



Gilt Edge Fund

(B Series)

Interim Report

30th June 2019

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REPORT OF THE MANAGER

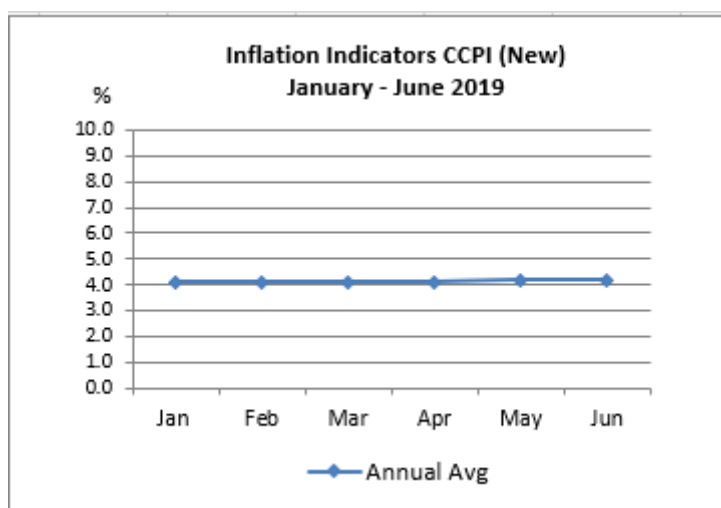
We have great pleasure in presenting the Interim Report and Accounts of the Ceybank Gilt Edge Fund (B series) for the six-month period ended 30th June 2019.

The Net Asset Value per unit of your Fund appreciated by 4.61% (AER 9.52%) during the period, 31st December 2018 to 30th June 2019.

Economy

The Sri Lankan Economy recorded a GDP growth of 3.7% for the 1st quarter of 2019. Contribution to the expansion in the first quarter, sector wise, was seen in Agriculture 5.5%, Services 4.1% and Industry 3.0%.

Average Annual Inflation measured by the CCPI (New) which was at 4.1% at the beginning of the year, remained flat, ending marginally higher at 4.2% in June 2019.



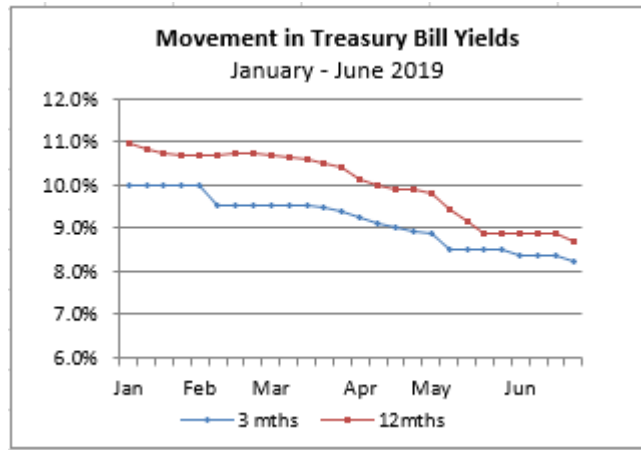
Market interest rates declined gradually during the period. The benchmark 12-month Treasury bill rate which was at 10.99% in January closed lower at 8.70% by the end of June. The long-term Treasury bond market continued to be volatile.

Overnight call money rates moved within a band of 7.80% and 9.00% p.a. The exchange rate which was at 182.91 (Rs/US\$) at the beginning of the year witnessed an appreciation of 3.48% during the period under review. The Rupee was quoted at 176.54 (Rs/ US\$) as at 28th June 2019.

During the period under review, the Central Bank reduced the Standard Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and Standard Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) by 50 basis points on 30th May 2019. As at end June 2019 the rates on the SDFR and SLFR were 7.50% and 8.50% respectively. The Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR) for Commercial Banks' was reduced by 1% and was at 5%.

*update

Central Bank has further reduced the SDFR and SLFR rates by 50 basis points on 22nd August 2019.



Fund Performance

The Net Asset Value per unit of your Fund appreciated by 4.61% (AER 9.52%) during the period under review.

The Fund generated a net income of Rs 15.91 million during the period under review. The Fund is invested in a mix of Treasury Bills and Repurchase agreements, with maturities less than a year.

Future Outlook

The economy is expected to grow at around 3.0% in 2019. The Future outlook on growth will depend on the execution of Government policy, and the recovery after the Easter Sunday Bombing.

The country will need to position itself better if it is to capture opportunities from any possible fallouts from Trade wars and uncertain tariffs. International commodity prices including crude oil remain volatile and a concern. Local weather conditions which were somewhat favorable, will have a significant impact on the growth performance.

Interest rates are expected to flatten out towards the end of the year depending on increased demand by the Government for the envisaged development projects and a Presidential election, which might see an increase in Government spending.

The Fund being a Gilt-Edge Money Market 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 for the investor.

Chitra Sathkumara
Executive Director/ CEO
August 2019

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Statement of comprehensive income

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2019	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2018
Income		
Net income on financial Assets	15,919,044	9,239,911
Total investment income	15,919,044	9,239,911
Operating Expenses	(1,363,085)	(1,770,816)
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Net operating profit before tax	14,555,959	7,469,095
Income tax expense	-	(824,958)
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	14,555,959	6,644,137

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Statement of financial position

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

	30 June 2019	30 June 2018
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	230,212	142,391
Financial Assets at Amortized Cost	516,982,684	3,238,812
Total Assets	517,212,896	3,381,204
UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		
Liabilities		
Other payables	1,375,792	283,103
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)	1,375,792	283,103
Net assets attributable to unitholders – liability	515,837,104	3,098,100
Total unitholders' funds and liabilities	517,212,896	3,381,204

Statement of changes in unitholders' funds

(all amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

	30 June 2019	30 June 2018
Unitholders' funds at beginning of the year	3,023,789	506,887,293
Increase in net assets attributable to unit holders	14,555,959	6,644,137
Received on unit creations	500,000,000	500,058,765
Paid on unit redemptions	(1,742,644)	(1,010,418,004)
Distributions to unitholders	-	(74,091)
Unitholders' funds at 30th June	515,837,104	3,098,100