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

# For the month of May 2022

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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 2022 (YTD)	-22.4%	-8.1%	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%	-33.7%	-36.7%
Annual Effective Growth Rate							
1 year	-12.9%	-1.2%	6.9%	6.6%	6.9%	9.5%	-10.1%
3 years	2.9%	5.9%	7.1%	6.9%	7.3%	15.1%	2.7%
5 years	-1.0%	5.1%	8.3%	7.9%	8.4%	4.0%	-6.8%
7 years	-0.9%	5.1%	8.3%	7.9%	-	1.7%	-5.6%
From Inception - CAGR	8.4%	10.0%	9.7%	9.2%	8.4%	8.2%	-0.6%

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

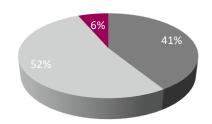
# Your fund performance: Growth fund

# **Unit Price Movement**



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# **Asset Allocation**



■ Government Securities ■ Fixed Deposits ■ Equity ■ Money Market

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 31/12/2021 to 31/05/2022

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Unit Price	26.22	28.87	32.36	32.90	34.40	37.60	39.56	42.81	43.68	50.63	36.38
Growth (%)	8.4%	10.1%	12.1%	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	-22.4%

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#### **Equity Allocation**

Sector	%
Banks	27%
Capital Goods	19%
Materials	10%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	9%
Utilities	8%
Food & Staples Retailing	7%
Diversified Financials	6%
Software & Services	4%
Telecommunication Services	4%
Transportation	4%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	3%
Total	100%

Top Equity Holdings***	
Cargills (Ceylon) PLC	John Keells Holdings PLC
Chevron Lubricants PLC	People's Leasing Company
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	Sampath Bank PLC
Distilleries Company of SL PLC	Seylan Bank PLC
Hatton National Bank PLC	Vallibel Power Erathna PLC

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



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.

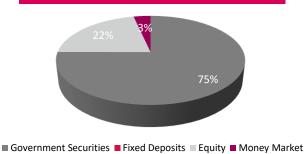
■ The unit price has <u>decreased by 22.4% for the period 01 January 2022 to 31 May 2022</u>.

The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Growth fund is <u>8.4% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.

# Your fund performance: Balanced fund

#### **Unit Price Movement** 55.00 50.00 45.00 46.53 40.00 35.00 30.00 Jan 19 -Apr 19 Jan 20 Jul 20 Oct 20 Jan 21 Apr 21 Jul 21 Oct 21 Jan 22 Apr 22 Apr Ξ oct

# **Asset Allocation**



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# Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

# \*Period from 31/12/2021 to 31/05/2022

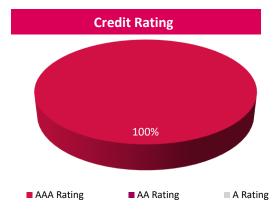
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Unit Price	26.22	28.87	32.36	32.90	34.40	37.60	39.56	42.81	43.68	50.63	46.53
Growth (%)	8.4%	10.1%	12.1%	1.7%	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	11.2%	2.0%	15.9%	-8.1%

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## **Equity Allocation**

Sector	%
Banks	25%
Capital Goods	22%
Materials	10%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	8%
Utilities	8%
Diversified Financials	7%
Food & Staples Retailing	5%
Telecommunication Services	5%
Software & Services	4%
Transportation	4%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	2%
Total	100%

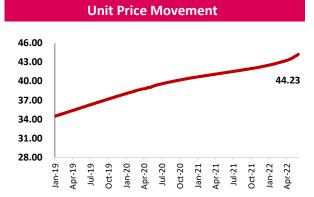


Top Equity Holdings***								
Cargills (Ceylon) PLC	Hatton National Bank PLC							
Chevron Lubricants PLC	John Keells Holdings PLC							
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	People's Leasing Company							
Dialog Axiata PLC	Sampath Bank PLC							
Distilleries Company of SL PLC	Vallibel Power Erathna PLC							

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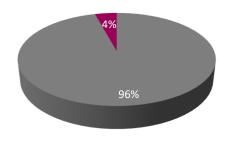
- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Balanced fund is <u>10.0% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has reduced by 8.1% for the period 01 January 2022 to 31 May 2022.

