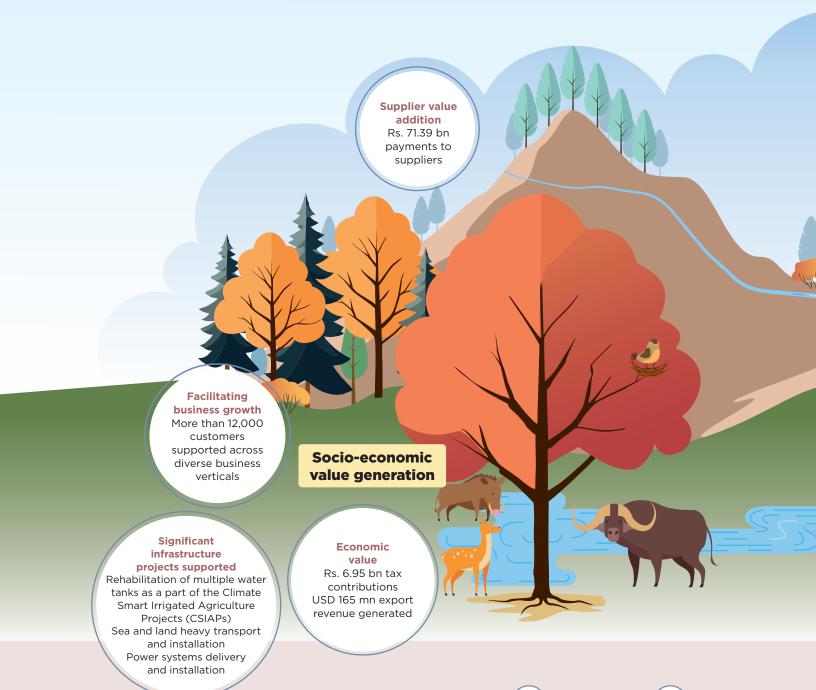




As Sri Lanka's leading transportation and logistics solutions provider, Hayleys Advantis has played a critical role in positioning Sri Lanka as a globally competitive logistics hub. Logistics underpin a nation's economic growth and Hayleys Advantis plays an unparalleled role in facilitating activity of diverse industry verticals through uninterrupted, comprehensive logistics solutions



Rs. 26 bn

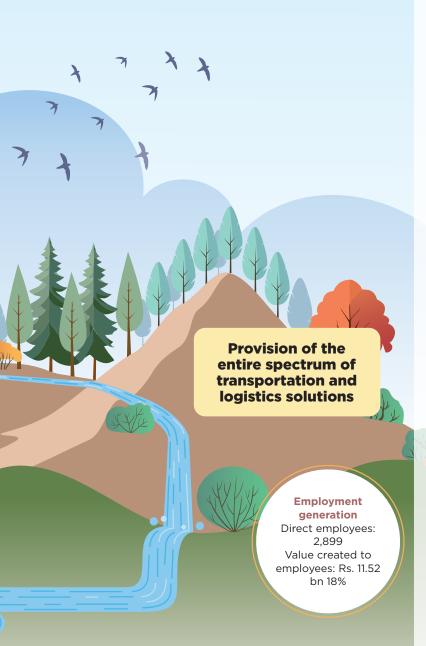
Economic value

added

17%

Contribution to Group's

value creation





Freight Management

Major contributor in facilitating international trade through ocean freight, air freight, project cargo freight and multi-modal, multi-country transportation



Integrated Logistics

we provide third-party logistics (3PL), warehousing, free zone logistics, bonded storage facilities, inland container depot operations, international express, cross-border freight services and last-mile delivery services.



Marine & Energy

Leading marine services and ship supplies provider in the region, offering a comprehensive range of services from vessel agency work, towage & salvage services, offshore support services crew management, ship operations shipping services, energy logistics, bunkering and agency & port services and bunkering services.



Projects & Engineering

We are a leader in providing project logistics and engineering solutions in Sri Lanka, and provide a diverse range of services, including logistics for heavy and out of gauge cargo, engineering & construction solutions, inland container depot operations, aluminium solutions, interiors & contracting, and project management services.



Travel & Aviation

As a leading Aviation services provider in Sri Lanka, our scope includes airline agency representation, travel agency services, aviation equipment supplies, and ground handling.



