



# CEYBANK CENTURY GROWTH FUND

Interim Report  
30th September 2024

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# Ceybank Century Growth Fund

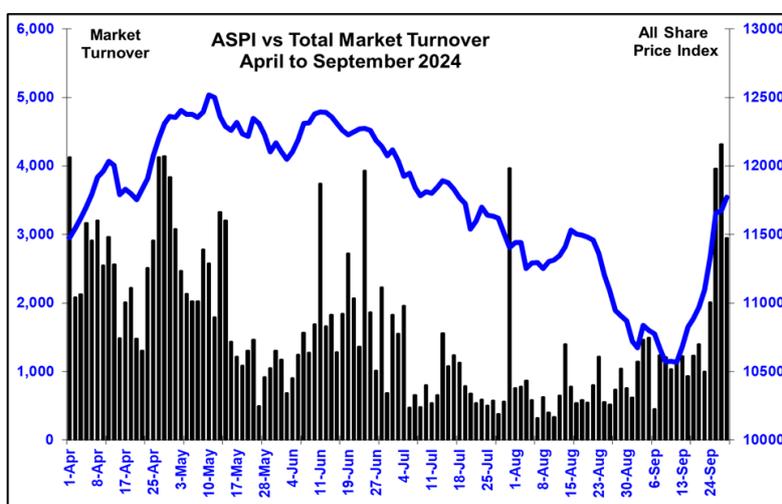
## Manager's half yearly report for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

We have great pleasure in presenting the half yearly report of Ceybank Century Growth Fund for the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Despite the improvement in macro indicators in the economy, the stock market mostly exhibited a dull investor sentiment during the six-month period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The Net Asset Value per unit of your Fund marginally declined by 1.52% during the period under review. During the same period both ASPI and S&P Indices grew by 3.59% and 4.09% respectively. The net asset value per unit amounted to Rs 100.14 as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

### Capital Market Performance

At the beginning of the period, the Colombo Bourse witnessed a bullish investor sentiment following the receipts of second tranche of IMF-EFF and other foreign inflows from ADB and World Bank amidst the regaining in macro fundamentals. However, the uncertainties in finalizing the foreign debt restructuring process and policy inconsistency towards the presidential election saw the ASPI display a bearish movement during the latter period from May-mid September 2024. During the post-election towards end September 2024, the bourse rebounded by factoring the final confirmation of restructuring sovereign bonds, received from both the IMF and an Official Creditor Committee with the policy consistency ensured by the newly elected ruling party.



Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

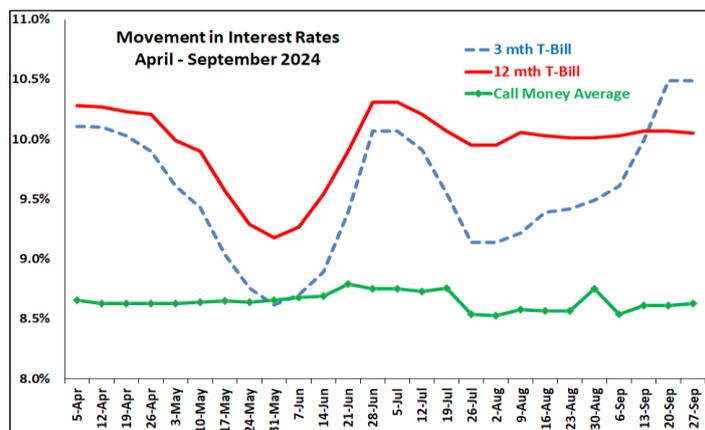
Foreign investors emerged as net buyers with net foreign inflows for the six months ending September 2024, being approximately Rs 1.92 billion.

The ASPI closed at 11,855.05 up by 411 points while the S&P Index was at 3,453.41 up by 136 points for the six-month period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The Sri Lankan economy witnessed an expansion of 5.0%YoY in 1H2024 against the contraction of 7.3%YoY in 1H2023 in the midst of recovery in macro-economic indicators across the sectors. Sector wise, industry sector recorded a robust upside of 11.4%YoY while both agriculture and services sectors accounted a marginal growth of 1.4%YoY and 2.6%YoY during 1H2024.

