### For the month of February 2025

AIA's Monthly Investment Market and Unit Linked Fund Update

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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 2025 (YTD)	0.4%	0.6%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	3.3%	1.4%
<b>Annual Effective Growth Rate</b>							
1 year	51.3%	34.5%	9.5%	8.5%	9.8%	54.1%	62.1%
3 years	19.8%	21.6%	18.2%	17.0%	18.3%	12.5%	7.8%
5 years	16.4%	16.7%	12.9%	12.2%	13.1%	24.1%	13.4%
7 years	9.7%	12.8%	12.1%	11.4%	12.3%	14.1%	4.1%
From Inception - CAGR	11.3%	12.3%	11.0%	10.4%	11.9%	11.1%	4.4%

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

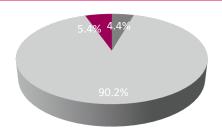
### Your fund performance: Growth fund

### **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)

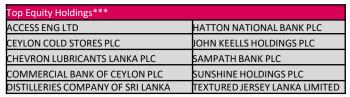
### \*Period from 31/12/2024 to 28/02/2025

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Unit Price	32.90	34.40	37.60	39.56	42.81	43.68	50.63	37.48	49.18	78.38	75.76
Growth (%)	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	-20.1%	31.2%	53.5%	0.36%

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### **Equity Allocation**

Sector	%
Banks	37%
Capital Goods	22%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	18%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	9%
Materials	8%
Diversified Financials	5%
Energy	1%
Software & Services	1%
Telecommunication Services	0%
Food & Staples Retailing	0%
Utilities	0%
Transportation	0%
Total	100%



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

50.63 37.48 49.18 78.3	8 75.76
15.9% -20.1% 31.2% 53.5	0.36%



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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Growth fund is 11.3% per year, since the unit linked fund was
- The unit price has increased by 0.36% for the period 01 January 2025 to 28 February 2025.

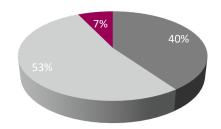
### Your fund performance: Balanced fund

### **Unit Price Movement**

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### **Asset Allocation**



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### Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

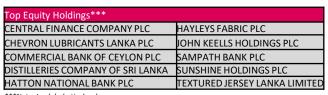
### \*Period from 31/12/2024 to 28/02/2025

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Unit Price	32.90	34.40	37.60	39.56	42.81	43.68	50.63	50.68	64.73	88.36	88.85
Growth (%)	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	0.1%	27.7%	36.5%	0.55%

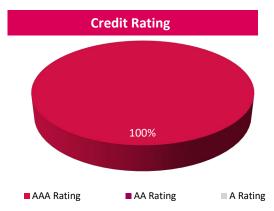
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### **Equity Allocation**

Sector	%				
Banks	40%				
Capital Goods	18%				
Food Beverage and Tobacco	18%				
Consumer Durables & Apparel	10%				
Materials	7%				
Diversified Financials	7%				
Consumer Services	0%				
Telecommunication Services	0%				
Food & Staples Retailing	0%				
Utilities	0%				
Transportation	0%				
Software & Services	0%				
Total	100%				



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The unit price has increased by 0.55% for the period 01 January 2025 to 28 February 2025.

The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Balanced fund is <u>12.3% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.

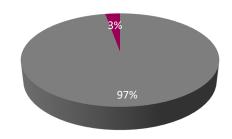
### Your fund performance: Secure fund

### **Unit Price Movement**



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### **Asset Allocation**



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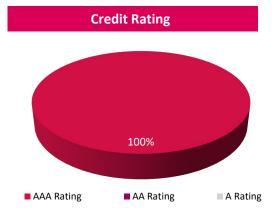
### **Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)**

### \*Period from 31/12/2024 to 28/02/2025

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Unit Price	26.21	28.37	31.32	34.49	38.05	40.68	42.53	50.47	63.01	70.08	70.95
Growth (%)	5.9%	8.2%	10.4%	10.1%	10.3%	6.9%	4.5%	18.7%	24.8%	11.2%	1.24%

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- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Secure fund is <u>11.0% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>increased by 1.24% for the period</u> 01 January 2025 to 28 February 2025.
- Investment holdings as of 28 February 2025 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.