Revenue Rs. 91.4 bn (-32%)



Profit Before Tax Rs. 3.6 bn (-76%)



Tax Rs. 1.35 bn (-86%)

Profit After



Assets Rs. 74 bn (+6%)



Liabilities Rs. 55 bn (+7%)



Employees 2,899 (+21%)



Carbon footprint 45,863 tCO2e (+30%)

SECTOR OVERVIEW

Hayleys Advantis Group is the undisputed leader in Sri Lanka's transportation and logistics industry, offering end-to-end logistics solutions covering land, air and sea transport as well as the full spectrum of solutions in integrated logistics, projects and engineering, marine and energy, freight management and travel & aviation. Advantis' competitive edge is underpinned by its array of unmatched solutions, world-class service standards and customer centricity, which were recently recognised when the Group was awarded the 'Best Transportation and Logistics Company in Sri Lanka and South Asia' by the Global Brands Magazine, UK.

Unisyst Engineering PLC, in which the majority share is held by Advantis Projects and Engineering has announced plans to delist from the CSE

CONTRIBUTION TO GROUP

Revenue EBIT Assets Liabilities Employees Water footprint Carbon footprint 0

FREIGHT MANAGEMENT

One of Sri Lanka's largest freight forwarding and shipping agency houses

Contribution to Sector

Revenue: 9% PBT: 88%

Performance 2023/24

Revenue: 45% decline PBT: 58% decline



Offers a range of shipping services from vessel agency work to offshore support services

MARINE & ENERGY

Contribution to Sector

Revenue: 59% PBT: 54%

Performance 2023/24

Revenue: 41% decline PBT: 66% decline



INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

Represents the Sector's overseas operations in the region

Contribution to Sector

Revenue: 12% PBT: 17%

Performance 2023/24

Revenue: 29% decline PBT: 43% decline



INTEGRATED LOGISTICS

Offers integrated logistics services across diverse industry verticals

Contribution to Sector

Revenue: 13% PBT: -1%

Performance 2023/24

Revenue: 17% decline PBT: 105% decline



PROJECTS & ENGINEERING

A leader in providing project logistics and engineering solutions in Sri Lanka and Maldives

Contribution to Sector

Revenue: 8% PBT: -19%

Performance 2023/24

Revenue: 17% decline PBT: 309% decline



TRAVEL & AVIATION

Leading travel and aviation services provider representing leading airlines

Contribution to Sector

Revenue: 3% PBT: -30%

Performance 2023/24

Revenue: 23% growth PBT: 14% decline



COMPETITIVE POSITION

- Largest operator of floating assets in Sri Lanka with a fleet of 23 assets
- Largest Agency house in Sri Lanka and the Maldives
- Warehouse footprint of over 3 mn square ft across 6 markets
- Multi-purpose project logistics capabilities
- B2B distribution footprint of 7.2 million KM annually

Strengthening market presence in transportation and logistics in South Asia and South East Asia

Partnerships with numerous global principals including the world's leading shipping and freight forwarding companies



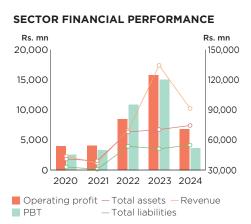






OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

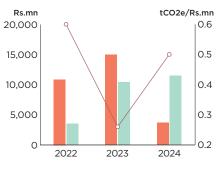
Global merchandise trade volumes slightly improved by 0.3% in 2023 with strong regional disparities amidst global geopolitical tensions, divergent economic growth and disruptions to main shipping routes. For instance, import demand fell sharply in Europe, remained flat in Asia and grew in fuel-exporting economies. Disruptions to shipping routes during the latter part of 2023, have had wide ranging implications on global trade with diversion of traffic resulting in longer voyage times, higher fuel costs and somewhat reversing the downward trend in freight rates. On average, however, global freight rates which reached unprecedented highs in the aftermath of COVID-19 have continued to trend downwards. Sri Lanka's port and airport activities recorded modest improvement, rebounding from the implications of the economic crisis during the latter part of the year. Accordingly, total containers handled increased by 1.3% while air cargo handled decreased by 7% supported by the gradual recovery of macro-economic conditions, lifting of import restrictions and stabilisation of interest and exchange rates.



