# Annual Report

# Senfin Shariah Balanced Fund

# FY 2024





# Trustee and Custodian HNB Bank PLC

# **Fund Manager**

Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd

# **Senfin Shariah Balanced Fund**

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# Profile of the fund management company The Company

Senfin Asset Management (Private) Limited (("SFAM" or "Fund Manager")) is a Company duly incorporated in Sri Lanka under the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 on 15th December 2010, bearing Registration No. PV 75997 and having its Registered Office at No. 267, Galle Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka. SFAM was formerly known as Candor Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd and was acquired by Senkadagala Finance PLC in March 2020, with the former's name was changed to Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd in August of the same year.

SFAM will also act as the Registrar to the Fund. The Registrar will maintain records of Unit holders for subscription and cancellation of units. In addition, the Registrars will prepare transaction receipts and dispatch them to the Unit holders and cancel units on receipt of redemption requests by unit holders. The Registrar shall also arrange for mailing of periodic reports and dividends to Unit holders.

# **Board of Directors**

## Dr. Prathap Ramanujam | Chairman (Non-Executive / Independent Director)

Dr. Prathap Ramanujam was the former Chairman of Panasian Power PLC and has extensive experience in the public sector. During the last 14 years in the Public Sector, he was the Permanent Secretary to several Ministries and was responsible for the establishment of the Secretariat for Infrastructure Development & Investments (SIDI), which was instrumental in initiating the first mini hydro project as a Public Private sector project as far back as 1993. Dr. Ramanujam has previously served on the Boards of several financial services institutions including the National Savings Bank, the State Mortgage and Investment Bank and Senkadagala Finance PLC. during his career.

He currently serves as director of Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC, Three Acre Farm PLC and Iconic Development Pvt. Ltd. He also served as a Director in Panasian Power PLC, Manelwela Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd, Panasian Investment Pvt. Ltd, Paddiyapallela Hydropower Pvt. Ltd, and associated companies.

Dr. Ramanujam has a First Class B.Sc. (Hons.) degree from the University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka, a M.Sc. degree in Economics from the University of Bristol, U.K and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. He worked as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Faculty of Economics at the University of Glasgow U.K.

# Mr. Sanath Divale Bandaranayake – Director | Non-Executive / Non-Independent Director

Mr. Bandaranayake currently serves as an Executive Director / Additional CEO of Senkadagala Finance PLC. Mr. Bandaranayake served at Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, the largest and the most awarded bank in Sri Lanka, for 36 years. He has served Commercial Bank in various capacities such as Branch Manager (Kandy, City Office), Chief Manager, Assistant General Manager and Deputy General Manager (Operations) and was a core member of the Management teams which led the Bank to important milestones such as introducing Banking Software to improve the bank's operations (which is very successfully used even today), Holiday Banking and Supermarket Banking.

During his career at the Commercial Bank, he was appointed as Director at LankaClear and also served as Director of Commex Sri Lanka S R L (subsidiary of Commercial Bank based in Italy) and ONEzero Company Ltd., (subsidiary of Commercial Bank engaged in the business of Information Technology). He is also a director of Senfin Securities Ltd, Senkadagala Insurance Brokers (Pvt) Ltd, Sobhadanavi (Pvt) Ltd & Lakdhanavi (Pvt) Ltd

Mr. Bandaranayake holds a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Sciences from the University of Sri Lanka, Vidyodaya Campus.

#### Mr. Sonal Balasuriya | Non-Executive / Independent Director

Mr. Sonal Balasuriya has gained 3 years of work experience in both the United Kingdom and Sri Lanka before starting his own practice Sonal Balasuriya Architects in 2016. He is the principal architect at Sonal Balasuriya Architects and Design Studio. Mr. Sonal Balasuriya holds a First-Class B.Sc. (Hons) degree from the University of Westminster and a Distinction in MA. Architecture from the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London. He is also a SLIA qualified Chartered Architect.

