

CT CLSA Equity Fund

Monthly Newsletter - December 2024

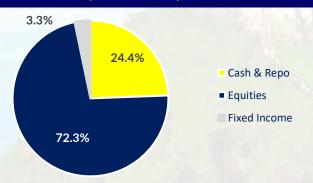
Fund Manager's View of the Market - December 2024

The Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) concluded 2024 on a high note (+20.9% MoM) as the completion of the International Sovereign Bond (ISB) exchange and the sovereign credit rating upgrades boosted investor optimism. Reflective of improved market sentiments, The average daily turnover rose a remarkable +73.5% MoM to ~Rs.6.3bn in December as sustained downward pressure on market interest rates drove fund flows towards equities. However, foreigners remained net sellers of equities -Rs.463mn in December with the ASPI gaining +49.7% in the year ended 2024.

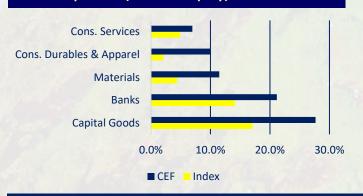
Your Fund rose **+13.7%** MoM (**+40.4%** YTD) in December led by positive contributions from **NTB-N, SAMP** and **JKH**. The Fund's asset allocation to equity fell to ~72% (vs. ~77% as of end November) partly owing to selective profit booking.

We expect the completion of the external debt restructuring exercise, the rating upgrades and consistent outperformance on key macro economic indicators to attract foreign fund flows to CSE during the course of 2025E as market valuations continue to remain attractive amid a notable uplift in forecast corporate earnings

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



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



Fund Details - 31 Dec 2024

Category	Balanced Fund					
AUM	355.8mn					
NAV per Unit (Rs.)	43.97					
3 Year CAGR - CEF	16.5%					
3 Year CAGR - ASPI	9.3%					
Inception Date	Feb-1992					
3M 6M 12M Returns – CEF	23.9% 20.8% 40.4%					
3M 6M 12M Returns – ASPI	34.5% 31.3% 49.7%					

Risk and Return Characteristics – 31 Dec 2024

TTM Return – CEF	40.4%
TTM Return - ASPI	49.7%
Over/Under Performance (alpha)	-9.3%
Tracking Error (annualized)*	4.8%
Information Ratio (annualized)*	-2.01
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- Dec 2024
John Keells Holdings	8.1%	Overweight	1.0x	0.7%	18.3%	10.8%	1.2%
Nations Trust Bank – Voting	6.0%	Overweight	0.8x	2.7%	73.0%	39.8%	1.4%
Sampath Bank	5.9%	Overweight	0.8x	5.0%	67.4%	50.3%	1.2%
Hayleys Fabric	5.3%	Overweight	2.1x	3.2%	36.0%	17.3%	0.5%
Hemas Holdings	4.4%	Overweight	1.4x	4.7%	49.9%	23.7%	1.0%

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



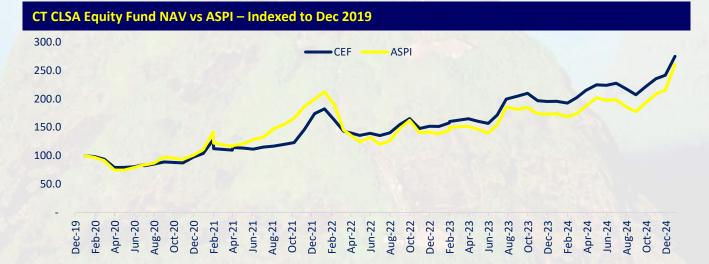
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About CT CLSA Equity Fund

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%	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%



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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.

Management Fee

2.0%

Front End Fee

3.0%

Minimum Investment

Rs.1,000