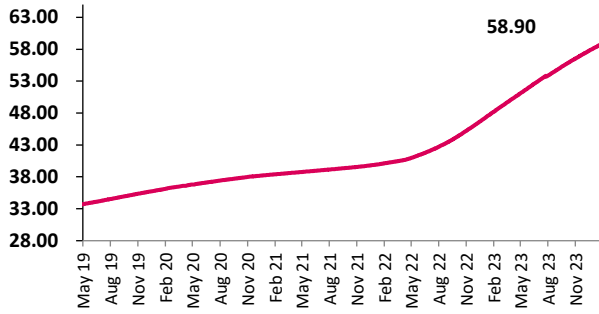


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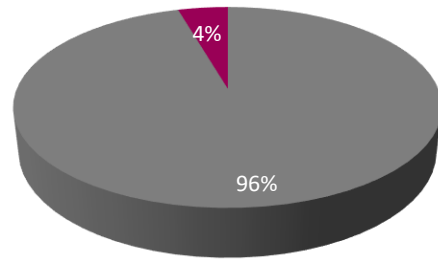
# Your fund performance: Protected fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Asset Allocation



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

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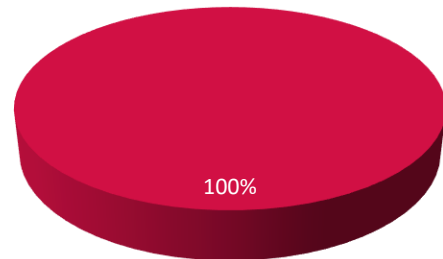
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024*
Unit Price	23.81	25.20	27.18	29.82	32.66	35.58	38.25	39.88	47.09	58.08	58.90
Growth (%)	6.9%	5.8%	7.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.8%	6.7%	4.3%	18.1%	23.34%	1.41%

Note: past performance is not an indication of future performance

- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Protected fund is 10.5% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 1.41% for the period 01 January 2024 to 31 January 2024.
- Investment holdings as of 31 January 2024 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.

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## Credit Rating

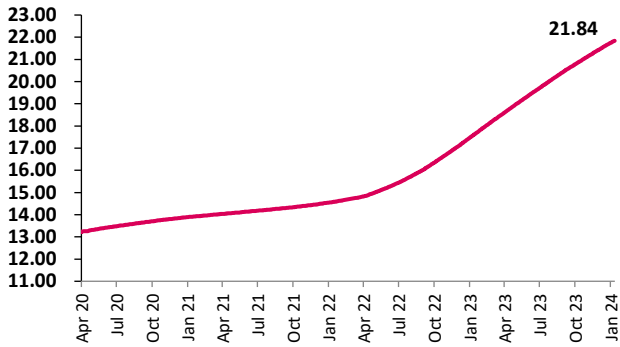


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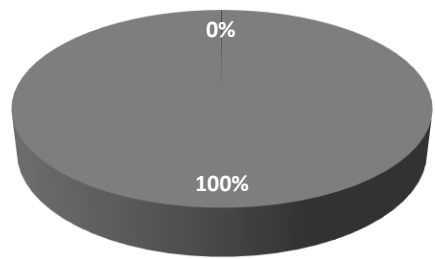
# Your fund performance: Stable Money Market fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Asset Allocation



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage) \*21/04/2017 to 31/12/2017 \*\*Period from 31/12/2023 to 31/01/2024

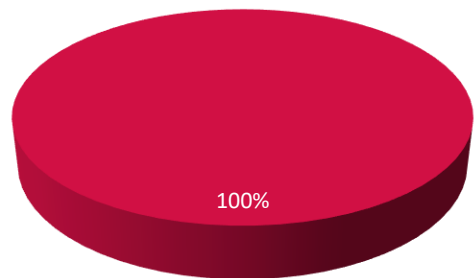
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024**
Unit Price	-	-	-	10.62	11.70	12.88	13.85	14.49	17.18	21.51	21.84
Growth (%)	-	-	-	6.2%	10.2%	10.1%	7.5%	4.6%	18.6%	25.2%	1.5%

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Stable Money Market fund is 12.2% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 1.5 % for the period 01 January 2024 to 31 January 2024.
- Investment holdings as of 31 January 2024 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.