Summary of external drivers

	Driver	Driver Significance of impact	Implications on Sector
Economic and geo-political context	Global geo political tensions	Н	 Potential disruptions to shipping routes and implications on voyage length and fuel costs and freight rates
	Volatility in freight rates	M	+ Gradual improvement of freight rates towards the latter part of the year
<u> </u>	Global inflation	M	- Downward impact on the consumption of trade-intensive goods
	Exchange rate volatility	M	- Impact on global competitiveness and profitability margins
Industry	Increased uncertainty in trade policy	Н	- Limited predictability of trade activity
lnd co	Technology driven transformation	Н	+ Potential improvements in efficiency, cost management and improve the uptime of vessels
lity	Increased regulations on sustainable shipping	M	+ Increased cost of compliance
Sustainability context	Decarbonisation	M	 Opportunity to sharpen competitive edge through differentiation Potential opportunities for cost reductions

INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE



■ Profit Before Tax — Emission intensity ■ Employee Value Creation

STRATEGY AND INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Sector's performance reflected its' efforts to consolidate operations in a year characterised by numerous external challenges. Against this backdrop, the Sector adopted a long-term view to value creation, focusing on retaining relationships, strategising for the future and building a strong platform to drive future growth. The Sector's Revenue declined by 32% to Rs. 91,353 mn, reflecting lower freight rates, appreciation of the Sri Lankan Rupee, as well as the discontinuation of the domestic fuel license through which the Sector had supplied bunker fuel temporarily to the domestic market the previous year. Meanwhile, the Sector's Profit Before Tax also normalised to Rs. 3,671 mn from the record highs of the previous year.

The Freight Management cluster recorded a decline in Profits of 59% mainly due to the normalisation of freight rates during the year and a decline in trade volumes given the softening of global demand. The performance of the Integrated Logistics cluster also weakened significantly. reflecting lower occupancy levels at the warehousing facilities. As consumer purchasing power weakened amidst high inflation, demand for third-party logistics from the FMCG sector also declined, while increasing price consciousness of customers also led to a contraction in profitability margins. Despite short-term volatilities, the long-term prospects of the cluster remain promising given the increasing preference towards thirdparty logistics services.

Performance of the Marine & Energy cluster normalised from the record highs of the previous year, following the discontinuation of the distribution of fuel to the domestic market. The Cluster focused on the acquisition of new customers and retention of existing relationships through offering an enhanced value proposition at attractive pricing, which although temporarily affecting profitability is expected to drive long-term growth. The Projects & Engineering cluster continued to be dampened by the persistent downturn in the country's construction sector and infrastructure projects.

The Sector refined its international expansion strategy during the year to direct focus towards selected markets which present the most significant opportunities for growth. Accordingly, the Sector will drive deeper penetration in the four markets of Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, and Thailand, leveraging on its established relationships to offer a wider portfolio of services. The Sector's organisational structure was also repurposed with the strengthening of regional leadership capabilities, aligned with the geographical focus.

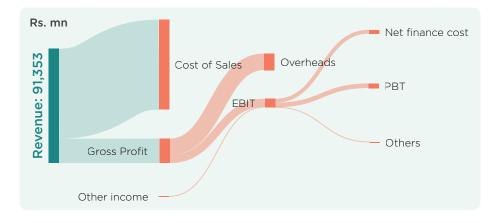
The Travel & Aviation cluster marked a significant achievement by winning a competitive bid for the General Sales Agency to represent Air India, the flag carrier airline of India. This partnership presents significant opportunities for medium-to-long term growth, given the potential to position India as the transit hub for long haul travel and establish Air India as the airline of choice for Sri Lankan travellers to the Europe and Americas.

The Sector continued to focus on strengthening its value position to employees with considerable investments directed towards enhancing leadership skills across all levels. A culture of learning is nurtured through Advantis Campus- the Sector's dedicated in-house corporate campus which enables employees to share knowledge across diverse disciplines. The Sector also continues to nurture a future-ready, holistic and dynamic organisational culture through Advantis DNA centering on the four pillars of Purpose, Spirit, Philosophy and Values.

ESG IN ACTION

The Sector marked a step change in its ESG aspirations during the year, with the launch of its ESG strategy, HELIOS. Centered on the seven pillars of energy, emissions, biodiversity, employee engagement, community engagement, safety and governance, HELIOS is aligned to the long-term aspirations of the Hayleys Lifecode while reflecting industry-specific risks and opportunities.