#### Mr. Don Tilak Padmanabha Collure | Non-Executive / Independent Director

Mr. Tilak Collure is a former public officer from the Sri Lanka Administrative Service Special Grade who has held a number of senior positions during 35 years in Government service mainly in the areas of trade, commerce, and logistics. He has served as the Secretary to the following ministries: Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Aviation. During his career, Mr. Collure has also headed several major public sector corporate institutions as their CEO/ Chairman. He has served as an Independent Non-Executive Director at Senkadagala Finance PLC.

Mr. Collure holds a BSc in Natural Sciences (Colombo) and a Master's in Public Administration with a Merit Award (PIM/University of Sri Jayewardenepura).

#### Mr. Krishanth Jeevan Sukumaran | Executive /Non-Independent Director

Mr. Jeevan Sukumaran has in total 17 years' experience spanning Finance, Asset Management, Accounting and Operations. His core experience is in Capital Markets covering Mutual Funds/Unit Trusts, Portfolio Management, Equity Analysis and Research, Corporate Finance, Investment Banking and Financial Advisory.

Prior to joining Senfin Asset Management as the Chief Executive Officer, Jeevan was the General Manager/Head of Operations at CT CLSA Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd (CAM) (formerly known as Comtrust Asset Management and CT Fund Management). During which time he also acted as the fund manager for all of CAM's Fixed Income Funds. Prior to which, he worked at CT CLSA Capital (Pvt) Ltd, a leading Investment Banking and Corporate Financial Advisory firm.

In addition to being an Associate member (ACMA CGMA) of the Chartered Institute of Management Accounting (CIMA – UK), Jeevan is also a Certified Practising Accountant holding the CPA (Aus) designation from CPA Australia. He also holds a Professional Diploma in Marketing and is an Associate member (ACIM) of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM – UK).

# **Key Personnel**

#### Mr. Murugiah Rajendran | Head of Compliance

Mr. Murugiah Rajendran has in total over 41 years of experience in banking. He has acquired a skill sets in Risk Management (including Credit Approval, Credit Monitoring, Remedial Management etc.), Client Coverage, Operational Risk Management, Business Compliance Management and Internal Audit. Mr. Rajendran started banking career with Commercial Bank of Ceylon Ltd, the largest and most awarded bank in SL and served the bank for 16 years mainly in Corporate Banking. He then moved to overseas and worked as Marketing Manager, National Bank of Oman, Abu Dhabi (for 2 years), Director, Standard Chartered Bank, Dubai (12 years) and Vice President Mashreq bank plc, Dubai (11 years).

Mr. Rajendran has completed 'The Credit Skills Component' of the Standard Chartered Bank Credit Programme conducted by the external agency and designated a 'Credit Professional'. Mr. Rajendran is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants – UK (ACMA), Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) and an Associate Member in the Institute of Bankers, Sri Lanka (AIB).

#### Mr. Nilanka Gamaethige | Head of Client Services & Marketing

Mr. Nilanka Gamaethige has over fifteen years of experience in both international banks and a local bank. While working at both HSBC and Standard Chartered Banks he covered aspects mainly such as Portfolio Management, Proposition Management, PFS Lending, Brand Marketing, Operations, recoveries, branch management, strategic planning. While at Standard Chartered Bank he also worked as a Teller Service Manager and thereafter as the acting Branch Manager at the Negombo branch and a Relationship Manager at the Lipton Circle Branch, Colombo.

In 2016 he moved to DFCC Bank PLC and worked for 5 plus years at retail banking handling the affluent client segment. He was assigned the task of setting up and operating the Negombo Premier center and acquiring affluent clients, which he successfully achieved within a short period of time. He also well contributed to the growth of SME and Corporate sector of the Negombo branch. He also got the opportunity to complete a SME Workshop at JNIBF Hyderabad India.

Mr. Gamaethige is in the process of completing Degree in Business Management from the Manchester metropolitan university.

