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

For the month of January 2021

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

	Growth	Balanced	Secure	Protected	Stable MM	ASPI
Since 01 Jan 2021 (YTD)	20.0%	11.6%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	28.0%
Annual Effective Growth Rate						
1 year	20.3%	15.7%	6.5%	6.3%	7.1%	46.0%
3 years	4.6%	8.6%	8.9%	8.5%	9.1%	10.2%
5 years	5.6%	8.7%	9.1%	8.7%	-	6.4%
7 years	4.2%	7.4%	8.4%	8.0%	-	4.8%
From Inception - CAGR	10.7%	11.3%	10.0%	9.5%	9.1%	9.5%

Note: past performance is not an indication of future performance

\*The Stable Money Market fund was introduced on 21 Apr 2017.



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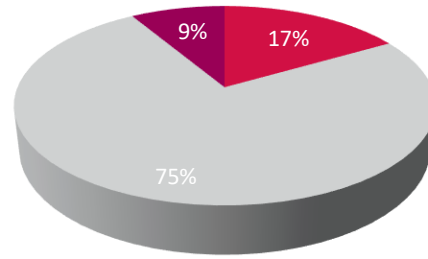
# Your fund performance: Growth fund

## 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)

\*Since inception – 02/05/2006 to 31/12/2006 \*\*Period from 31/12/2020 to 31/01/2021

Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021**
Unit Price	11.92	11.98	9.42	17.32	32.17	28.34	30.16	32.30	38.06	36.52	36.12	38.64	37.41	38.54	37.51	45.03
Growth (%)	19.2%	0.5%	-21.4%	83.9%	95.7%	-11.9%	6.4%	7.1%	17.8%	-4.0%	-1.1%	7.0%	-3.2%	3.0%	-2.7%	20.0%

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## Equity Allocation

Sector	%
Banks	42%
Capital Goods	33%
Diversified Financials	5%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	5%
Food & Staples Retailing	7%
Materials	5%
Telecommunication Services	3%
Total	100%

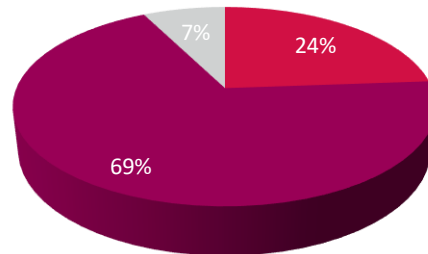
## Top Equity Holdings\*

Access Engineering	Hatton National Bank
Cargills Ceylon	John Keells Holdings
Commercial Bank	People's Leasing
Chevron Lubricants	Royal Ceramic Lanka
Dialog Axiata	Sampath Bank
Distilleries Company of SL	Seylan Bank

\*Note: In alphabetical order

- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Growth fund is 10.7% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 20.0% for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 January 2021.

## Credit Rating

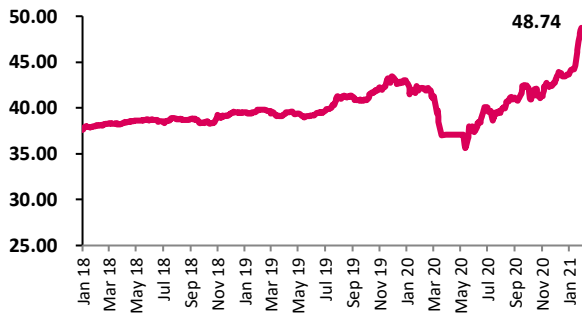


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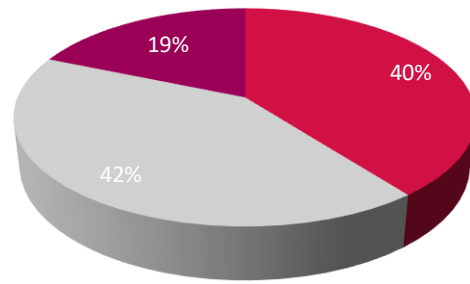
# Your fund performance: Balanced fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Asset Allocation



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

\*Since inception – 02/05/2006 to 31/12/2006 \*\*Period from 31/12/2020 to 31/01/2021

Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021**
Unit Price	11.43	12.19	11.62	17.23	25.18	24.18	26.22	28.87	32.36	32.90	34.40	37.60	39.56	42.81	43.68	48.74
Growth (%)	14.3%	6.6%	-4.7%	48.3%	46.1%	-4.0%	8.4%	10.1%	12.1%	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	11.6%