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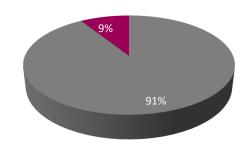
<sup>\*</sup>Includes money market Instruments

### Your fund performance: Protected fund



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### **Asset Allocation**



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### Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

### \*Period from 31/12/2024 to 28/02/2025

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025*
Unit Price	25.20	27.18	29.82	32.66	35.58	38.25	39.88	47.09	58.08	63.83	64.58
Growth (%)	5.8%	7.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.8%	6.7%	4.3%	18.1%	23.3%	9.9%	1.17%

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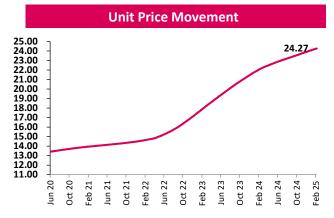
- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Protected fund is <u>10.4% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>increased by 1.17 % for the period</u> 01 January 2025 to 28 February 2025.
- Investment holdings as of 28 February 2025 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.



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### Your fund performance: Stable Money Market fund



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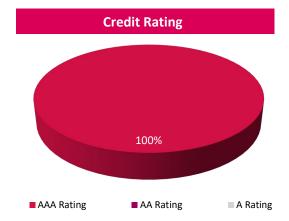
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Unit Price Growth (as a percentage) *21/04/2017 to 31/12/2017 **Period from 31/										/2024 to 28	/02/2025
Year	2015	2016	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025**
Unit Price	-	-	10.62	11.70	12.88	13.85	14.49	17.18	21.51	23.96	24.27
Growth (%)	-	-	6.2%	10.2%	10.1%	7.5%	4.6%	18.6%	25.2%	11.4 %	1.3 %

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- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Stable Money Market fund is <u>11.9% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>increased by 1.3% for the period</u> 01 January 2025 to 28 February 2025.
- Investment holdings as of 28 February 2025 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.

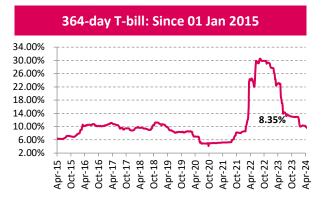


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### **Market Update: Interest Rates**

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



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### Major events during the month

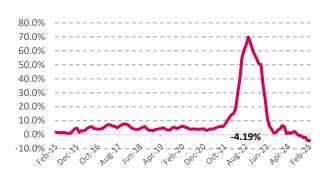
- Headline inflation, as measured by the year-on-year change in the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI), remained in the negative territory for the Sixth consecutive month in February 2025.
- Market lending and deposit interest rates also continued to decline, reflecting the accommodative monetary policy stance.
- The expansionary momentum of credit to the private sector is expected to persist. Meanwhile, yields on government securities continued to decline, reflecting improved fiscal performance and reduced sovereign risk premia.

### 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

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### **ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2023**



S&P SL Movement: Since 01 Jan 2023



Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025**
ASPI	6,894	6,228	6,369	6,052	6,129	6,774	12,226	8,490	10,654	15,945	16,478
Growth (%)	-5.50%	-9.70%	2.30%	-5.00%	1.30%	10.50%	80.50%	-30.56%	25.50%	49.66%	3.35%
S&P SL 20	3,626	3,496	3,672	3,135	2,937	2,638	4,233	2,636	3,068	4,862	4,931
Growth (%)	-11.30%	-3.60%	5.00%	-14.60%	-6.30%	-10.20%	60.50%	-37.74%	1.94%	58.46%	1.42%

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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 11.07% per year and S&P SL20 index is 4.45% per year, since the unit linked funds were first started.
- The ASPI and S&P SL 20 have increased by 3.35% and 1.42% for the period of 31 December 2024 to 28 February 2025, respectively.

### Market Update: Stock Market

### For the month

Description	January-25	February-25
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	17,123	16,479
ASPI growth for the month	7.39%	-3.76%
S&P SL 20 Index	5,114	4,931
S&P SL 20 growth for the month	5.19%	-3.58%
Total market turnover (LKR Millions)	140,432	58,416
Market Capitalization (LKR Billions)	6,114	6,114
PE Ratio (times)	9.54x	9.01x

# 10 Companies with highest market Capitalisation on the CSE as of 28 February 2025

- JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC
- LOLC HOLDINGS PLC
- CEYLON TOBACCO COMPANY PLC
- COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC
- LOLC FINANCE PLC
- DISTILLERIES COMPANY OF SRI LANKA PLC
- HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC
- DIALOG AXIATA PLC
- CARGILLS (CEYLON) PLC
  - BROWNS INVESTMENTS PLC

### Highlights of the month

- The ASPI and S&P SL20 grew by -3.76% and -3.58% respectively, for the month of February 2025.
- Net foreign flows for the month amounted to LKR 2.56 Bn of outflows, a decrease outflow 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.