#### Mr. Surath Perera | Chief Investment Officer / Fund Manager

Mr. Surath Perera is a Senior Fund Manager who has been in the unit trust industry for over eleven (11) years, of which, eight (8) years have been as a Fund Manager. He joined Senfin in January 2021 and was previously employed at CT CLSA Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd. (CAM), a pioneer asset management company during which time he managed the Comtrust Equity Fund, the flagship fund and one of the first mutual funds launched in Sri Lanka. In addition to managing equity mutual funds, he is also experienced in managing high net worth client portfolios and fixed income portfolios etc.

Mr. Perera has a Second-Class Upper Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) degree specializing in Accounting from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is an Associate Member (ACMA) of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA-UK) and Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). He also has Dip.M (CIM) from the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM-UK) and has completed Level 1 of Charted Financial Analyst (CFA) Programme.

#### Mr. Rajitha Elapata | Senior Fund Manager

Mr. Rajitha Elapata has over 14 years of experience in the financial services sector in the areas of Fund Management, Equity Research and Banking. Prior to joining Senfin, Mr. Elapata worked at Namal Asset Management as the Fund Manager for Equity, Fixed Income & Private Portfolio's. He also worked as an Assistant Fund Manager at Ceybank Asset Management Ltd, managing Equity, Private portfolios & Gilt-Edge funds. He also worked at Capital Trust Securities as an Investment Analyst. Mr. Elapata commenced his career at HSBC Sri Lanka corporate banking division.

Mr. Elapata holds a Bachelor of Business Administration with Economics Degree from the University of Greenwich UK London. He is currently reading for a Master of Financial Economics at the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

# **Investment Committee**

SFAM's investment philosophy is based on fundamental research, long-term focus and strong price discipline. The principle of intelligent investing, through quality decisions based on thorough research and knowledge means that the investment approach is simple and based on understanding fundamentals. SFAM also utilizes the expertise of the investment committee to make industry and entity investment decisions. The Investment Committee consists of experts in the field of asset management and includes the following external members

#### Mr. Mahendra Jayasekera

Mr. Mahendra Jayasekera is a Director of Lanka Walltiles PLC, Lanka Tiles PLC, Swisstek (Ceylon) PLC, Lanka Ceramic PLC and Swisstek Aluminium Limited. He is also a Director of Uni Dil Packaging Limited and Uni Dil Packaging Solutions Limited. Mr. Jayasekera holds a BSc Special (Hons) degree in Business Administration from the University of Sri Jayawardenapura and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

#### Mr. Alastair Corera, CFA

Mr. Alastair Corera is an Executive Director of Orion Fund Management (Pvt) Ltd., a position he has held since 2006. Previously, he was at Fitch Ratings Lanka Ltd. where he headed the Financial Institutions team and was its Country Head from 2004 to 2006. Prior to that he was General Manager at Forbes ABN AMRO Securities (Pvt) Ltd. Mr. Corera is a Chartered Financial Analyst, USA and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK. He is the Chairman/Independent Non-Executive Director at Citizens Development Business Finance PLC and an Independent Non-Executive Director in Citizens Development Business Finance PLC

# **Risk Management Committee**

- 1. Mr. Sanath Divale Bandaranayake Chairman of the Risk Management Committee
- 2. Mr. Murugiah Rajendran
- 3. Mr. Keshav Balasuriya
- 4. Mr. Jeevan Sukumaran

# **FUND MANAGER'S REPORT**

## FUND MANAGER'S REPORT

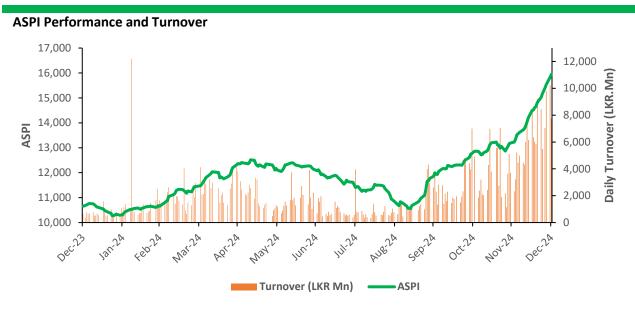
Dear Investor,

We are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Senfin Shariah Balanced Fund for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 (FY 2024).