The Country's foreign reserve position improved to USD 5.99 billion by end September 2024 from USD 4.95 billion at the end of March 2024. The Exchange rate (Rs/US\$) which was at Rs.300.41 on 01<sup>st</sup> April 2024, appreciated marginally by 0.35% and was quoted at Rs 299.36 as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Average Annual Inflation measured by the CCPI (2021=100) which was at 0.90% in March 2024, witnessed a decelerated trend throughout the period and recorded a deflation of 0.50% at the end of September 2024.



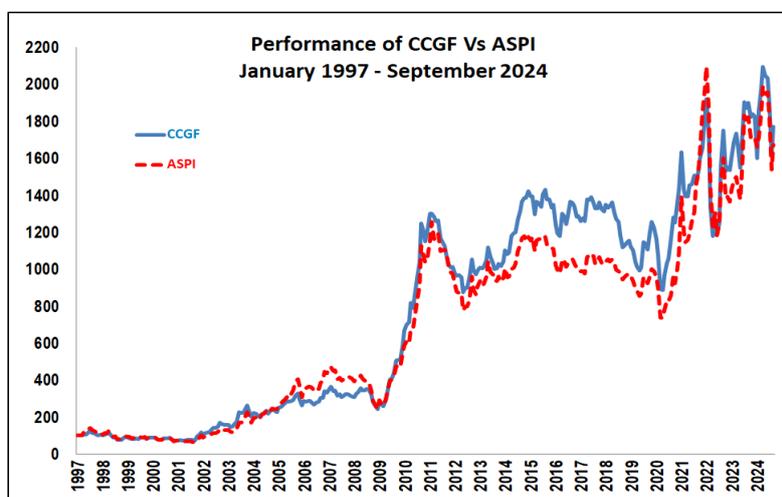
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Market Interest rates adjusted downwards during the period. The 12-month Treasury bill yields dropped by 23 basis points, from 10.28% p.a. at the end of March to 10.05% p.a. by end September 2024, and the tendency is to stabilize the one-year T-bill rate at below 10% p.a. at the end of year 2024.

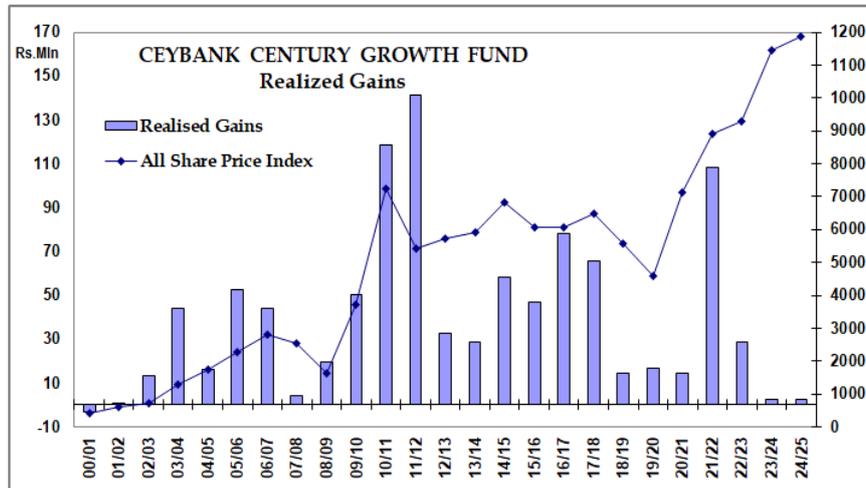
Overnight call money traded within a band of 8.25% and 9.00% p.a. Central Bank policy rates were reduced by 25 basis points (bps) during the period. Thus, the Standard Lending Facility Rate and the Standing Deposit Facility Rate were quoted at 8.25% and 9.25% respectively. The statutory reserve ratio (SRR) for Commercial Banks was at 2% as at end September 2024.

### Fund Performance

The Net Asset Value per unit of your Fund marginally dropped by 1.52% during the half year period under review. The chart below depicts the performance of the Fund on the medium to long term. The total net assets stood at Rs. 1,025 million as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

