

CT Smith Equity Fund

Monthly Newsletter - July 2025

Fund Manager's View of the Market - July 2025

In July 2025, the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) notched a third consecutive month of gains (+9.0% MoM; +23.2% YTD) supported by the strengthening growth momentum of the economy. Reflecting positive investor sentiments and rising appetite for risk assets, average daily turnover at the bourse rose prodigiously +45.6% MoM to reach Rs.7,158mn. However, foreigners remained net sellers of equities (Rs.5,916mn) with foreign selling observed in LOFC, CTHR and PABC.

Your Fund rose +8.4% MoM in July (+24.9% YTD) aided by positive contributions from construction sector counters **AEL** and **ACL**, and Robust 1Q26 earnings (+96.1% YoY) reported by **PKME**. The Fund's asset allocation to equity increased MoM to ~87% as of end-July.

On 31 July, The US administration further revised down reciprocal tariffs on Sri Lankan exports to 20% (from the initially announced 44%; later revised to 30%) which should help SL Exporters maintain regional competitiveness. We maintain our positive stance on SL equities for the rest of 2025E amid consistent outperformance on the macro front, healthy YoY corporate earnings growth in 1Q26 and the prevailing low-interest rate regime which favors risk assets.

Asset Allocation (as a % of NAV) – 31 July 2025 2.5% Cash & Repo Equities Fixed Income 86.7%

Cons. Durables &... Transportation Materials Banks Capital Goods 0.0% 10.0% 20.0% 30.0% 40.0%

Fund Details – 31 July 2025	
Category	Balanced Fund
AUM	434.4mn
NAV per Unit (Rs.)	54.94
3 Year CAGR - CEF	34.8%
3 Year CAGR - ASPI	36.5%
Inception Date	Feb-1992
3M 6M 12M Returns - CEF	24.0% 18.4% 57.7%
3M 6M 12M Returns - ASPI	24.3% 14.7% 72.2%

Risk and Return Characteristics – 31 July 2025								
TTM Return - CEF	57.7%							
TTM Return - ASPI	72.2%							
Over/Under Performance (alpha)	-14.5%							
Tracking Error (annualized)*	5.7%							
Information Ratio (annualized)*	-2.72							
TTM Max Drawdown – CEF ASPI	-11.9% -14.7%							

*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 - July 2025
Nations Trust Bank – Voting	9.8%	Overweight	0.8x	2.8%	26.3%	22.1%	0.8%
Access Engineering	7.1%	Overweight	1.2x	3.3%	74.1%	48.0%	2.7%
Digital Mobility Solutions	6.4%	Overweight	9.3x	2.7%	26.1%	12.4%	0.5%
Hemas H <mark>oldings</mark>	6.4%	Overweight	1.9x	2.9%	49.2%	35.1%	0.1%
John Keell <mark>s Holdings</mark>	5.2%	Underweight	1.0x	0.6%	5.8%	5.3%	0.3%



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About CT SMITH Equity Fund

CT SMITH 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 SMITH Equity Fund - Monthly Performance Matrix - 2021-2025 YTD

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	ASPI
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%	2.6%	13.7%	40.4%	49.7%
2025	5.5%	-2.9%	-1.8%	0.0%	7.1%	6.8%	8.4%						24.9%	23.2%

CT SMITH Equity Fund NAV vs ASPI - Indexed to July 2020



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 SMITH Asset Management (Ltd) for any clarifications prior to investing.