The FY2024 marked a historic milestone for the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), with both the All Share Price Index (ASPI) and S&P SL20 Index reaching record highs, posting gains of 49.7% and 58.5%, respectively. The Fund's benchmark, the All Share Total Return Index (ASTRI), also delivered an impressive 57.8% increase. During the initial part of FY2024, indices displayed a positive momentum due to the sharp drop in fixed income yields possibly shifting some fund inflows to equity from fixed income, better than anticipated quarterly earnings, positive expectations on External Debt Restructuring and largely improved macro-economic fundamentals. During the mid part of the year, indices witnessed some weakness mainly due to profit taking and uncertainty over the outcome of presidential elections. In addition, a substantial number of equity and debt issuances, including rights issues, bank debentures and large government security issuances absorbed a significant portion of market liquidity. However, the result of the highly anticipated Presidential Election in September 2024 had a substantial positive impact on the market. The rally was further boosted by the subsequent 2/3 majority victory by the ruling party in General Elections 2024 and significantly improved economic indicators, sustaining strong market performance through year-end. Additionally, Sri Lanka's Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating received a notable upgrade, moving from Restricted Default (RD) to CCC+ by Fitch and from "Ca" to "Caa1" by Moody's.

The market capitalization of the CSE reached an all-time high, increasing from LKR 4,248.9 billion to LKR 5,695.6 billion during FY 2024. Meanwhile, the PER stood at 8.9x at year-end, lower than the 11.1x recorded at the end of FY 2023. Despite market prices moving up, aforesaid PER decline was primarily driven by the growth in corporate earnings. Overall, FY 2024 was a landmark year for the CSE, supported by robust economic recovery, improved investor sentiment, and a strengthened fiscal outlook.

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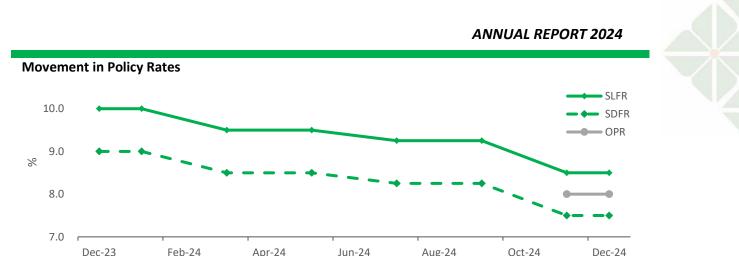


Source: Colombo Stock Exchange

In 2024, Sri Lanka's economy exhibited a significant recovery, achieving a real GDP growth rate of 5.0%, a notable improvement from the -2.3% contraction in 2023. This growth was primarily driven by expansions in the industrial and services sectors, which grew by 11.0% and 2.4% respectively, while the agriculture sector experienced a modest growth of 1.2%. The fourth quarter of 2024 saw a GDP growth of 5.4%, further underscoring the positive economic trajectory.

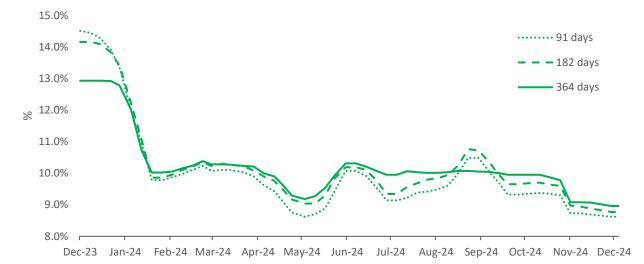
Throughout 2024, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) implemented a series of monetary policy adjustments to stabilize inflation and support economic growth. In March 2024, the CBSL reduced the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and the Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) by 50 basis points to 8.50% and 9.50%, respectively. Further easing occurred in July 2024, with a 25 basis point reduction, bringing the SDFR to 8.25% and the SLFR to 9.25%. In November 2024, the CBSL introduced a single policy rate, setting the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 8.00% with implied Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) tied to the OPR with a margin of ±50 basis points, effectively simplifying the monetary policy framework. Consequently, the SDFR stood at 7.5% as at 31 Dec 2024 vs 9.0% as at 31 Dec 2023 and the SLFR stood at 8.5% vs 10.0% as at 31 Dec 2023.

