

# **CT CLSA Equity Fund**

Monthly Newsletter - October 2024

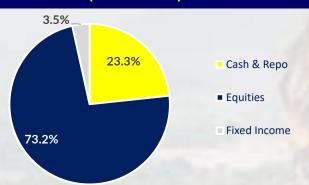
### Fund Manager's View of the Market - October 2024

In October, the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) saw a continuation of the strong price gains (+7.7% MoM) seen in the aftermath of the presidential election as investors turned risk on ahead of the 3Q2024 earnings season. The average daily turnover surpassed Rs.2.7bn in October (vs.Rs1.6bn in September) as political uncertainties eased and interest rates adjusted downwards. However, foreigners remained net sellers of equities -Rs.359mn in October amid continued price gains and the appreciation of the LKR

Your Fund rose **+6.1%** MoM (**+20.3%** YTD) in October led by positive contributions from JKH, NTB-N and SAMP. The Fund's asset allocation to equity fell to ~73% (vs. ~81% as of end September) owing to selective profit booking amid the recent price strength.

At the time of writing, Sri Lanka's election cycle is complete with the National People's Power securing a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority in the parliamentary elections which we believe should limit hindrance towards effective economic policy making. Moving forward, further clarity on the fiscal path under the new political regime and its impact on market interest rates, completion of the ISB exchange and a potential rating upgrade for the sovereign could determine the outlook for SL equities over the next 12 months.

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



## Fund Details – 31 Oct 2024

Category	Balanced Fund
AUM	327.9mn
NAV per Unit (Rs.)	37.67
3 Year CAGR - CEF	24.1%
3 Year CAGR - ASPI	7.0%
Inception Date	Feb-1992
3M 6M 12M Returns – CEF	8.2%   4.8%   19.7%
3MI6MI12M Returns – ASPI	12.0% 3.3% 19.9%

#### Sector Exposures (as a % of Equity) – 31 Oct 2024



#### Risk and Return Characteristics - 31 Oct 2024

TTM Return – CEF	19.7%
TTM Return - ASPI	19.9%
Over/Under Performance (alpha)	-0.3%
Tracking Error (annualized)*	4.4%
Information Ratio (annualized)*	-0.02
TTM Max Drawdown – CEF   ASPI	-13.3%   -15.6%

\*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- Oct 2024
John Keells Holdings	7.8%	Overweight	0.9x	0.7%	11.3%	1.4%	1.5%
Nations Trust Bank – Voting	5.8%	Overweight	0.6x	3.6%	29.3%	21.4%	0.7%
Sampath Bank	5.1%	Overweight	0.6x	6.7%	24.3%	7.5%	0.7%
Hayleys Fabric	4.8%	Overweight	2.0x	3.8%	30.5%	29.6%	0.0%
Hemas Holdings	4.0%	Overweight	1.1x	4.8%	21.2%	-5.4%	0.3%

<sup>\*</sup>Risk measures are calculated on a rolling 12 month basis. ^based on current book value and TTM dividends



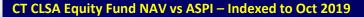
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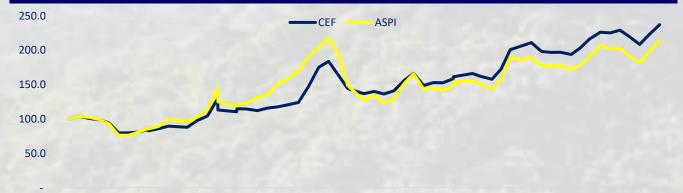
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#### **About CT CLSA Equity Fund**

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 CLS	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%	5.0%	6.3%	4.5%	-0.4%	1.7%	-4.3%	-4.9%	7.2%	6.1%			20.3%	19.9%





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

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#### **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.