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## Equity Allocation

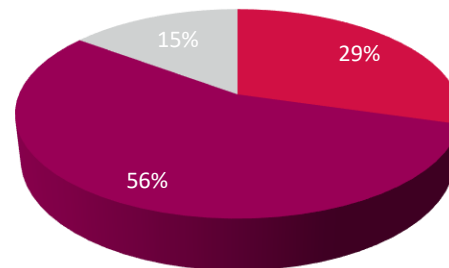
Sector	%
Banks	39%
Capital Goods	33%
Diversified Financials	11%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	5%
Food & Staples Retailing	6%
Materials	5%
Telecommunication Services	1%
Total	100%

## Top Equity Holdings\*

Access Engineering	LB Finance
Cargills Ceylon	John Keells Holdings
Commercial Bank	People's Leasing
Chevron Lubricants	Royal Ceramic Lanka
Dialog Axiata	Sampath Bank
Distilleries Company of SL	Seylan Bank
Hatton National Bank	-

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## Credit Rating



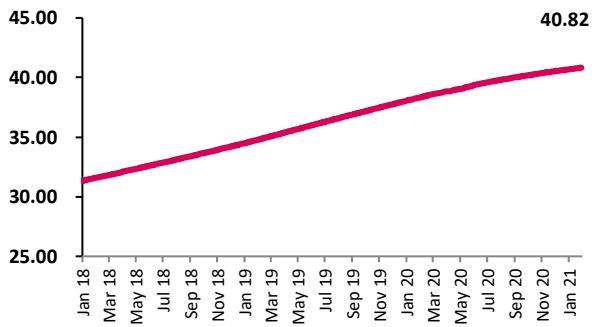
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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Balanced fund is 11.3% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 11.6% for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 January 2021.

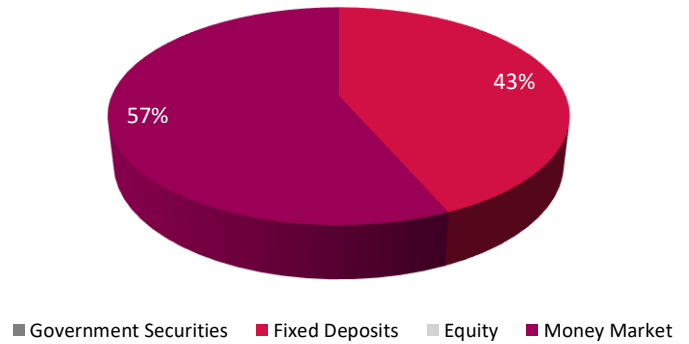
# Your fund performance: Secure fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

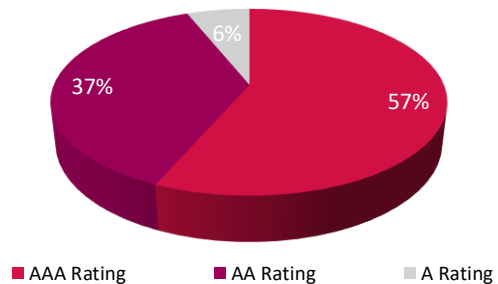
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Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021**
Unit Price	10.83	11.91	13.04	15.74	17.97	19.09	20.75	23.02	24.76	26.21	28.37	31.32	34.49	38.05	40.68	40.82
Growth (%)	8.3%	10.0%	9.5%	20.7%	14.2%	6.2%	8.7%	10.9%	7.6%	5.9%	8.2%	10.4%	10.1%	10.3%	6.9%	0.3%

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Secure fund is 10.0% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 0.3% for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 January 2021.

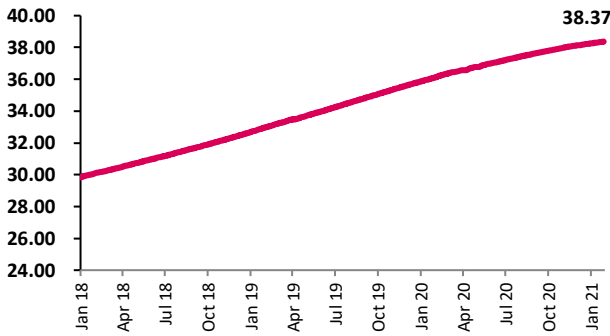
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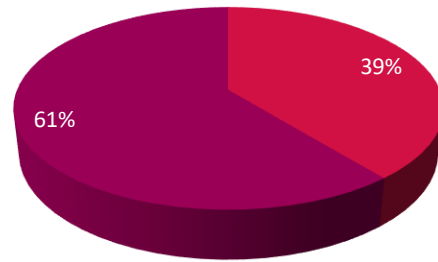
# Your fund performance: Protected fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