- Establishment of Sector ESG Steering Committee
- Strengthen ESG risk assessment and integration with existing risk processes
- Monthly and quarterly monitoring and reporting of performance against ESG targets with the participation of relevant personnel from manufacturing facilities



HOW WE DEFINE VALUE



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SHAREHOLDERS

Sustainable growth in returns commensurate with risk undertaken



CUSTOMERS

Access to reliable and high-quality engineering solutions and excellent customer service



EMPLOYEES

Competitive remuneration, opportunities for skill and career progression



PRINCIPALS

Opportunities for mutual growth and ease of conducting business



GOVERNMENT

Generation of tax revenue, supporting the country's emission reduction aspirations and job creation



COMMUNITY

Positive social and environmental impacts and contribution to economic prosperity

HOW WE CREATE VALUE Strategic priorities



cused regional expansion



Organisational restructure



People development

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Resource Allocation

Rs. 204 mn

Sales and marketing expenses in selected geographies



Matrix structure reflecting both geographical and product focus



Rs. 71 mn Investment in training



Employees trained

Strategic KPI/ Pre-financials Customer acquisition

-29%

Revenue growth from overseas markets

204

Promotions

76%

Employee retention

HOW WE DELIVER AND PRESERVE VALUE

- Total economic value generated during the year declined by 1% in view of the challenging external conditions
- Payments to employees increased by 11% during the year
- Value generated to Governments amounted to Rs.
 6,954 Mn and 27% of the total value created
- Payments to lenders of capital decreased by 32%
- Value retained in the business for future investment amounted to 6% compared to 29% the previous year



VALUE DISTRIBUTION



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Rs.mn	2024	2023	% у-о-у	2022
Revenue	91,353	134,295	(32)	69,273
Earnings Before Interest and Tax	6,806	15,737	(57)	8,422
Net finance income/(cost)	3,113	(967)	220	2,226
Profit Before Tax	3,671	15,008	(76)	10,873
Profit After Tax	1,351	9,627	(86)	8,611
Assets	74,415	70,325	6	67,967
Liabilities	54,852	51,174	7	53,698
Operating Cash Flow	(5,124)	4,296	(219)	14,823
Performance against targets				
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	Target	Actual	Rea	son for variance
ROCE	Target >15%	Actual		son for variance
ROCE	>15%	13%		external dynamic
ROCE ROE	>15% >20%	13% 7%	Unfavourable e	external dynamic during the year
ROCE ROE OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS	>15% >20% 2024	13% 7% 2023	Unfavourable e	external dynamic during the year 2022
ROCE ROE OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS Cargo handled (Mn MT)	>15% >20% 2024 100	13% 7% 2023 96	Unfavourable 6 % y-o-y 3.6	external dynamic during the year 2022 104
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ROCE ROE OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS Cargo handled (Mn MT) Energy Intensity (GJ/Revenue Rs.mn) Water Intensity (Litres/Revenue Rs.mn)	>15% >20% 2024 100 5.3 536	13% 7% 2023 96 3.23 402	Wy-o-y 3.6 65 33	external dynamic during the year 2022 104 6.3 813

ESG HIGHLIGHTS



Climate action

- The Sector improved its emission reporting, widening the coverage of its scope 3 emissions following an external assurance on its GHG inventory.
- Pursuing options to decarbonise vessels with the use of alternative fuels such as bio diesel

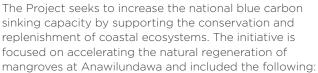
	2024	2023	Ү-о-у	Target
Carbon footprint (tCO2e)	45,863	35,323	30	50% reduction

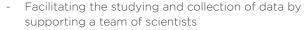


BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS

Advantis partnered with the CINEC campus to deliver a series of transformative workshops catering to undergraduate students. Sessions delivered included fundamentals of problem solving, effective time management and entering the job market

ADVANTIS BLUE CARBON





- Setting up a pre-engineered laboratory facility adjacent to data collection points
- Gathering topographical data and developing hydrological models providing valuable scientific insights

EMPLOYEE VALUE CREATION

Average training hours/employee



Several companies within the Sector have obtained the Great Place to Work Certification. The Sector's people strategy for the year centered on, skill development, culture-building, health and well-being and diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) among others