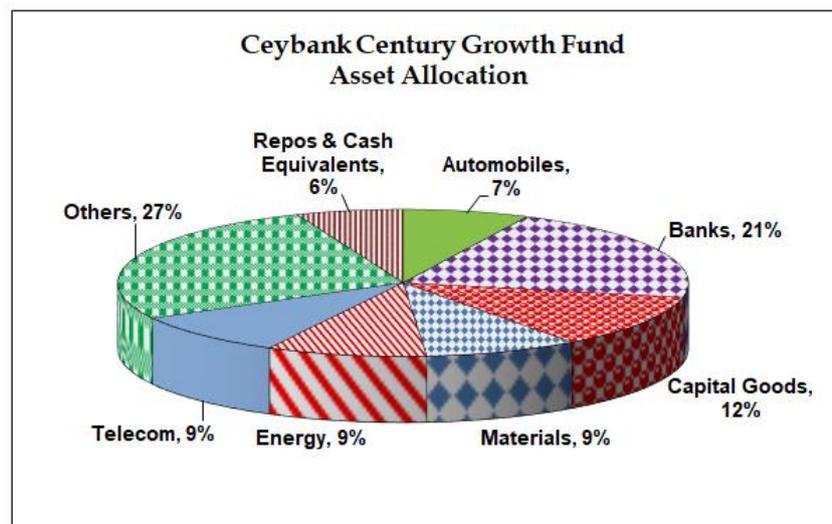


The Fund generated dividend income of Rs 37.61 million, up from Rs 15.03 million in the corresponding period. Expenses moved up from Rs 11.48 million to Rs 16.58 million. Interest Income declined to Rs 3.35 million from 6.47 million. The Fund realized Rs 2.26 million as capital gains from sale of equity during the period, increased from Rs 1.72 million recorded in the previous period.



The market value of the equity portfolio was Rs 971 million as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 down from Rs 991 million in March 2024.

The Fund maintained a relatively high level of equity exposure as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, with a positive outlook in the medium term backed by the political stability in the country. We will make changes in the Asset allocation in a manner that is compatible with our view and market expectations.



Your Fund investments are diversified across fundamentally strong companies with a medium to long term outlook, in Banks, Capital Goods, Telecommunication, Materials and Energy sectors as depicted in the chart. We expect most of these stocks to perform well in the medium term adding further value to your investment.

## **Future Outlook**

In the midst of macroeconomic stabilization in the country with the faster implementation of IMF structural reforms followed by the post-election political stability and policy consistency would enhance the growth prospects in the country. Thus, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka expects to achieve a higher economic growth of around 4.5% - 5% GDP in 2024 after witnessing a 5% economic expansion in 1H2024. This will be further bolstered up by the receipts of final confirmation of restructuring sovereign bonds coupled with the reaching of staff-level agreement by both IMF and Sri Lankan authorities to conclude the third review of economic reform program supported by the IMF's EFF. The country will be entitled to obtain about USD333 million after the completion of review by the IMF Executive Board under the 4-year EFF arrangement of about USD3 billion.

The completion of sovereign debt restructuring process will be followed by the improvement in creditworthiness of Sri Lankan banks as well as an upgrade in country rating along with FDIs to Sri Lanka. In the process of allocation of new global funds to Emerging and Frontier markets, the CSE will also be benefited with new foreign funds by further encouraging positive sentiment on equity trading on the back of attractive multiples of some trading counters coupled with the switching of some fixed income securities (FIS) to equity securities due to easing of monetary policy globally and domestically.

However, the escalation of Middle East conflicts would create vulnerabilities in the external sector in the economy due to fluctuations in global crude oil and commodity prices, which would exert pressure on the country's balance of payments and exchange rate. This would lead to imbalance in macro indicators in the domestic economy by disrupting the supply chains followed by accelerating the inflation and market interest rates.

Despite the Interim Vote on Account for the first 04 months in 2025, the newly elected government is expecting to present the Budget 2025 in March 2025. Amidst the stability in macro fundamentals, we would expect that the policy makers will be vigilant and proactive in implementing measures and reforms to achieve the targets align with the IMF agreement as well as to build the permanent structural reforms to achieve a sustainable, strong and resilient economy in Sri Lanka by mitigating the risks of vulnerabilities in macro fundamentals, notably including the fiscal slippage and deteriorating of foreign reserves in the country.

## **Management**

We would like to thank our valued unit holders for the confidence placed in us. We are confident of providing a consistent return to the unit holders who remain in the Fund in the medium to long term. We also place on record our appreciation for the support and co-operation received from the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, Colombo Stock Exchange, the Trustee National Savings Bank and Custodian Bank of Ceylon.

Our sincere appreciation is also due to the stakeholders, the Chairman and Board of Directors and for their guidance. Our achievements would not have been possible without the skills and commitment of the Management Team. We thank them for their contribution and dedication throughout the year and look forward to their support in the future.

