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

For the month of February 2021

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

	Growth	Balanced	Secure	Protected	Stable MM	ASPI	S&P SL 20
Since 01 Jan 2021 (YTD)	8.0%	5.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	10.4%	12.5%
Annual Effective Growth Rate							
1 year	14.2%	12.0%	6.1%	5.8%	6.6%	33.6%	12.7%
3 years	0.8%	6.3%	8.8%	8.3%	9.0%	4.5%	-7.2%
5 years	3.7%	7.5%	9.1%	8.6%	-	3.8%	-1.8%
7 years	3.3%	6.8%	8.3%	7.9%	-	3.3%	-1.2%
From Inception - CAGR	9.9%	10.8%	10.0%	9.5%	9.0%	8.3%	0.5%

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\*The Stable Money Market fund was introduced on 21 Apr 2017 and the S&P SL index was introduced on 27 Jun 2012.



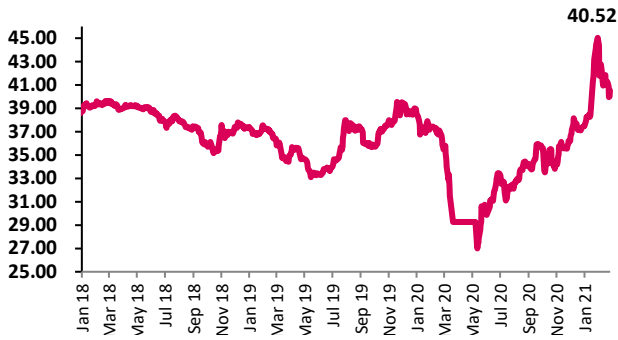
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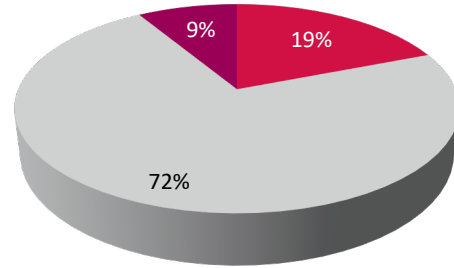
## Your fund performance: Growth fund

### 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 28/02/2021

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	40.52
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%	8.0%

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### Equity Allocation

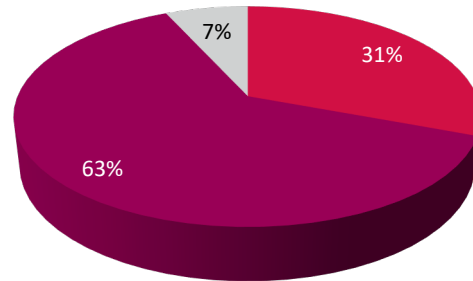
Sector	%
Banks	40%
Telecommunication Services	5%
Food and Staples Retailing	8%
Capital Goods	30%
Diversified Financials	5%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	6%
Materials	6%
Total	100%

### 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

### Credit Rating



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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Growth fund is 9.9% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 8.0% for the period 01 January 2021 to 28 February 2021.

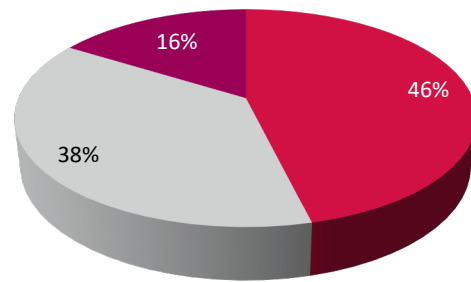
## Your fund performance: Balanced fund

### Unit Price Movement



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### Asset Allocation



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### Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

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Year	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	46.01
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%	5.3%

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### Equity Allocation

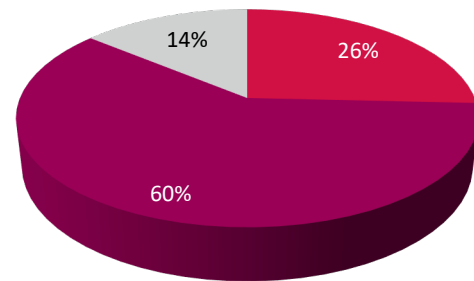
Sector	%
Banks	31%
Capital Goods	33%
Diversified Financials	11%
Food and Staples Retailing	6%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	5%
Materials	5%
Telecommunication Services	1%
Total	100%

### Top Equity Holdings\*

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

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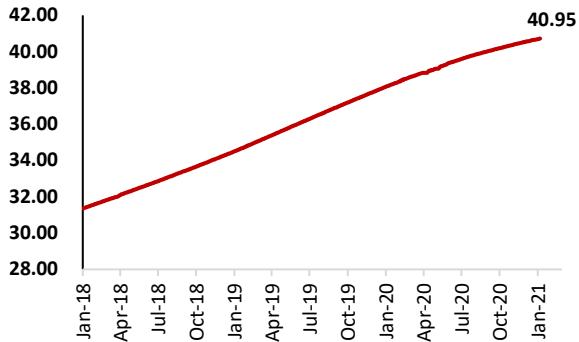
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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Balanced fund is 10.8% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 5.3% for the period 01 January 2021 to 28 February 2021.