	2024	2023
No. of employees	2,899	2,399
Training investment (Rs.mn)	71	76



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PROSPECTS AND PLANS

The World Trade Organisation anticipates that merchandise trade volumes will increase by 2.6% in 2024 and 3.3% in 2025 as inflationary pressures ease and real household incomes improve. This forecast however, is associated with a high degree of uncertainty given the recent escalation in regional conflicts and geopolitical tensions. Despite short-term volatilities, Sri Lanka's port activity is poised for long-term growth, supported by the gradual recovery of the economy together with policy thrust towards strengthening exports and port infrastructure. The outlook for the Sector is shaped by the following risks and opportunities.

INDUSTRY RISK AND OPPORTUNITY LANDSCAPE

Escalating geopolitical tensions

Conflict in the Middle East has disrupted main shipping routes and diverted sea shipments between Asia and Europe. Attacks on commercial ships in the Red Sea have resulted in several carriers avoiding transiting via the Red Sea altogether, causing the average number of weekly passages to plunge. This could also lead to some fragmentation in trade flows, with trade activity reorienting along geopolitical lines.

Response

Diversification of revenue sources and geographical footprint

Regional dynamics

Sri Lanka's locational advantage and strategic positioning along the main maritime pathways present considerable potential for transforming the country into a central point linking the Middle East and the Far East hubs. Meanwhile, Sri Lanka can benefit from the anticipated economic growth of India, as currently the majority of Sri Lanka's transshipments are from India

Response

Expansion of the portfolio of services offered and customer acquisition

Digital transformation

Digital capabilities are transforming the global shipping industry with technologies such as Internet of Things (IOT), Artificial intelligence and big data acting as critical enablers in optimising operations, enhancing efficiency and increasing the uptime of vessels.

Response

The 5-year digital road map introduced for the Sector, will continue to be rolled out during the next financial year

Gradual recovery of the Manufacturing Sector

Sri Lanka's Industrial Sector is poised for growth with the gradual stabilisation of the exchange rate and relatively favourable interest rate dynamics fuelling the release of pent-up demand. The apparel sector is also showing promising signs of recovery over the medium to long-term supported by the country's increased competitiveness amidst the adjustment of minimum wages in competing economies.

Response

Pursuing increased customer penetration and acquisition

Sustainability related risks and opportunities (SRRO)

Decarbonisation aspirations of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

The IMO has committed to reducing the emissions from international shipping by at least 50% by 2050 (compared to 2008), which can only be achieved through developing new zero-carbon technologies or sustainable products

< 1 year	Limited impact over the short-term
1-5 years	Potential increase in the low-carbon shipping propositions by global operators
>5 years	Increased popularity of commercially viable zero carbon ships
Response	Currently exploring avenues of low-carbon technologies with the aim of decarbonising vessels

Shift to low-carbon economy

As the world transitions to a low-carbon economy, environmental regulations pertaining to vessel emissions, marine pollution and sea farers' rights are likely to increase in stringency

< 1 year	Regulations pertaining to the use of low-carbon fuel such as low-Sulphur fuel
1-5 years	Potential applicability of EU regulations on the use of renewable marine fuels and connection to onshore power supplies
>5 years	In addition to low- carbon ships, regulations pertaining to recycling ships and dismantling vessels could be introduced in the long-term
Response	Ongoing monitoring of emerging regulations and commitment to drive deep reductions in the carbon footprint by 2045

The Sector's regional strategy, extensive customer and principal relationships, strong brand name as well as ongoing focus on expanding its service portfolio has aptly positioned Advantis to effectively leverage the industry's upside potential. Key areas of focus in the short, medium and long-term are given below

FUTURE PLANS		
Short-term	Medium-to-long term	
Market penetration in existing markets	Regional investments in identified markets	
Strengthen position of Advantis Singapore	Enhance technological capabilities and drive productivity	
Implement digital roadmap	improvements	
• Initiatives to increase top-of-mind brand awareness	Customised marketing plans for each selected country	
Execution of DEI initiatives across the Group	Enhance the proposition offered under Advantis Campus	
Exploring opportunities decarbonisation		
Short-term goals ROCE> 15%	Medium-to-long term goals ROCE>15%	
ROE>20%	ROE>25%	