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

# For the month of May 2021

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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 2021 (YTD)	11.4%	7.8%	1.7%	1.6%	1.8%	9.3%	12.9%
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%

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





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6% 19% 74%

■ 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.

**Asset Allocation** 

Unit Price G	Since ince	ption – 02	2/05/2006	to 31/12	/2006 *	*Period fr	om 31/12	/2020 to 3	1/05/202	1						
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	41.78
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%	11.4%

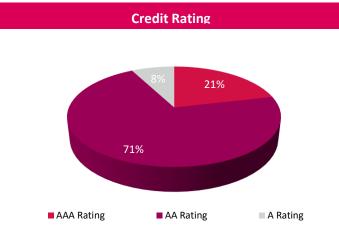
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#### **Equity Allocation**

Sector	%
Banks	41%
Capital Goods	30%
Food and Staples Retailing	8%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	6%
Telecommunication Services	5%
Diversified Financials	5%
Materials	5%
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



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 <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Growth fund is <u>9.9% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 11.4% for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 May 2021.

# Your fund performance: Balanced fund



Asset Allocation

■ Government Securities ■ Fixed Deposits ■ Equity ■ Money Market

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4.6%

1.7%

9.3%

5.2%

11.2%

2.0%

Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)							*Since in	ception –	02/05/20	06 to 31/1	2/2006	**Period from 31/12/2020 to 31/05/2021					
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	47.10	

10.1%

12.1%

8.4%

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-4.7%

48.3%

46.1%

-4.0%

Growth (%) 14.3% 6.6%

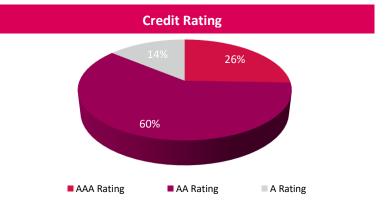
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#### **Equity Allocation**

Sector	%
Banks	38%
Capital Goods	30%
Diversified Financials	10%
Food and Staples Retailing	7%
Food Beverage and Tobacco	6%
Materials	5%
Telecommunication Services	4%
Total	100%

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

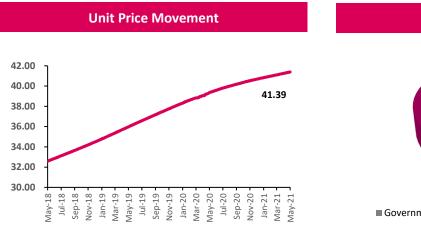
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- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Balanced fund is <u>10.8% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>decreased by 7.8% for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 May 2021.</u>

# Your fund performance: Secure fund



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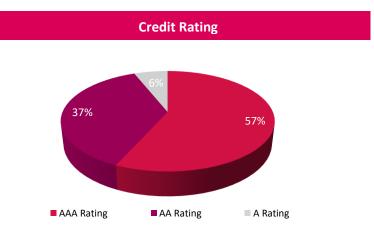
**Asset Allocation** 43% 57% ■ Government Securities ■ Fixed Deposits ■ Equity ■ Money Market

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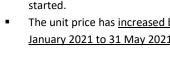
Unit Price G	Unit Price Growth (as a percentage) *Since inception – 02/05/2006 to 31/12/2006										**Perio	d from 31,	/12/2019 t	:0 31/05/2	021	
Year	2006*	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021**
Unit Price	10.83	11.91	13.04	15.74	17.97	19.09	20.75	23.02	24.76	26.21	28.37	31.32	34.49	38.05	40.68	41.39
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%	1.7%

Note: past performance is not an indication of future performance

- The annual average growth rate of the unit price for the Secure fund is 9.9% per year, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 1.7% for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 May 2021.

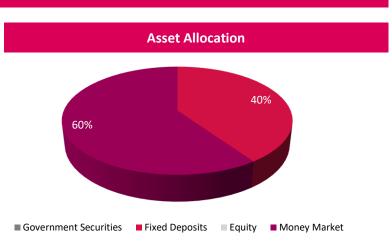


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# Your fund performance: Protected fund





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Unit Price Growth (as a percentage) *Sir									02/05/20	06 to 31/:	12/2006	**Period	from 31/1	12/2020 to	o 31/05/20	21
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	38.88
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%	1.3%

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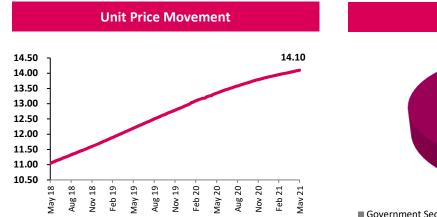
- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Protected fund is <u>9.4% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has <u>increased by 1.6% for the period 01</u> January 2021 to 31 May 2021.

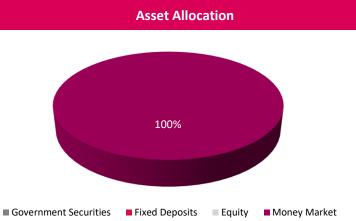


**Credit Rating** 

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# Your fund performance: Stable Money Market 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.