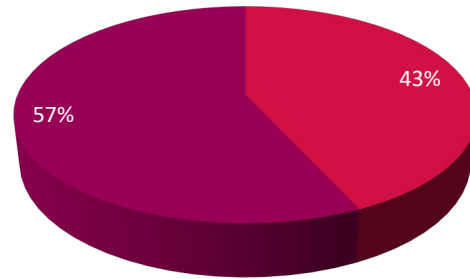
# Your fund performance: Secure fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

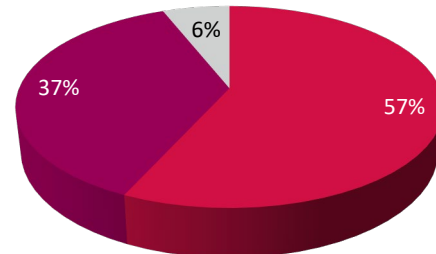
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Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021**
Unit Price	10.83	11.91	13.04	15.74	17.97	19.09	20.75	23.02	24.76	26.21	28.37	31.32	34.49	38.05	40.68	40.95
Growth (%)	8.3%	10.0%	9.5%	20.7%	14.2%	6.2%	8.7%	10.9%	7.6%	5.9%	8.2%	10.4%	10.1%	10.3%	6.9%	0.7%

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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 0.7% for the period 01 January 2021 to 28 February 2021.

## Credit Rating

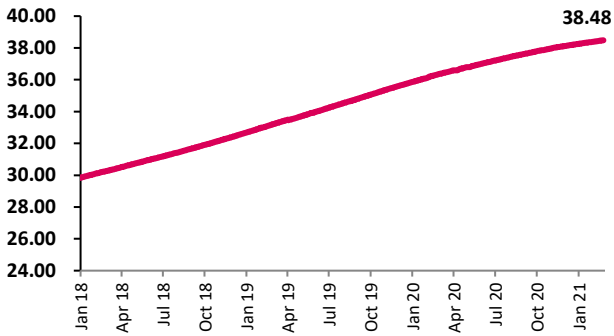


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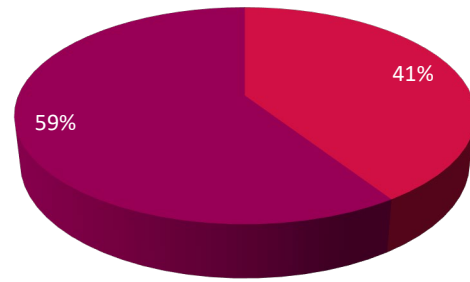
## Your fund performance: Protected fund

### Unit Price Movement



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### Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

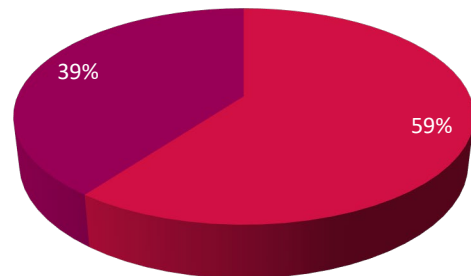
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Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021**
Unit Price	10.58	11.91	14.25	16.23	17.54	18.58	20.16	22.27	23.81	25.20	27.18	29.82	32.66	35.58	38.25	38.48
Growth (%)	5.8%	12.6%	19.6%	13.9%	8.1%	5.9%	8.5%	10.5%	6.9%	5.8%	7.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.8%	6.7%	0.6%

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- 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 0.6% for the period 01 January 2021 to 28 February 2021.

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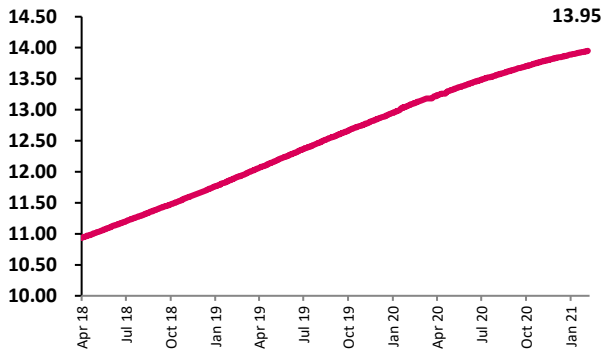