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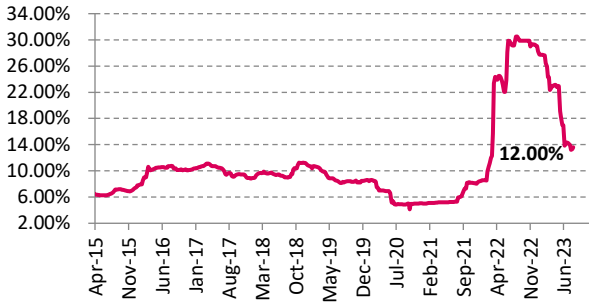
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# Market Update: Interest Rates

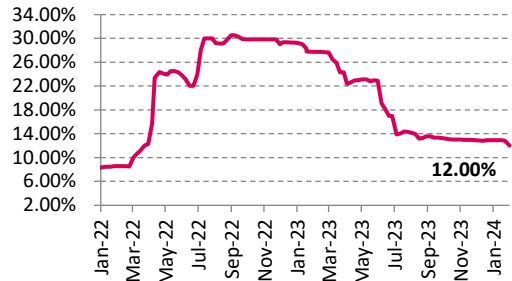
We use the 364-day T- Bill as an indicator of how interest rates move

364-day T-bill: Since 01 Jan 2015



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364-day T-bill: Since 01 Jan 2021

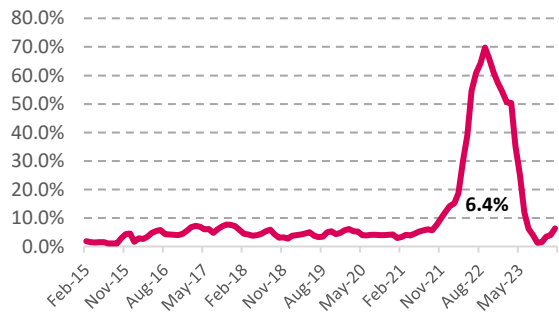


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## Major events during the month

- The Monetary Policy Board of the CBSL is of the view that there is further space for market interest rates, especially the lending interest rates and yields on government securities to decline in the period ahead, in line with the reduction in policy interest rates effected in the recent past.
- Gross official reserves (GOR) improved notably to US dollars 4.4 billion by end December 2023, which includes the swap facility from the People's Bank of China.
- Inflation is expected to stabilize at the desired levels as the effects of the recent tax adjustments and supply side disruptions are expected to dissipate in the near term

## 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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024**
ASPI	7,299	6,894	6,228	6,369	6,052	6,129	6,774	12,226	8,490	10,654	10,311
Growth (%)	23.40%	-5.50%	-9.70%	2.30%	-5.00%	1.30%	10.50%	80.50%	-30.56%	0.57%	-3.22%
S&P SL 20	4,089	3,626	3,496	3,672	3,135	2,937	2,638	4,233	2,636	3,068	2,896
Growth (%)	25.30%	-11.30%	-3.60%	5.00%	-14.60%	-6.30%	-10.20%	60.50%	-37.74%	1.94%	-5.60%

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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 8.87% per year and S&P SL20 index is 0.18% per year, since the unit linked funds were first started.
- The ASPI and S&P SL 20 have decreased by 3.22% and 5.60% for the period of 01 January 2024 to 31 January 2024, respectively.