# Your fund performance: Secure fund



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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 31/12/2021 to 31/05/2022

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Unit Price	20.75	23.02	24.76	26.21	28.37	31.32	34.49	38.05	40.68	42.53	44.23
Growth (%)	8.7%	10.9%	7.6%	5.9%	8.2%	10.4%	10.1%	10.3%	6.9%	4.5%	4.0%

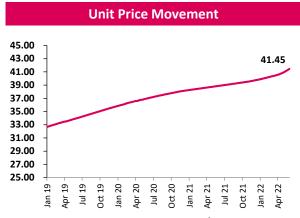
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- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Secure fund is <u>9.7% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>increased by 4.0% for the period 01</u>
  <u>January 2022 to 31 May 2022.</u>
- Investment holdings as of 31 May 2022 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.



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

# Your fund performance: Protected fund



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# Asset Allocation 5% 95% 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 31/12/2021 to 31/05/2022

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Unit Price	20.16	22.27	23.81	25.20	27.18	29.82	32.66	35.58	38.25	39.88	41.45
Growth (%)	8.5%	10.5%	6.9%	5.8%	7.9%	9.7%	9.5%	9.8%	6.7%	4.3%	3.9%

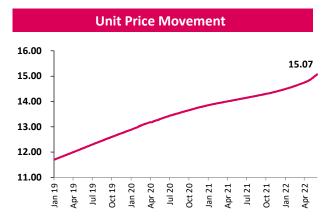
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- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Protected fund is <u>9.2% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 3.9% for the period 01 January 2022 to 31 May 2022.
- Investment holdings as of 31 May 2022 are in government securities\* resulting in AAA rated instruments for the portfolio.

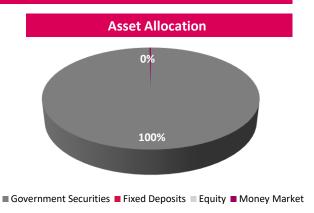


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# Your fund performance: Stable Money Market fund



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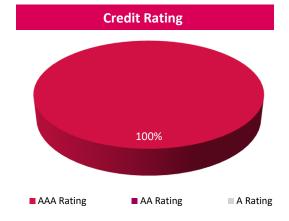
# Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)

## \*Period from 31/12/2021 to 31/05/2022

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022**
Unit Price	-	-	-	-	-	10.62	11.70	12.88	13.85	14.49	15.07
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-	-	6.2%	10.2%	10.1%	7.5%	4.6%	4.0%

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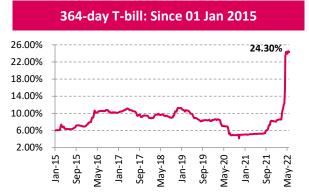
- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Protected fund is <u>8.4% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>increased by 4.0% for the period 01</u>
  <u>January 2022 to 31 May 2022.</u>
- Investment holdings as of 31 May 2022 are in government 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

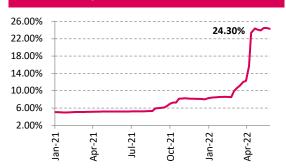


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# Major events during the month

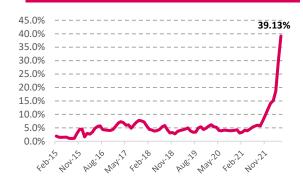
- CCPI inflation continued its increasing trend in May to 39.10%, this was driven by high food inflation (57.40% YoY).
- The government increased taxation over the month to boost government revenues and reduce its fiscal deficit.
- The 364-day T-Bill rates remained stable over the month as the markets have taken the fiscal consolidation positively.





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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	2012*	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022**
ASPI	5,644	5,913	7,299	6,894	6,228	6,369	6,052	6,129	6,774	12,226	8,108
Growth (%)	-7.10%	4.80%	23.40%	-5.50%	-9.70%	2.30%	-5.00%	1.30%	10.50%	80.50%	-33.68%
S&P SL 20	3,085	3,264	4,089	3,626	3,496	3,672	3,135	2,937	2,638	4,233	2,679
Growth (%)	8.40%	5.80%	25.30%	-11.30%	-3.60%	5.00%	-14.60%	-6.30%	-10.20%	60.50%	-36.71%

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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 <u>average growth rate</u> of ASPI is <u>8.2% per year</u> and S&P SL20 index is -0.6% <u>per year</u>, since the unit linked funds were first started.
- The ASPI & S&P SL20 indices have <u>decreased by 33.7% and 36.7% for the period of 01 January 2022 to 31 May 2022</u> respectively.