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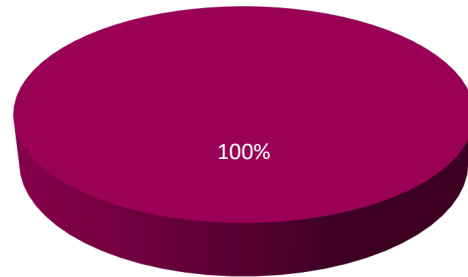
# Your fund performance: Stable Money Market fund

## Unit Price Movement



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## Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

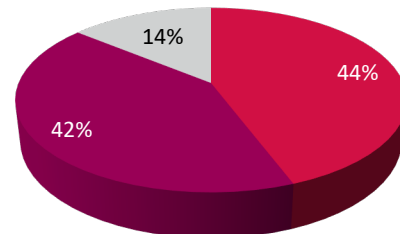
\*Since inception – 21/04/2017 to 31/12/2017 \*\*Period from 31/12/2020 to 28/02/2021

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	13.95
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2%	10.2%	10.1%	7.5%	0.7%

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Protected fund is 9.0% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 0.7% for the period 01 January 2021 to 28 February 2021.

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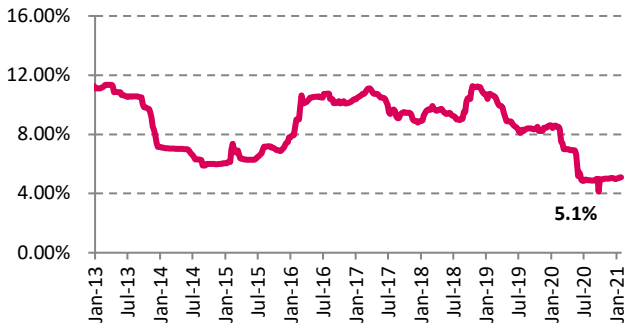
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## Market Update: Interest Rates

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

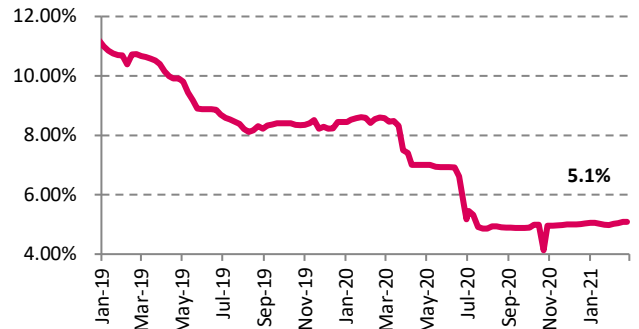
### 364-day T-bill: Since 01 Jan 2013



Source- CBSL weekly reports

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



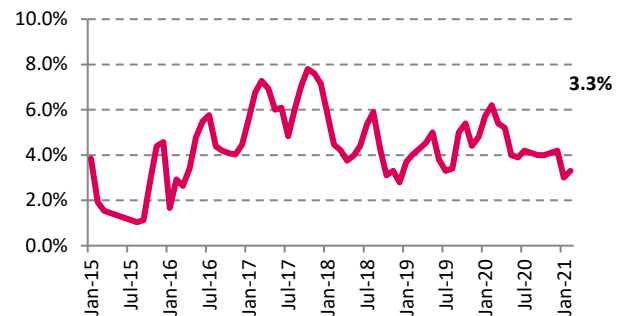
Source- CBSL weekly reports

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### Major events during the month

- The Central Bank maintained the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and Standing Lending Facility Report (SLFR) in February 2021 at 4.50% and 5.50% respectively.
- The Central Bank raised LKR 115 billion through treasury bills and LKR 90 billion through treasury bonds during the month.
- The yield curve experienced an upward shift during the month where the upward pressure was more evident in the mid-end of the yield curve.

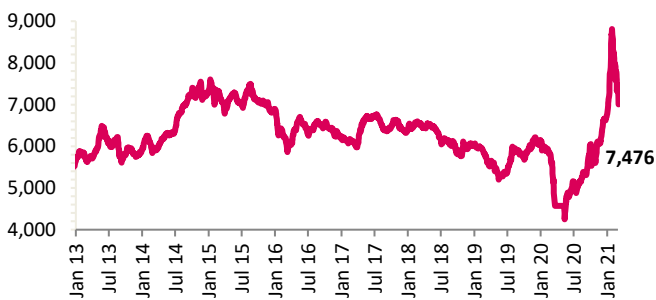
### Inflation: Since 01 Jan 2015



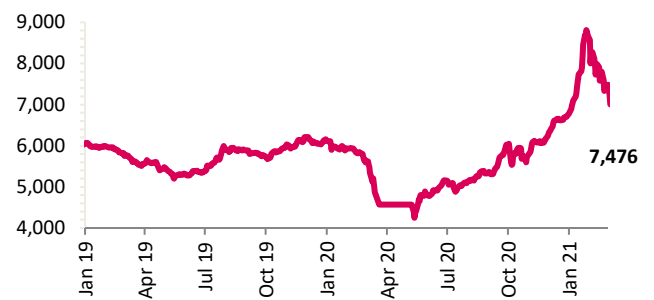
Source- Department of Census and Statistics-Sri Lanka