Additionally, the Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR) was maintained at 2.0% throughout 2024, following its reduction in the latter half of 2023, ensuring sufficient liquidity in the banking system to support lending and investment activities.



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

The period under review saw Treasury bill yields gradually easing. The benchmark 03, 06 and 12-month yields decreased from 14.51%, 14.16% and 12.93% respectively as at the end of Dec 2023 to 8.62%, 8.77% and 8.96% respectively as at the end of Dec 2024. During this period, the yield curve witnessed a correction and switched to a more upward sloping yield curve with the 3M and 6M yields dropping below 12M yield. Similarly, Treasury Bond yields too witnessed a gradual declining trend.



#### **Treasury Bill Rate Movement**

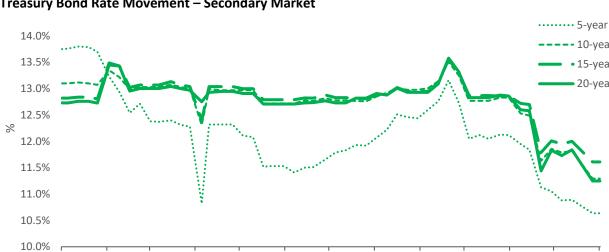
Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

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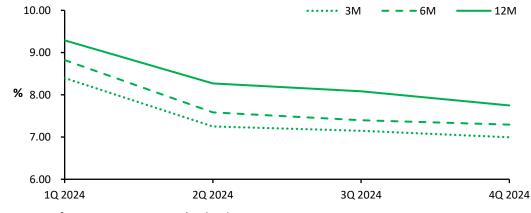


#### **Treasury Bond Rate Movement – Secondary Market**

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

On the Shariah front, Mudarabah and Wakala profit rates have declined in line with conventional rate drop witnessed during past few months and remained at low levels during FY2024. Shariah rates are anticipated to remain low in the short term.

Dec-23 Jan-24 Feb-24 Mar-24 Apr-24 May-24 Jun-24 Jul-24 Aug-24 Sep-24 Oct-24 Nov-24 Dec-24

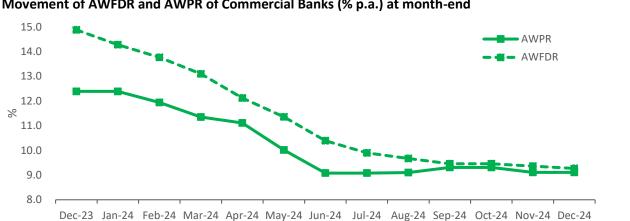


#### Average Return on Mudarabah Term Deposits by each Quarter - 2024

Source: Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd

In line with the Monetary Policy changes by CBSL, all deposit and lending rates witnessed a gradual decreasing trend, with Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) decreased to 9.1% and Average Fixed Deposit Rate (AWFDR) decreased to 9.3% by the end of December 2024 vs. 12.4% and 14.9% respectively by the end of December 2023.

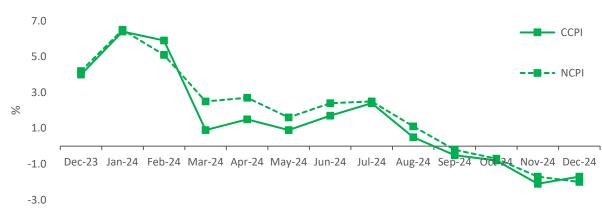




Movement of AWFDR and AWPR of Commercial Banks (% p.a.) at month-end

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Another key factor in this economic resurgence was the stabilization of inflation. After peaking in 2022, inflation measured by Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) dropped significantly to 0.5% YoY by August 2024, creating a more favourable environment for economic activities. Subsequent to that, the inflation was in the negative territory for the remained of the subject year and recorded -1.7% YoY by the end of December 2024. The reduction in inflation has been attributed to factors such as reductions in power tariffs, fuel prices, and an appreciating rupee.