6.2%

**Credit Rating** 

10.2%

10.1%

7.5%

1.8%

Unit Price Growth (as a percentage)							*Since	inceptior	,21/04 – ח	/2017 to 3	1/12/201	7 **Peri	od from 3	1/12/2019	e to 31/0	5/2021
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	14.10

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Note: past performance is not an indication of future performance

Growth (%)

- The <u>annual average growth rate</u> of the unit price for the Protected fund is <u>8.7% per year</u>, since the unit linked fund was started.
- The unit price has increased by 1.8% for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 May 2021.

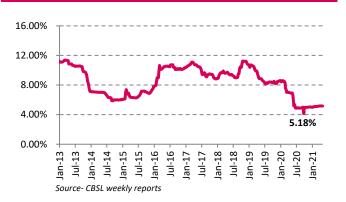


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#### Market Update: Interest Rates

#### 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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#### Major events during the month

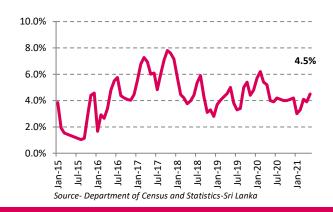
- Central Bank maintained the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and Standing Lending Facility Report (SLFR) in May 2021 at 4.50% and 5.50% respectively.
- Central Bank raised LKR 136 billion through treasury bills and LKR 19 billion through treasury bonds during the month.
- An upward movement in the yield curve was identified in May. The longer tenure bond yields have remained unchanged.



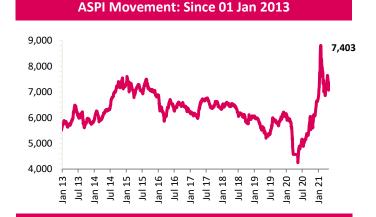


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#### Inflation: Since 01 Jan 2015



### Market Update: Stock Market



S&P SL Movement: Since 01 Jan 2013



ASPI Movement: Since 01 Jan 2019



S&P SL Movement: Since 01 Jan 2019



ASPI and S&I	P SL 20 Pe	rformance	e (as a perc	entage)			*Since in	ception –	02/05/20	06 to 31/12	2/2006 *	*Period fi	rom 31/12/	′2020 to 3	1/05/2021	
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	7,403
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%	9.3%
S&P SL 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,085	3,264	4,089	3,626	3,496	3,672	3,135	2,937	2,638	2,978
Growth (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.4%	5.8%	25.3%	-11.3%	-3.6%	5.0%	-14.6%	-6.3%	-10.2%	12.9%

Note: past performance is not an indication of future performance \*The S&P SL20 index was introduced on 27 Jun 2012.

#### Highlights of the performance

- The annual average growth rate of ASPI is 8.1% per year and S&P SL20 index is 4.8% per year, since the unit linked funds were first started.
- The ASPI & S&P SL20 indices have increased by 9.3% and 12.9% for the period of 01 January 2021 to 31 May 2021, respectively.

# Market Update: Stock Market

#### For the month

Description	Mar-2021	Apr-2021
All Share Price Index (ASPI)	7,208	7,403
ASPI growth for the month	1.22%	2.60%
Total market turnover (LKR Millions)	52,996	37,024
Market Capitalization (LKR Billions)	3,179	3,366
PE Ratio (times)	14.56x	13.78x

#### Highlights of the month

- The Capital Market continued to witness growth in May 2021, the benchmarks ASPI and S&P SL 20 increased by 2.7% and 3.8% respectively during the month.
- Persistent foreign selling was observed in May 2021. The year to date net sales by foreigners amounted to LKR 25.3 billion by end May 2021.

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

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

**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

- Interest rates continued on the upward trajectory as the benchmark 364 day Treasury bill rate increased to 5.21% during the first auction held in June 2021. The extended travel restrictions are however, impacting the overall secondary market interest rates, as they recorded a minor contraction (approximately 10 basis points) during May 2021.
- Further, securing a USD 500 million as a development project loan from the EXIM bank of Korea coupled with the expected slowdown in economic activity levels (private sector credit growth in absolute terms stood at LKR 57.7 billion in April 2021 compared to LKR 112 billion in March 2021) due to the island wide travel restrictions imposed by the authorities may provide policy makers with more time and options to keep the interest rates at current levels. However, rising commodity prices and foreign and domestic debt servicing are expected to exert pressure on inflation and interest rates in the medium term.

#### Equity outlook

All Share Price Index and S&P SL 20 Index appreciated by 2.71% and 3.82% respectively, during the month of May 2021, extending the year to date returns to 9.29% and 12.91% respectively, as at end May 2021. Encouraging quarterly earnings released by corporates coupled with low interest rates may have been the key catalysts for the continued gains in CSE.

The stock market is expected to be range bound driven by retail and HNW individuals. However, weak outlook on the overall macroeconomic indicators of Sri Lanka coupled with rising pressure on exchange rates and interest rates are expected to hamper future earnings potential of listed entities.

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