## Market Update: Stock Market

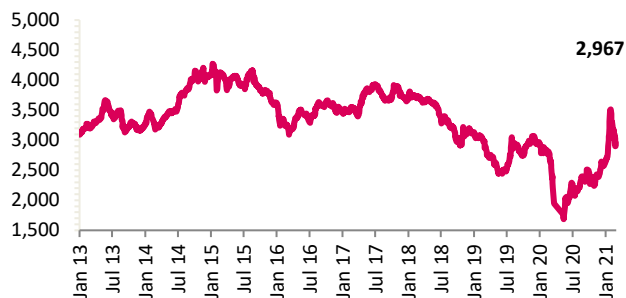
### ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2013



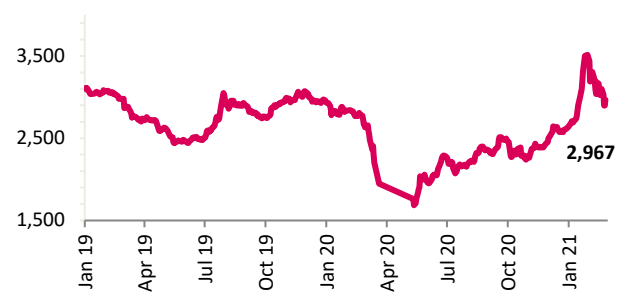
### ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2019



### S&P SL Movement: Since 01 Jan 2013



### S&P SL Movement: Since 01 Jan 2019



Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021**
ASPI	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	7,476
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%	10.4%
S&P SL 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,085	3,264	4,089	3,626	3,496	3,672	3,135	2,937	2,638	2,967
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.4%	5.8%	25.3%	-11.3%	-3.6%	5.0%	-14.6%	-6.3%	-10.2%	12.5%

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\*The S&P SL20 index was introduced on 27 Jun 2012.

## Highlights of the performance

- The annual average growth rate of ASPI is 8.3% per year and S&P SL20 index is 0.5%, since the unit linked funds were first started.
- The ASPI & S&P SL20 indices have increased by 10.4% and 12.5% for the period of 01 January 2021 to 28 February 2021, respectively.

## Market Update: Stock Market

### For the month

Description	Feb-2021	Jan-2021
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	7,476	8,668
ASPI growth for the month	-13.7%	28.0%
Total market turnover (LKR Millions)	97,740	185,770
Market Capitalization (LKR Billions)	3,269	3,789
PE Ratio (times)	13.17x	14.41x

### 10 Companies with highest market Capitalization on the CSE as of 28 February 2021

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

## Highlights of the month

- The market dropped quite significantly in February 2021 owing to regulations imposed by the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), relating to credit provided by Stockbroker firms to their clients.
- Foreign selling continued to be on the higher side where on a year to date basis, net divestments by foreigners amounted to LKR 13.5 billion by end February 2021.



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### Fixed income outlook

- The benchmark 364 – day Treasury bill rate increased to 5.09% during February 2021 from 4.98% in the previous month, while the secondary market rates of Treasury bonds increased by around 40 basis points. Money market liquidity levels and the CBSL holding of Government securities increased during the month, as the Central Bank opted to print money to fulfil the shortfall of the Treasury bill and Treasury bond auctions held during the month. Despite the policy makers taking several measures to manage the exchange rate volatility in the immediate short term, the exchange rate continues to be under pressure.
- Despite the weak macroeconomic fundamentals, we do not expect interest rates to record a sharp increase during the second quarter of 2021. However, rising commodity prices and pickup in economic activity levels may exert pressure on inflation and the exchange rate, which in turn may lead to higher interest rates.

### Equity outlook

- The All Share Price Index and S&P SL 20 Index recorded significant losses during the month of February 2021 due to the weak investor sentiment witnessed during the month. Weak economic fundamentals, deteriorating foreign reserves coupled with delays in sourcing of foreign funding may have been the main reasons for the change in investor sentiment during the month. Colombo Stock Exchange continued to witness net foreign selling in the first two months of 2021.
- Due to the weak economic fundamentals and expectations of rising interest rates during the latter half of 2021, we continue to take a cautious approach towards equity market investments.

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