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

# For the month of March 2020

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

	Growth	Balanced	Secure	Protected	Stable MM	ASPI
Since 01 Jan 2020 (YTD)	-24.1%	-13.4%	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%	-25.4%
Annual Effective Growth Rate						
1 year	-16.2%	-5.5%	9.8%	9.3%	9.9%	-17.7%
3 years	-7.0%	2.0%	10.1%	9.5%	-	-9.0%
5 years	-4.5%	3.1%	9.1%	8.7%	-	-7.7%
7 years	-0.9%	4.6%	9.0%	8.5%	-	-3.2%
From Inception - CAGR	8.0%	9.9%	10.2%	9.8%	9.8%	5.1%

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

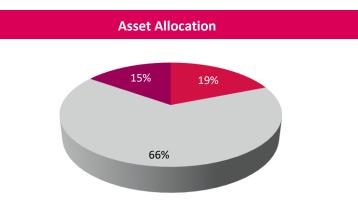
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# Your fund performance: Growth fund







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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									31/12/20	06 **Pei	riod from 3	31/12/201	9 to 31/03	3/2020	
Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020**
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	29.27
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%	-24.1%

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Equity Allocation								
Sector	%							
Banks	51%							
Capital Goods	26%							
Consumer Services	2%							
Diversified Financials	20%							

Top Equity Holdings*	
Access Engineering	John Keells Holdings
Amaya Leisure	People's Leasing
Central Finance	Royal Ceramic Lanka
Commercial Bank	Sampath Bank
Hatton National Bank	Seylan Bank

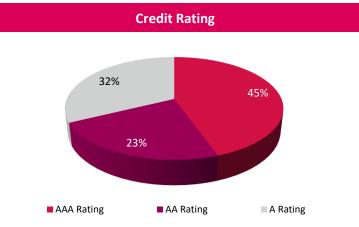
\*Note: In alphabetical order

Total

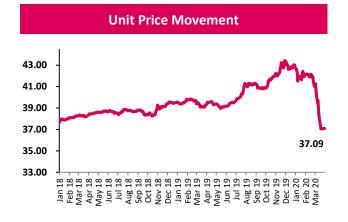
• The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Growth fund is <u>8.0% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.

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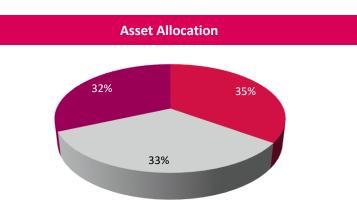
The unit price has decreased by 24.1% for the period 01 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.



# Your fund performance: Balanced fund



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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)							*Since inception – 02/05/2006 to 31/12/2006 **Period from 31/12/2019 to 31/03/2020								
Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020**
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	37.09
Growth (%)	1/1 3%	6.6%	-1 7%	/18.3%	46.1%	-1.0%	8 /1%	10.1%	12.1%	1 7%	1.6%	0.3%	5.2%	11 7%	-13 /1%

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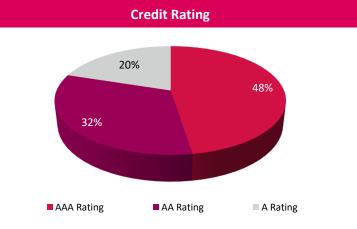
# **Equity Allocation**

Sector	%
Banks	54%
Capital Goods	31%
Consumer Services	0%
Diversified Financials	15%
Total	100%

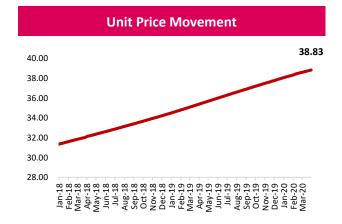
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Access Engineering	John Keells Holdings
Amaya Leisure	People's Leasing
Central Finance	Royal Ceramic Lanka
Commercial Bank	Sampath Bank
Hatton National Bank	Seylan Bank

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- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Balanced fund is 9.9% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>decreased by 13.4% for the period 01 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.</u>