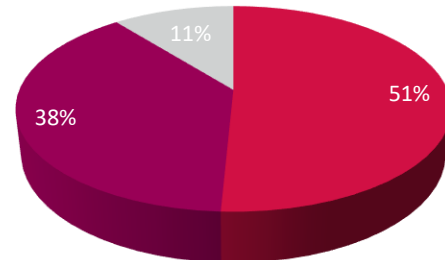
\*Since inception – 02/05/2006 to 31/12/2006 \*\*Period from 31/12/2020 to 31/01/2021

Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021**
Unit Price	10.58	11.91	14.25	16.23	17.54	18.58	20.16	22.27	23.81	25.20	27.18	29.82	32.66	35.58	38.25	38.37
Growth (%)	5.8%	12.6%	19.6%	13.9%	8.1%	5.9%	8.5%	10.5%	6.9%	5.8%	7.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.8%	6.7%	0.3%

Note: past performance is not an indication of future performance

- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Protected fund is 9.5% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 0.3% for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 January 2021.

## Credit Rating

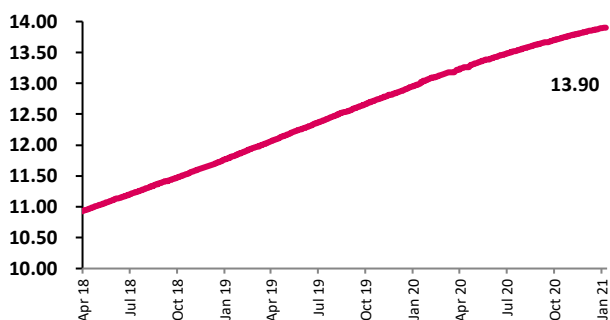


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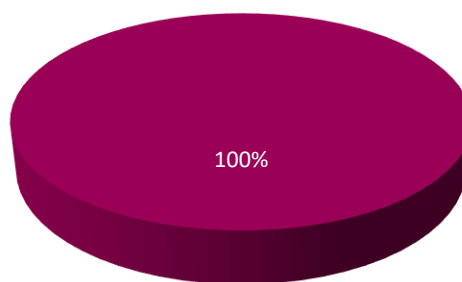
# Your fund performance: Stable Money Market fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

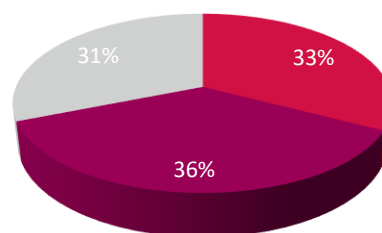
\*Since inception – 21/04/2017 to 31/12/2017 \*\*Period from 31/12/2020 to 31/01/2021

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021**
Unit Price	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.62	11.70	12.88	13.85	13.90
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2%	10.2%	10.1%	7.5%	0.4%

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Protected fund is 9.1% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 0.4% for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 January 2021.

## Credit Rating



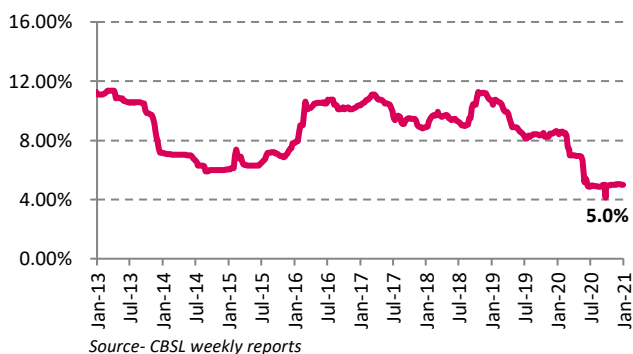
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## Market Update: Interest Rates

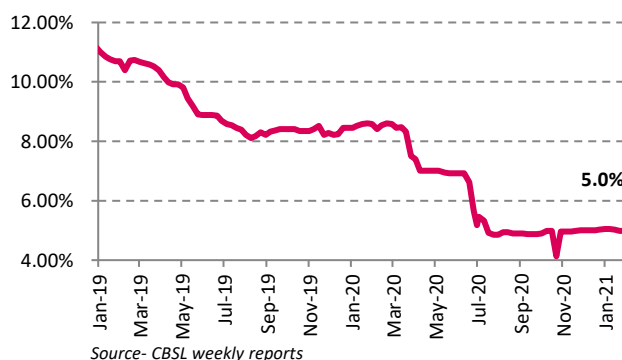
We use the 364-day T-Bill as an indicator of how interest rates move

### 364-day T-bill: Since 01 Jan 2013



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### 364-day T-bill: Since 01 Jan 2019