Kanchana Karannagoda  
Fund Manager  
November 2024

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Statement of comprehensive income

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees thousands)

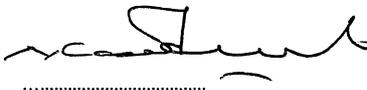
	Notes	Six months ended 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	
		2024	2023
<b>Income</b>			
Dividend		37,610	15,030
Interest income from financial assets	1	3,356	6,477
Net realized gain on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss		2,264	1,727
Net change in unrealized Gain on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss		(42,887)	75,968
Miscellaneous Income		-	2,481
<b>Total investment income</b>		<b>343</b>	<b>101,683</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fee		(8,696)	(7,984)
Trustee & custodian fee		(1,765)	(1,622)
Other expenses	2	(6,126)	(1,879)
		<b>(16,587)</b>	<b>(11,485)</b>
<b>Profit / (Loss) after deductions and before tax</b>		<b>(16,244)</b>	<b>90,198</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Increase/ (Decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>(16,244)</b>	<b>90,198</b>

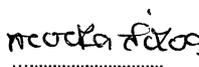
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Statement of financial position  
as at 30.09.2024  
(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees thousands)

	Note	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,192	2,650
Financial assets held at fair valued through profit or loss	3	981,615	1,019,966
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	4	44,011	20,079
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,027,818</b>	<b>1,042,695</b>
<b>Unit Holders' funds and Liabilities</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Payables	5	2,236	2,080
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)</b>		<b>2,236</b>	<b>2,080</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>1,025,582</b>	<b>1,040,615</b>
<b>Total Unit Holders' funds and Liabilities</b>		<b>1,027,818</b>	<b>1,042,695</b>

  
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Ceybank Asset Management Ltd  
Fund Management Company

  
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Fund Management Company

  
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Trustee  
National Savings Bank

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**Statement of changes in Unitholders' funds**

**(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees thousands)**

	Note	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Unit holders' funds at beginning of the year		1,067,039	945,583
Increase / (Decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders		(16,244)	90,198
Received on unit creations		21,461	12,746
Paid on unit redemptions		(46,674)	(7,912)
<b>Unitholders' funds at end of the year</b>		<b>1,025,582</b>	<b>1,040,615</b>

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**Statement of cash flows**

**For the 06 months period ended 30 September 2024**

**(All amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees Thousands )**

	Period from 1 April to 30 September 2024 Rs.	Period from 1 April to 30 September 2023 Rs.
<i>Net Profit Before Taxation</i>	(16,244)	90,198
<i>Cash flows from operating activities</i>		
Investment in equity shares	20,251	(68,080)
Proceeds from sale of equity shares	-	2,280
Payable on Unit Redemption		(1,142)
Net investments in repurchase agreements	(39,508)	12,940
Net investment in treasury bills - Primary	58,252	(43,677)
Other Receivable	-	4,185
Other Payable	(321)	2,081
<i>Net cash inflows / (outflows) from operating activities</i>	<u>22,430</u>	<u>(1,215)</u>
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>		
Proceeds from issue of units	21,461	12,746
Payments on redemption of units	(46,674)	(7,912)
Distribution paid		
<i>Net cash (outflows) / inflows from financing activities</i>	<u>(25,213)</u>	<u>4,834</u>
<i>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</i>	<u>(2,783)</u>	<u>3,619</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period as at 01/04/2024	4,976	3,629
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,783)	(978)
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the 06 month Period</i>	<u>2,192</u>	<u>2,650</u>

**Notes**

(All amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees Thousands )

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><u>1. Interest Income From Financial Assets</u></b>		
Interest on T Bill Primary	2,553	5,122
Interest on Reverse Repo Agreements	803	1,355
	<u>3,356</u>	<u>6,477</u>

**2. Other Expenses**

VAT Expenses	1,931	247
Bank Charges	33	49
Miscellaneous Expenses	329	311
WHT on Dividends	3,564	1,027
Interest Expenses	1	1
Social Security Levy Fee	268	244
	<u>6,126</u>	<u>1,879</u>

**3. Financial Assets Held at Fair Valued Through Profit or Loss**

Treasury Bills- Primary	9,952	58,791
Investment in Equity shares	971,663	961,176
	<u>981,615</u>	<u>1,019,967</u>