# Your fund performance: Secure fund



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Asset Allocation

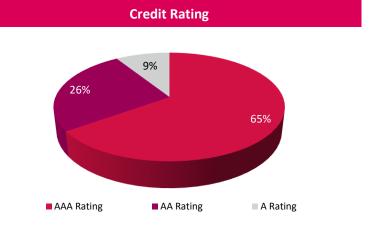
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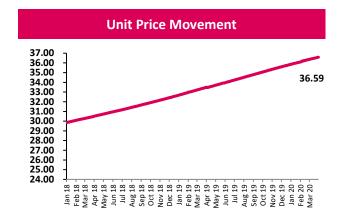
Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)*Since inception - 02/05/2006 to 31/12/2006										2006 **F	Period fron	n 31/12/2(	)19 to 31/(	03/2020	
Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020**
Unit Price	10.83	11.91	13.04	15.74	17.97	19.09	20.75	23.02	24.76	26.21	28.37	31.32	34.49	38.05	38.83
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%	2.0%

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- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Secure fund is <u>10.2% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>increased by 2.0% for the period 01</u> January 2020 to 31 March 2020.



# Your fund performance: Protected fund



Asset Allocation

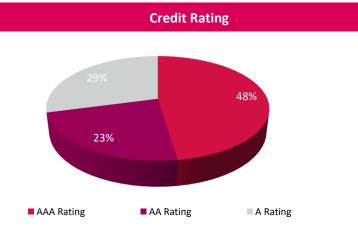
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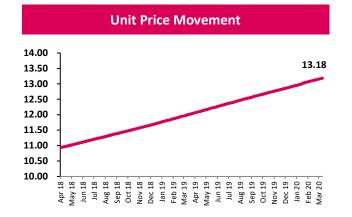
Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)								otion – 02/	05/2006 to	o 31/12/20	006 **Pe	riod from	31/12/201	19 to 31/03	3/2020
Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020**
Unit Price	10.58	11.91	14.25	16.23	17.54	18.58	20.16	22.27	23.81	25.20	27.18	29.82	32.66	35.58	36.59
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%	2.1%

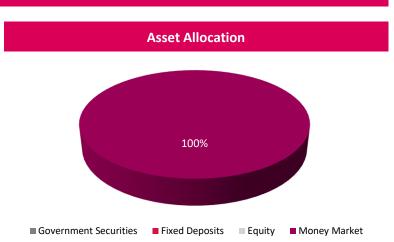
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- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Protected fund is <u>9.8% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 2.1% for the period 01 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.



# Your fund performance: Stable Money Market fund





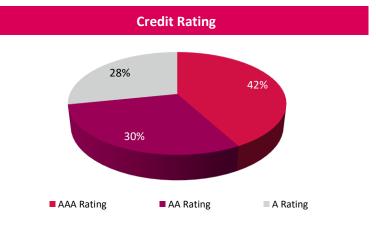
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Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)*Since inception - 21/04/2017 to 31/12/2017**Period from 31/12/2019 to 31/03/20											03/2020				
Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018	2019	2020**
Unit Price	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.62	11.70	12.88	13.18
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2%	10.2%	10.1%	2.3%

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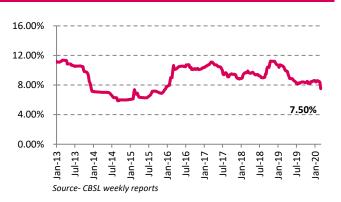
- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Protected fund is <u>9.8% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 2.3% for the period 01 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.



# **Market Update: Interest Rates**

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



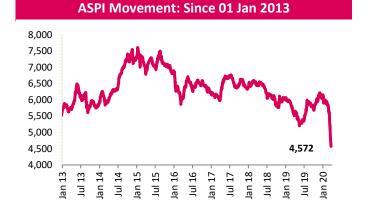


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### Major events during the month

- Central Bank raised LKR 115 billion by issuing treasury bills.
- Central Bank policy rates play a key role in determining the direction and level of market interest rates. The Central Bank reduced its SDFR and SLFR by 25 basis points in an attempt to support economic activity amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, SLFR and SDFR stand at 7.25% and 6.25% respectively.
- Short term interest rates decreased notably over the month. For example, the benchmark 364-day Treasury bill rate decreased from 8.58% at the beginning of the month to 7.50% at the end of the month.

