



Gilt Edge Fund

(A Series)

Interim Report

30th June 2020

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REPORT OF THE MANAGER

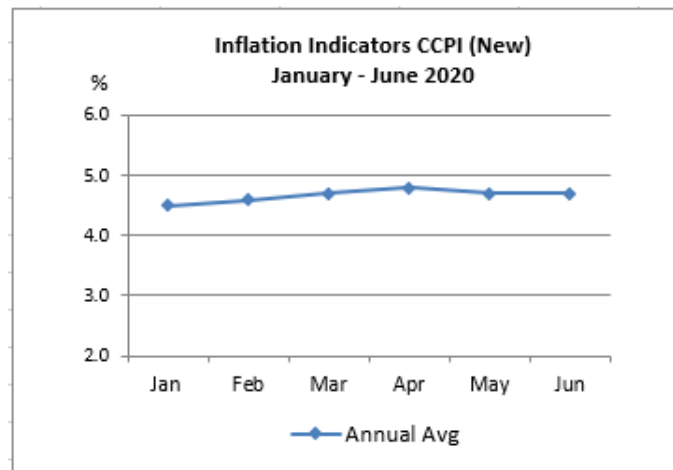
We have great pleasure in presenting the Interim Report and Accounts of the Ceybank Gilt Edge Fund (A series)

The Net Asset Value per unit of your Fund appreciated by 3.35% (AER 6.83%) during the period, 31st December 2019 to 30th June 2020.

Economy

The Sri Lankan Economy recorded a contraction in GDP of 1.6% for the 1st quarter of 2020.

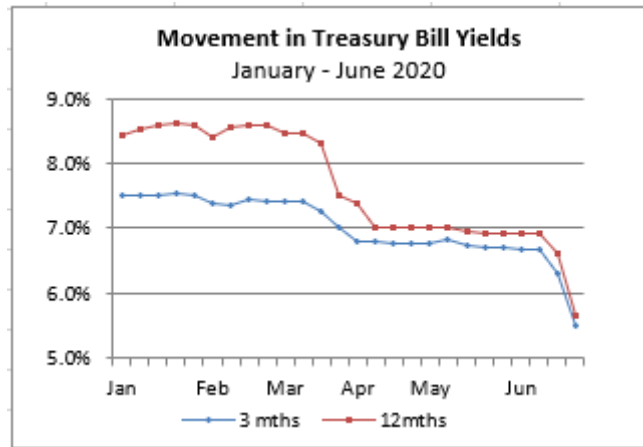
Average Annual Inflation measured by the CCPI (New) which was at 4.5% at the beginning of the year, increased gradually and ending marginally higher at 4.7% in June 2020.



Market interest rates declined continuously during the period. The benchmark 12-month Treasury bill rate which was at 8.45% in January closed lower at 5.66% by the end of June. The long-term Treasury bond market continued to be volatile.

Overnight call money rates moved within a band of 5.50% and 9.00% p.a. The exchange rate which was at 181.50 (Rs/US\$) at the beginning of the year witnessed a depreciation of 2.60% during the period under review. The Rupee was quoted at 186.23 (Rs/ US\$) as at 30th June 2020.

During the period under review, the Central Bank reduced the Standard Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and Standard Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) four times (by a total of 100 basis points). As at end June 2020 the rates on the SDFR and SLFR were 5.50% and 6.50% respectively. The Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR) for Commercial Banks' was reduced twice (by a total of 300 basis points) and was at 2%.



Fund Performance

The Net Asset Value per unit of your Fund appreciated by 3.35% (AER 6.83%) during the period under review.

The Fund generated a net income of Rs 43.58 million during the period under review. The Fund is invested in a mix of Treasury Bill and repurchase agreements with maturities less than a year.

Future Outlook

The Covid Pandemic continues to have its effects on the economy which is expected to contract at around 3.0% in 2020, before bouncing back. The Future outlook on growth will depend on Government policy direction and its execution.

It is apparent that import substitution and local manufacturing will be given priority as the country is faced with large foreign exchange debts to repay, both in the short and medium term. We expect Import controls to be selective given the dependency of some sectors on imported raw materials used for value addition and export.

Agriculture if harnessed well, could play a large role in maintaining food security and additionally supplement exports. If weather conditions are favorable it would help boost Agriculture and also reduce the cost of power generation via Hydro Electricity. The Tourism industry is bound to face multiple challenges with the Airport remaining closed and may take time to recover. Volatile crude oil prices globally could add pressure on the import bill.

Trade wars, recessions and other conflicts in the international scene has increased. Sri Lanka too is bound to feel its effects, especially in the export sector.

Attracting Foreign Direct Investments continues to be a challenge. Portfolio investments are expected to be slow, on global uncertainty. We expect interest rates to remain around current levels and until the end of the year on lower credit growth. Lower Interest rates globally will also help reduce the cost of borrowing internationally, to settle foreign debt.

The Fund being a Gilt-Edge Fund is invested in a mix of Government securities within a one-year maturity period. The Managers will continue to monitor the interest rate environment and make changes to the investment profile, to fulfill the Fund objective of providing liquidity while maximizing returns for the investor.

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 Ian Ferdinands
 Acting CEO
 30 September 2020

CEYBANK GILT-EDGED FUND (A-SERIES)

Statement of comprehensive income

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2020	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2019
Income		
Net income on financial Assets	43,585,123	126,516,178
Total investment income	43,585,123	126,516,178
Operating Expenses	(4,263,001)	(8,175,611)
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Net operating profit before tax	39,322,122	118,340,567
Income tax expense	-	-
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	39,322,122	118,340,567

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Statement of financial position

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

	30 June	30 June
	2020	2019
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,108,600	516,330
Financial assets at Amortized Cost	884,813,487	525,209,850
Total Assets	885,922,087	525,726,180
UNIT HOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Other payables	2,386,790	1,601,911
Total Liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)	2,386,790	1,601,911
Net assets attributable to unit holders – liability	883,535,297	524,124,268
Total Unit Holders' funds and Liabilities	885,922,087	525,726,180

Statement of changes in Unitholders' funds

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

	30 June	30 June
	2020	2019
Unitholders' funds at beginning of the year	854,879,572	918,844
Increase in net assets attributable to unit holders	39,322,122	118,340,567
Received on unit creations	2,000,046,000	4,550,043,000
Paid on unit redemptions	(2,010,712,397)	(4,145,178,142)
Unitholders' funds as at 30th June	883,535,297	524,124,269