### Fund manager's outlook



### Fixed income outlook

- As there was no monetary policy review held in the month of February, the policy rates remained unchanged, with Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 8% percent. The Standing Lending Facility Rate (the rate CBSL lends to commercial banks) was remained at 8.5% and the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (the rate which commercial banks place their excess cash with CBSL) was at 7.5% during the month.
- Treasury bill yields declined across all maturities in January 2025, with rates decreasing by over 85 basis points across all tenures. The benchmark 364-day T-bill yield fell to 8.39% from 8.57% from the preceding month, while the 91-day rate decreased to 7.60%. The 182-day tenor, which recorded a 22-basis point reduction to 7.90%. This broad-based decline in yields coincided with improving market sentiment.
- Foreign holdings of LKR-denominated Government securities marginally strengthened in January by 3.2%, registering an inflow of LKR 2.46 billion. This increased foreign participation to 0.43% of total outstanding government securities.
- The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) decreased by 20 basis points to 8.36% by the end of January from 8.56% from the preceding month.
- Deflation deepened marginally to -4.2% (Y-o-Y) in February 2025 from -4.0% (Y-o-Y) recorded in January 2025, with six consecutive months of deflation recorded. The soaring deflation figure was a result of the reductions in Electricity tariffs & the base effect impact from last year. Food inflation (Y-o-Y) increased to -0.2% in February 2025 from -2.6% in January 2025, while Non-Food inflation (Y-o-Y) declined further to -6.1% in February 2025 from -4.7% recorded in January 2025.

### Fund manager's outlook



### Equity outlook

- During the month of February, the Colombo Stock Exchange marked bearish trend, with the All Share Price Index (ASPI) falling by 3.76%. Similarly, the S&P SL 20 Index registered a drop of 3.58% during the month. The market's downward trajectory was primarily driven by underperformance in the Diversified Financials, Food, Beverage & Tobacco, and Capital Goods sectors in February. Notably, key contributors to this decline included LOLC Holdings, LOLC Finance, and John Keels Holdings.
- Market liquidity declined in February, with the average daily turnover LKR 3.1 billion which is more than a 50% drop from the preceding month. This liquidity contraction underscores subdued investor activity, with the market efficiently absorbing the ensuing selling pressure. Additionally, February recorded a net foreign outflow of LKR 2.6 billion, pushing the cumulative foreign outflow for the year to LKR 9.1 billion. The market's Price-to-Earnings (P/E) ratio declined to 9.01 from 9.54 by the end of January, suggesting a marginal decrease in market valuations owing to renewed earnings.

# 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

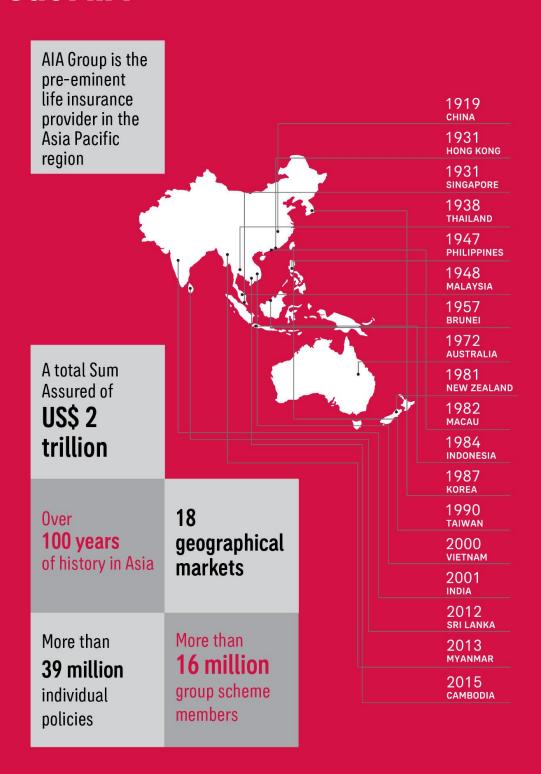
### How can we get information on AIA Unit Linked Funds performance?

- 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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