



Gilt Edge Fund

(B Series)

Interim Report

30th June 2018

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REPORT OF THE MANAGER

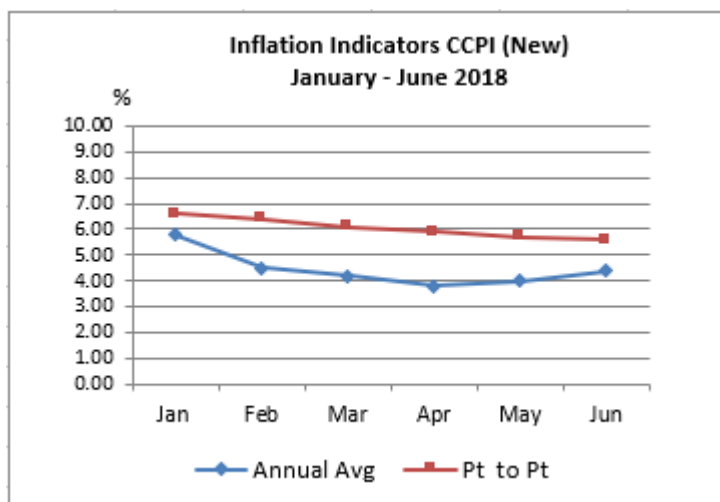
We have great pleasure in presenting the Interim Report and Accounts of the Ceybank Gilt Edge Fund (B series) for the six-month period ended 30th June 2018.

The Net Asset Value per unit of your Fund appreciated by 1.70% during the period, which included a tax free dividend of Rs 0.25 (25cts per unit) distributed by the Fund.

Economy

The Sri Lankan Economy recorded a GDP growth of 3.2% for the 1st quarter of 2018. Contribution to the expansion in the first quarter sector wise was seen in Industry 1.0% and Services 4.4%. Agriculture contracted by 4.8%.

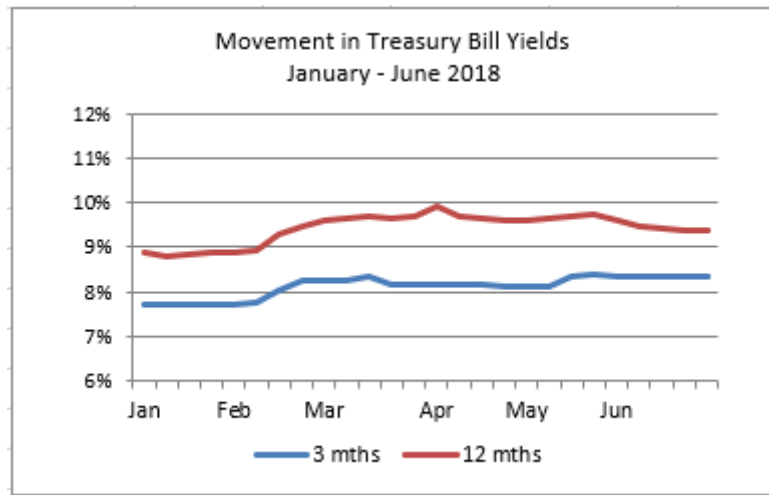
Average Annual Inflation measured by the CCPI (New) which was at 6.6% at the beginning of the year, eased off gradually, ending lower at 5.6% in June 2018.



Market interest rates which moved up gradually during the first four months of the year tapered off in May and June. The benchmark 12 month Treasury bill rate which was at 8.90% in January closed marginally higher at 9.39% by the end of June. The long term Treasury bond market continued to be volatile.

Overnight call money rates moved within a thin band of 7.70% and 8.55% p.a. The exchange rate which was at 153.46 (Rs/US\$) at the beginning of the year witnessed a depreciation of 3% during the period under review. The Rupee was quoted at 158.25 (Rs/ US\$) as at 29th June 2018.

The Central Bank reduced the Standard Lending Facility Rate by 25 basis points on 4th April 2018. The current rates on the Standard Deposit Facility Rate and Standard Lending Facility Rate are 7.25% and 8.50% respectively. The Statutory Reserve Ratio for Commercial Banks' remained unchanged at 7.5%.



Fund Performance

The Net Asset Value per unit of your Fund appreciated by 1.70% during the period under review.

The Fund generated a net income of Rs 9.23 million and declared a tax free dividend of Rs 0.25 (25 cents) per unit to the unit holders during the period under review. The Fund is invested in a mix of Treasury Bills and Treasury Repurchase agreements.

Future Outlook

The economy is expected to grow at around 4.0% in 2018. The Future outlook on growth will depend on clarity in Government policy especially on taxes and the execution of policy.

The resumption of the GSP+ facility is positive and the country will need to move fast to capitalize on the opportunities. Trade wars and uncertain tariffs remain a concern, as much as the higher crude oil prices. International commodity prices remain volatile. This along with local weather conditions will have a significant impact on the growth performance.

Interest rates are expected to increase marginally or remain flat towards the end of the year depending on increased demand by the Government for the envisaged development projects.

The Fund being a Gilt Edge Fund is invested in a mix of Government securities. 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 and income for the investor.

Chitra Sathkumara
Executive Director/ CEO
August 2018

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Statement of comprehensive income

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2018	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2017
Income		
Net income on financial Assets	9,239,911	145,751
Total investment income	9,239,911	145,751
Operating Expenses	(1,770,816)	(103,260)
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Net operating profit before tax	7,469,095	42,491
Income tax expense	(824,958)	(4,268)
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	6,644,137	38,223

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Statement of financial position

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	142,391	665,023
Financial assets - Loans & Receivable	3,238,812	3,305,238
Tax receivable	-	590,076
Total assets	3,381,204	4,560,337
UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		
Liabilities		
Money Payable on Unit redemption	-	255,538
Other payables	283,103	149,557
Tax payable		
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)	283,103	405,095
Net assets attributable to unitholders – liability	3,098,100	4,155,242
Total unitholders' funds and liabilities	3,381,204	4,560,337

Statement of changes in unitholders' funds

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

	30 June 2018	30 June 2017
Unitholders' funds at beginning of the year	506,887,293	4,417,198
Increase in net assets attributable to unit holders	6,644,137	38,223
Received on unit creations	500,058,765	136,792
Paid on unit redemptions	(1,010,418,004)	(290,127)
Distributions to unitholders	(74,091)	(146,844)
Unitholders' funds at 30th June	3,098,100	4,155,242