**As at 30th September 2024**

Company	<u>Share Qty</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Holding as at % NAV</u>
<b>AUTOMOBILES &amp; COMPONENTS</b>			
KELANI TYRES PLC	1,011,585	74,351	7.25%
<b>BANKS</b>			
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC - Non Voting	285,283	23,251	2.27%
NATIONS TRUST BANK PLC	42,822	5,310	0.52%
PAN ASIA BANKING CORPORATION PLC	5,605	126	0.01%
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC	254,888	25,807	2.52%
SAMPATH BANK PLC	1,162,131	90,298	8.80%
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	117,374	24,032	2.34%
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC - NON VOTING	296,547	49,079	4.79%
<b>CAPITAL GOODS</b>			
ROYAL CERAMICS LANKA PLC	288,214	9,569	0.93%
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	301,001	53,954	5.26%
LANKA WALLTILES PLC	501,539	25,478	2.48%
SOFTLOGIC HOLDINGS PLC	23,200	181	0.02%
ACCESS ENGINEERING PLC	1,376,094	32,338	3.15%
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS - RIGHTS	30,100	488	0.05%

<b>COMMERCIAL &amp; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>			
EXTERMINATORS PLC	166,884	1,168	0.11%
<b>CONSUMER DURABLES &amp; APPAREL</b>			
TEEJAY LANKA PLC	216,245	8,758	0.85%
HELA APPAREL HOLDINGS PLC	1,472,600	9,130	0.89%
<b>CONSUMER SERVICES</b>			
TRANS ASIA HOTELS PLC	563,367	22,535	2.20%
HAYLEYS LEISURE PLC	316,448	6,804	0.66%
ASIAN HOTELS & PROPERTIES PLC	998,830	57,033	5.56%
<b>DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS</b>			
PEOPLES LEASING & FINANCE PLC	872,843	10,212	1.00%
<b>ENERGY</b>			
LANKA IOC PLC	816,264	93,870	9.15%
<b>FOOD BEVERAGE &amp; TOBACCO</b>			
KELANI VALLEY PLANTATIONS PLC	25,591	1,881	0.18%
SUNSHINE HOLDINGS PLC	277,488	17,177	1.67%
CEYLON GRAIN ELEVATORS PLC	114,356	19,555	1.91%
MAHARAJA FOODS PLC	999,796	5,299	0.52%
MELSTACORP PLC	210,000	17,850	1.74%
<b>HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT &amp; SERVICES</b>			
THE LANKA HOSPITALS CORPORATION PLC	524,721	42,030	4.10%
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
HNB ASSURANCE PLC	252,000	15,347	1.50%
LOLC GENERAL INSURANCE PLC	713,800	4,426	0.43%
<b>MATERIALS</b>			
DIPPED PRODUCTS PLC	360,000	13,608	1.33%
CHEVRON LUBRICANTS LANKA PLC	100,883	12,383	1.21%
TOKYO CEMENT COMPANY (LANKA) PLC - NON VOTING	561,764	24,324	2.37%
JAT HOLDINGS PLC	500,000	9,000	0.88%
EX-PACK CORRUGATED CARTONS PLC	2,000,000	29,000	2.83%
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>			
C T LAND DEVELOPMENT PLC	188,354	4,596	0.45%
SEYLAN DEVELOPMENTS PLC	388,303	6,291	0.61%
COLOMBO LAND & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	363,318	6,867	0.67%
MILLENNIUM HOUSING DEVELOPERS PLC	95,440	277	0.03%
PRIME LANDS RESIDENCIES PLC	250,000	2,150	0.21%

<b>RETAILING</b>			
KAPRUKA HOLDINGS PLC	958,400	6,709	0.65%
<b>SOFTWARE &amp; SERVICES</b>			
HSEND BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	347,941	3,827	0.37%
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>			
SRI LANKA TELECOM PLC	780,032	51,404	5.01%
DIALOG AXIATA PLC	4,782,054	44,473	4.34%
<b>TRANSPOTATION</b>			
CHRISSWORLD PLC	362,896	3,774	0.37%
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
LVL ENERGY FUND PLC	714,498	3,644	0.36%
WINDFORCE PLC	100,000	2,000	0.20%
		<u>971,663</u>	