## Market Update: Stock Market

### For the month

Description	Dec-23	Jan-24
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	10,654	10,311
ASPI growth for the month	0.57%	-3.22%
S&P SL 20 Index	3,068	2,896
S&P SL 20 growth for the month	1.94%	-5.60%
Total market turnover (LKR Millions)	22,620	14,302
Market Capitalization (LKR Billions)	4,248	4,045
PE Ratio (times)	11.10x	10.81x


### 10 Companies with highest market

#### Capitalisation on the CSE as of 31 January 2024

- EXPOLANKA HOLDINGS PLC
- JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC
- CEYLON TOBACCO COMPANY PLC
- SRI LANKA TELECOM
- LOLC HOLDINGS PLC
- LOLC FINANCE PLC
- DISTILLERIES COMPANY OF SRI LANKA PLC
- COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC
- MELSTACORP PLC
- CARGILLS (CEYLON) PLC

### Highlights of the month

- The ASPI and S&P SL20 performed for the month of January 2024 by -3.22% and -5.60% respectively.
- Net foreign flows for the month amounted to LKR 2.11 Bn 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.



### Fixed income outlook

- The decline in bond yields continued during the month in January 2024 too. 2-5-year bond yields were among the ones which indicated the steepest yields. In addition to this T-bills too shown a sharp decline, the 3-month bill had the sharpest downward adjustment exceeding 250Bps. With these developments, the yield curve inversion has corrected up to a great extent.
- In the Monetary policy review of 2024 held on the 22nd of January, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka opted to keep policy rates unchanged. Accordingly, the Standing Lending Facility Rate (the rate CBSL lends to commercial banks) was maintained at 10.00% and the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (the rate which commercial banks place their excess cash with CBSL) was also maintained at 9.00%. Further, the monetary authorities have indicated that they may maintain the policy stance within the first three months of FY2024.
- Broad money (M2b) growth further accelerated to 7.3% on a year-on-year basis in December, from 6.3% in November. Meanwhile, the decline in credit to the private sector moderated to 0.8% year-on-year basis from the 3.1% contraction recorded in November. Monthly private sector credit disbursement increased by LKR 97.5 billion or by 1.3% in December 2023. We believe this private sector credit improvement is mainly due to the seasonality factors.
- In January, annual inflation surged to 6.4%, primarily attributed to the elevated value-added tax rate exerting pressure on prices. Within the Food and Beverage (F&B) category, prices rose by 3.8% compared to the previous month, mainly driven by significant hikes in vegetable prices stemming from supply shortages in key producing regions. Notably, staple items such as big onions also saw price increases due to supply constraints. Similarly, the Non-Food category experienced a notable inflationary trend, with prices escalating by 2.5% month-on-month, reflecting the trickle-down effect of the Value Added Tax rate hike from 15% to 18%. However, core inflation remained relatively subdued, increasing marginally by 2.2%.
- Given this context we expect rates to further clinch down given the lower upcoming bond maturities till March 2023, improved government revenue, created monetary buffers and potential conclusion of external debt restructuring. We are not ruling out the possibility of extended period of lower rates amidst lackluster economic activities.

### Equity outlook

- With the conclusion of the IMF Board Approval for SL's first review, the market sentiment slightly improved. This was reflected in both the ASPI and S&P indices, as 0.57% and 1.94% growth indicated in the indices, respectively. However, the foreign net flows remained negative (negative LKR653Mn), mainly due to net selling reported towards the latter part of the month. Though the average daily turnover remained above LKR1.1Bn levels, during most of the days in December we have noticed turnover less than LKR1bn. The market sources indicate that the retail and HNI investors were having a more of a cautious approach during the last month of the year as most of the turnover was fueled by crossing transactions.
- We have not changed our view towards FY 2024, which could be a better year for equity markets than 2023 as we expect marginal positive earnings momentum mainly due to monetary relaxation. Further, authorities have indicated the state worker salary increments starting from April 2023, which could drive potential consumer activities through improved disposable income. However, the upcoming year being an election year introduces a degree of uncertainty, and the possibility of increased VAT and the inclusion of new items on the list may have a dampening effect on consumption activities. Consequently, our stance on the equity markets is cautiously optimistic.



## 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.

\*Subject to Policy conditions  
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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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