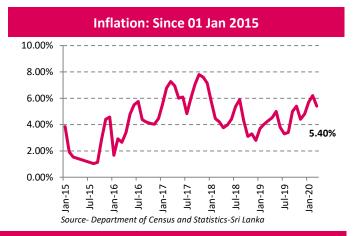
# Market Update: Stock Market



### 364-day T-bill: Since 01 Jan 2018



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### ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2018



ASPI Performance (as a percentage) *Since inception – 02/05/2006 to 31/12/2006 **Period from 31/12/2019 to 3										2019 to 31	/03/2020				
Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020**
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	4,572
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%	-25.4%

### Highlights of the performance

The annual <u>average growth rate</u> of ASPI is <u>5.1% per year</u>.

The ASPI has decreased by 25.4% for the period of 01 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.

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# Market Update: Stock Market

### For the month

Description	Mar-2020	Feb-2020
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	4,572	5,592
ASPI growth for the month	-18.3%	-5.7%
Total market turnover (LKR Mn)	6,325	8,397
Market Capitalization (LKR Bn)	2,128	2,599
PE Ratio (times)	8.38X	10.23X

### Highlights of the month

- The equity market performance decreased by 18.3% in March 2020.
- The ASPI decreased by 25.4% over the period 01 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.
- There was a foreign outflow of LKR 1.2 billion on a net basis in March 2020, resulting in a net outflow of LKR 5.2 billion during the year 2020.

### 10 Companies with highest market Capitalization on the CSE as at end of month

- CEYLON TOBACCO COMPANY PLC
- JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC
- DIALOG AXIATA PLC
- CEYLON COLD STORES PLC
- DISTILLERIES COMPANY OF SRI LANKA PLC
- COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC
- NESTLE LANKA PLC
- SAMPATH BANK PLC
- CARGILLS (CEYLON) PLC
- LOLC HOLDINGS PLC



# Fund manager's outlook

### Fixed income outlook

- Due to the prevalent situation with the COVID -19 outbreak, the Central Bank has continued with its monetary policy stimulus via continuous policy rates cuts and reductions in Statutory Reserve Ratio requirements (SRR) in order to spur growth. President has indicated that rates would be held around 7.00% via captive funds (treasury bills and treasury bonds). The Central Bank has also reduced the statutory liquid Ratio which needs to be maintained by finance companies and specialized leasing companies; in order to enhance market liquidity. The Central Bank has printed money in recent days with the CBSL holding hovering around LKR 182 billion.
- We are of the view that government will make every attempt to reduce interest rates to spur economic growth while lower interest rates will result in lower borrowing costs for the government which is running large fiscal deficits. Foreigners have continued to sell LKR denominated bonds while International Sovereign Bonds (ISB) rates have spiked indicating higher risk premiums for Sri Lanka dollar denominated debt.
- The benchmark 364 Treasury bill rate stood at 7.50% while the longer end of the yield curve has also adjusted down. While government will make every attempt to keep interest rates lower; we are of the view that currency pressures and fiscal slippage will exert upward pressure on rates. Interest rates are expected to remain under pressure due to budget deficits and debt service payments and if private sector credit growth strongly rebounds. However, if the government is successful in attracting foreign inflows, rates are expected to remain muted.

### Equity outlook

- The All Share Price Index ASPI has declined by 25.4% while the more liquid S&P Sri Lanka 20 index has lost 33.7% as of 31st March 2020. CSE saw several days of S&P SL 20 index triggering the -5% circuit breaker during the month of March.
- SEC has taken a decision to keep the Colombo Stock Exchange closed until the curfew is lifted in the country. Once trading resumes, we believe foreign selling will continue on larger capitalised counters; while earnings concerns will weigh on investors. However, we believe these turbulent times present bargain hunting opportunities which needs to be capitalised for the long haul.

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