**As at 30th September 2023**

<b>Company</b>	<b><u>Share Qty</u></b>	<b><u>Market Value</u></b>	<b><u>Holding as at % NAV</u></b>
<b>AUTOMOBILES &amp; COMPONENTS</b>			
KELANI TYRES PLC	1,011,585	67,776	6.51%
<b>BANKS</b>			
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC - NON VOTING	232,808	18,345	1.76%
NATIONS TRUST BANK PLC	41,954	4,604	0.44%
PAN ASIA BANKING CORPORATION PLC	5,605	113	0.01%
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC	208,495	18,806	1.81%
SAMPATH BANK PLC	1,197,131	83,799	8.05%
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	114,976	19,776	1.90%
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC - NON VOTING	289,467	43,275	4.16%
<b>CAPITAL GOODS</b>			
ROYAL CERAMICS LANKA PLC	288,214	8,819	0.85%
JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS PLC	301,001	58,018	5.58%
LANKA WALLTILES PLC	501,539	24,325	2.34%
SOFTLOGIC HOLDINGS PLC	23,200	369	0.04%
ACCESS ENGINEERING PLC	1,376,094	27,247	2.62%
<b>COMMERCIAL &amp; PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>			
EXTERMINATORS PLC	166,884	1,335	0.13%
<b>CONSUMER DURABLES &amp; APPAREL</b>			
TEEJAY LANKA PLC	216,245	7,720	0.74%
HELA APPAREL HOLDINGS PLC	1,472,600	9,425	0.91%

<b>CONSUMER SERVICES</b>			
TRANS ASIA HOTELS PLC	563,367	27,042	2.60%
HAYLEYS LEISURE PLC	316,448	8,228	0.79%
ASIAN HOTELS & PROPERTIES PLC	1,097,272	68,250	6.56%
<b>DIVERSIFIED FINANCIALS</b>			
PEOPLES LEASING & FINANCE PLC	872,843	9,100	0.87%
<b>ENERGY</b>			
LANKA IOC PLC	831,264	96,634	9.29%
<b>FOOD BEVERAGE &amp; TOBACCO</b>			
KELANI VALLEY PLANTATIONS PLC	25,591	2,011	0.19%
SUNSHINE HOLDINGS PLC	124,145	6,518	0.63%
CEYLON GRAIN ELEVATORS PLC	114,356	18,926	1.82%
MELSTACORP PLC	210,000	18,081	1.74%
<b>HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT &amp; SERVICES</b>			
THE LANKA HOSPITALS CORPORATION PLC	524,721	54,309	5.22%
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
HNB ASSURANCE PLC	252,000	14,137	1.36%
LOLC GENERAL INSURANCE PLC	713,800	4,497	0.43%
<b>MATERIALS</b>			
DIPPED PRODUCTS PLC	360,000	11,700	1.12%
CHEVRON LUBRICANTS LANKA PLC	100,883	9,221	0.89%
TOKYO CEMENT COMPANY (LANKA) PLC - NON VOTING	510,695	24,207	2.33%
JAT HOLDINGS PLC	500,000	9,200	0.88%
EX-PACK CORRUGATED CARTONS PLC	2,000,000	26,600	2.56%
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MILLENNIUM HOUSING DEVELOPERS PLC	95,440	324	0.03%
PRIME LANDS RESIDENCIES PLC	250,000	1,975	0.19%
<b>RETAILING</b>			
KAPRUKA HOLDINGS PLC	958,400	8,051	0.77%
<b>SOFTWARE &amp; SERVICES</b>			
HSENIID BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	319,200	3,926	0.38%
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>			
SRI LANKA TELECOM PLC	780,032	66,147	6.36%
DIALOG AXIATA PLC	4,782,054	52,124	5.01%
<b>TRANSPOTATION</b>			
CHRISSWORLD PLC	362,896	3,992	0.38%
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
LVL ENERGY FUND PLC	595,415	3,572	0.34%
WINDFORCE PLC	100,000	1,850	0.18%
		<u>961,176</u>	

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><u>4. Financial Assets Measured at Amortised Cost</u></b>		
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	44,011	20,079
	<u>44,011</u>	<u>20,079</u>

<b><u>5. Payables</u></b>		
Payables to Management Company	272	290
Management Fees	1,561	1,414
Trustee Fees	236	214
Custodian Fees	167	162
	<u>2,236</u>	<u>2,080</u>



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