

CT CLSA Equity Fund

Monthly Newsletter - January 2024

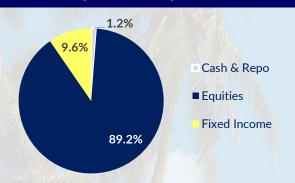
Fund Manager's View of the Market - January 2024

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) began 2024 on a weak footing (-3.2% MoM) as recently implemented fiscal measures and uncertainties brought on by the upcoming election cycle kept investors on the edge. The bourse also witnessed its daily average turnover drop to Rs.715mn (vs. Rs.1,191mn in Dec 2023) as net foreign selling intensified during the month to over Rs.2bn.

Your Fund endured a decline of -1.7% MoM owing to negative contributions from John Keells Holdings (JKH; -0.4%) and People's Leasing and Finance (PLC; -0.3%), which was partially offset by marked to market gains on the fund's G-sec portfolio. In January, the fund slightly increased allocation to equity capturing attractive opportunities presented by the market weakness.

A faster than anticipated normalization of market interest rates, improving key macro-economic variables, and a notable uplift in corporate earnings in 3Q24 are expected to drive domestic fund flows to equities. However, we do not rule out volatile market conditions in the near term owing to the upcoming election cycle and uncertainties around the timing and extent of ISB restructuring.

Asset Allocation (as a % of NAV) - 31 Jan 2024



Sector Exposures (as a % of Equity) - 31 Jan 2024



Fund Details - 31 Jan 2024

Category	Balanced Fund
AUM	322.7mn
NAV per Unit (Rs.)	30.80
3 Year CAGR - CEF	14.5%
3 Year CAGR - ASPI	6.0%
Inception Date	Feb-1992
3M 6M 12M Returns – CEF	-2.2% -3.5% 22.2%
3M 6M 12M Returns – ASPI	-3.2% -9.4% 16.3%

Risk and Return Characteristics – 31 Jan 2024

TTM Return – CEF	22.2%
TTM Return - ASPI	16.3%
Over/Under Performance (alpha)	5.9%
Tracking Error (annualized)*	7.1%
Information Ratio (annualized)*	0.78
Beta (daily)	0.67

*Tracking Error is a measure of return fluctuation relative to the index – a low figure is desirable; Information Ratio is a measure of Risk Adjusted Return - a figure above 0.5 is desirable

Top 5 Holdings	As a % of NAV	Relative to Index	Price to Book Value^	Gross Dividend Yield^	YTD Price Movement	6m Price Movement	Est. Portfolio Contribution- Jan 2024
Sampath Bank	7.7%	Overweight	0.5x	8.6%	-3.3%	-9.1%	-0.2%
John Keells Holdings	6.8%	Overweight	0.7x	0.8%	-6.2%	6.4%	-0.4%
Hayleys Fabric	5.8%	Overweight	1.5x	6.8%	-3.7%	12.8%	-0.2%
Aitken Spence Hotel Holdings	5.3%	Overweight	1.1x	0.0%	-4.8%	-14.9%	-0.3%
People's Leasing & Finance	5.0%	Overweight	0.4x	14.0%	-6.5%	-16.0%	-0.3%

^{*}Risk measures are calculated on a rolling 12 month basis. ^based on current book value and TTM dividends



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About CT CLSA Equity Fund

CT CLSA Equity Fund is a balanced fund that invests in CSE listed equities and LKR denominated fixed income securities. The fund aims to generate alpha over its benchmark (the All share Price Index of the Colombo Stock Exchange) with a medium to long term investment horizon through active stock selection. The fund's investment objective is to provide its unitholders superior risk adjusted returns whilst limiting downside volatility through risk management practices. The fund's investment philosophy is centered around investing in securities with strong fundamental qualities such as sustainable earnings growth, superior free cash flow generation, structural revenue growth and industry leadership in terms of price, cost or differentiation, combined with reasonable valuations.

CT CLSA Equity Fund – Monthly Performance Matrix – 2020-2024 YTD														
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ASPI
2020	-1.8%	-4.6%	-15.6%	0.1%	1.5%	4.6%	-2.3%	3.8%	4.3%	-1.8%	11.4%	6.6%	3.7%	10.5%
2021	23.6%	-12.4%	-2.4%	4.2%	-0.6%	-2.0%	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%	2.7%	18.9%	18.8%	67.6%	80.5%
2022	4.9%	-11.2%	-11.5%	-5.3%	2.5%	-2.7%	3.5%	10.4%	6.8%	-10.6%	2.7%	-0.1%	-12.9%	-30.6%
2023	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%	-2.7%	-2.5%	9.5%	16.3%	2.7%	2.3%	-6.1%	-0.7%	0.2%	29.2%	25.5%
2024	-1.7%												-1.7%	-3.2%





Trustee	Management Fee	Front End Fee	Minimum Investment		
Hatton National Bank	2.0%	3.0%	Rs.1,000		

Disclaimer

Current yields can fluctuate daily. Past Performance is not an indicator of future returns. Investors are advised to read and understand the contents of the Explanatory Memorandum before investing including but not limited to all fees/charges and risks. If required, please contact CT CLSA Asset Management (Ltd) for any clarifications prior to investing.