# Market Update: Stock Market

#### For the month

Description	Apr-22	May-22
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	7,624	8,108
ASPI growth for the month	-14.37%	6.35%
S&P SL 20 Index	2,509	2,679
S&P SL 20 growth for the month	-17.22%	6.78%
Total market turnover (LKR Millions)	17,740	29,956
Market Capitalisation (LKR Billions)	3,226	3,611
PE Ratio (times)	6.39x	6.27x

# 10 Companies with highest market Capitalisation on the CSE as of 31 May 2022

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

# Highlights of the month

- The ASPI and S&P SL20 recovered for the month of May 2022 by 6.35% and 6.78% respectively.
- Net foreign inflows for the month amounted to LKR 150 million, a continued trend of inflows from the previous month.
- Market Price to Earnings valuations have reduced from a yearly high of 15x in January 2022 to a PE ratio of 6.27x for the month of May 2022, this decline has been supported drop in overall prices and an increase in first quarter earnings.

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

- The benchmark 364-Day Treasury bill rate eased off slightly to 24.30% as at end May 2022, mainly owing to the increase in demand for short- and medium-term Government securities. As a result, the rates across the medium-term yield curve declined by 100 200 basis points during the month. The CBSL holding of Government Securities continued to increase as it exceeded LKR 1.96 trillion, while the overnight market liquidity was a negative LKR 557.1 billion as at 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.
- The Sri Lankan Rupee depreciated by 5.24% against the USD during May 2022. Inflation as measured by the CCPI (2013=100), continued to increase significantly to 39.1% on a year-on-year basis, in May 2022, mainly driven by food inflation which increased to 57.4% during the month of May 2022.
- Despite certain measures implemented (contractionary fiscal and monetary policy) by the policymakers, given the extremely weak macroeconomic fundamentals coupled with political and social instability the country is faced with, we expect the high interest rate regime to continue through Q2 2022.

# **Equity outlook**

■ The two main indices of Colombo Stock Exchange, All Share Price Index (ASPI) and S&P SL 20 Index (S&P SL), gained 6.35% and 6.78%, respectively during May 2022 despite the weak investor sentiment prevailing in the market. Implementation of contractionary fiscal policy measures, especially through imposition of higher taxes, are expected to negatively impact the overall profitability of the listed entities. Moreover, the expectation of overall slowdown of the economy may pose further challenges to corporate earnings. Therefore, we expect the stock market to be range bound in Q2 2022.

# 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?

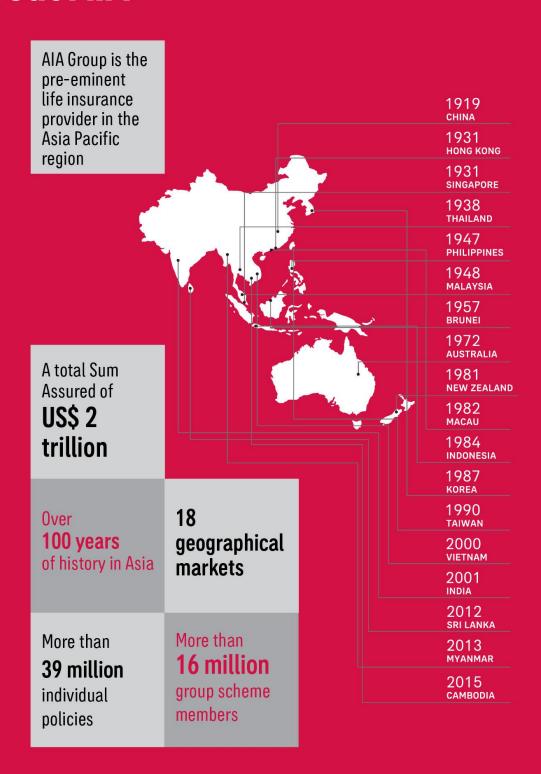
- There is no limitation on frequency of Unit switches\*
- The Company will only allow two (2) requests for Amendment of the Allocation Proportion within any Policy Year\*
- The relevant applicable charges will be applied as stipulated in the Policy Document

# 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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