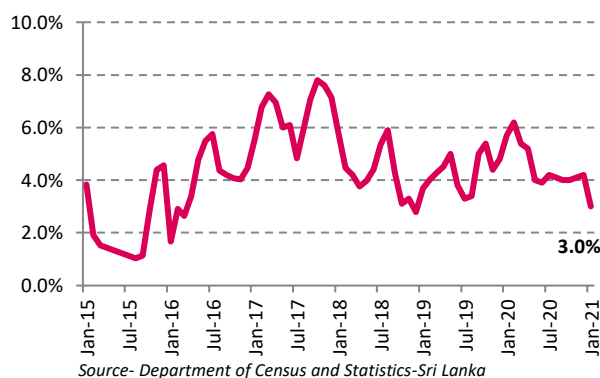


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### Major events during the month

- Central Bank maintained the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and Standing Lending Facility Report (SLFR) in January 2021 at 4.50% and 5.50% respectively.
- Central Bank raised LKR 145 billion through treasury bills and LKR 155 billion through treasury bonds during the month.
- The yield curve moved up marginally during the month. 364-day treasury bill rate reached 4.98% by 31 January 2021.

### Inflation: Since 01 Jan 2015



## Market Update: Stock Market

### ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2013



### ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2019



ASPI Performance (as a percentage)

\*Since inception – 02/05/2006 to 31/12/2006 \*\*Period from 31/12/2020 to 31/01/2021

Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021**
ASI	2,723	2,541	1,504	3,386	6,637	6,074	5,644	5,913	7,299	6,894	6,228	6,369	6,052	6,129	6,774	8,668
Growth (%)	5.8%	-6.7%	-40.8%	125.2%	96.0%	-8.5%	-7.1%	4.8%	23.4%	-5.5%	-9.7%	2.3%	-5.0%	1.3%	10.5%	28.0%

### Highlights of the performance

- The annual average growth rate of ASPI is 9.5% per year.
- The ASPI has increased by 28.0% for the period of 01 January 2021 to 31 January 2021.

## Market Update: Stock Market

### For the month

Description	Jan-2021	Dec-2020
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	8,668	6,774
ASPI growth for the month	28.0%	10.5%
Total market turnover (LKR Millions)	185,770	67,560
Market Capitalization (LKR Billions)	3,789	2,960
PE Ratio (times)	14.41x	11.25x

### 10 Companies with highest market Capitalization on the CSE as of 31 January 2021

- L O LC HOLDINGS PLC
- JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC
- CEYLON TOBACCO COMPANY PLC
- DIALOG AXIATA PLC
- COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC
- DISTILLERIES COMPANY OF SRI LANKA PLC
- BROWNS INVESTMENTS PLC
- EXPOLANKA HOLDINGS
- VALLIBEL ONE PLC
- MELSTACORP PLC

### Highlights of the month

- The All Share Price Index (ASPI) reached its all time high in January owing to retail investor sentiment. The low interest rates environment augured well with the observed rally. However, we maintain a vigilant equity selection strategy focused on fundamentally strong companies.
- Foreign selling continued to be on the higher side where net foreign selling for the month amounted to LKR 9.0 billion.

## Fund manager's outlook



### Fixed income outlook

- The benchmark 364 – day Treasury bill rate stood at 4.98% as at end of January 2021. Interest rates were volatile during the month, as interest rates declined due to the higher liquidity levels and increase in demand for Treasury bill and Treasury bonds during the start of the year. However, market rates increased towards the latter part of the month, due to the fall in overnight liquidity levels and pressure build-up on the exchange rate. Market liquidity levels dropped from LKR 266 billion to LKR 113 billion during January 2021.
- Despite the pressure on exchange and interest rates, low inflation and subpar economic activity levels may allow Central Bank to maintain interest rates at current levels during the medium term. However, given the uncertainties surrounding fiscal consolidation and limited funding sources to repay the foreign debt maturities due in 2021, we expect interest rates to increase towards the second half of 2021.

### Equity outlook

- All Share Price Index and S&P SL 20 Index recorded significant gains during January 2021. Low interest rates, excess liquidity in the system coupled with expectations on improved corporate earnings may have been the key catalysts for the improved sentiment, particularly amongst the retail investors. Selling on blue-chip counters was witnessed as Foreign investors continued to be net sellers during January 2021.
- Market PE increased from 11.25x at the beginning of the month to 14.41x towards end January, while the overall market capitalization increased to LKR 3.79 trillion. Despite challenging macroeconomic fundamentals, selected companies are expected to perform better amidst import and exchange restrictions.



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