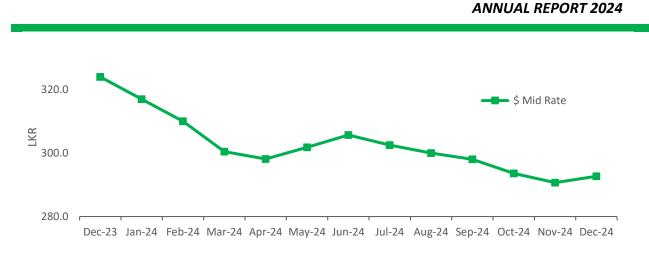


#### Movement in the CCPI and NCPI

#### Movement in the USD/LKR Rate

In 2024, Sri Lanka's Gross Official Reserves (GOR) experienced a significant increase, reaching approximately US\$6.1 billion by the end of December 2024 vs US\$ 4.4 billion by the end of December 2023. Enhanced tourism earnings and increased worker remittances were key contributors for reserve accumulation. Consequently, the Sri Lankan rupee appreciated by 9.7% against the US dollar during the year up to December 31, 2024.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



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#### **Fund Performance**

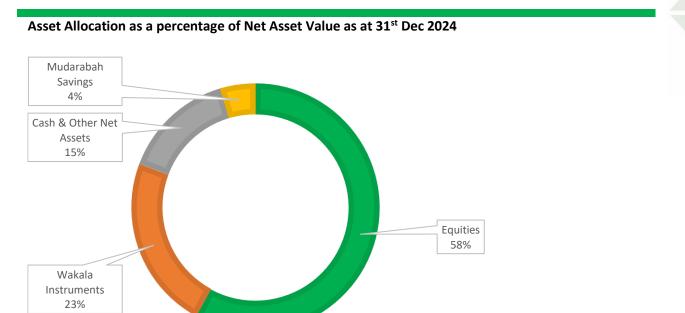
#### Fund Performance as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024

	Six Months Performance	One Year Performance	5-Year Cumulative return	Cumulative Return Since Inception	Annualized Return Since Inception (CAGR)
Senfin Shariah Balanced Fund	15.38%	33.72%	64.29%	118.31%	6.67%
All Share Total Return Index (ASTRI)	33.58%	57.81%	181.18%	247.12%	10.85%

Source: Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd

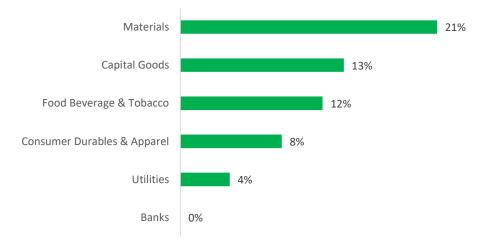
#### Note:

- 1. All returns in the table are non-annualized, except for the last column which shows the annualized return since inception.
- 2. Performance data is net of management fees and taxes.



Source: Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd

#### Equity Holding by Sector as at 31 Dec 2024 (as a percentage of Net Asset Value)



#### Source: Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd

We anticipate continued positive sentiment toward equities. FY 2024 highlighted the true potential of the CSE, and moving forward, with key macroeconomic indicators showing sustained improvement; including single-digit inflation, a stable currency, rising tourism earnings, strong remittance inflows, low-interest rate environment and expected growth in corporate earnings, we expect stable and organic growth in equities in FY2025E. We continue to analyze and invest in counters that are expected to perform well in the medium / long run, while remaining committed to the overall aim of capital appreciation and income by investing in Shariah compliant investment instruments.

#### **Investment Team**



Kreston MNS & Co **Chartered Accountants** Level 1 & 2, Advantage Building 74A, Dharmapala Mawatha Colombo 07

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND (the Fund) which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2024, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Movement in unit holders Fund and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, and notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies exhibited on pages 3 to 22.

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended 31st December 2024 in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics issued by Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.



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Branches

Anuradhapura, Badulla, Batticaloa, Hatton, Jaffna, Kandy, Negombo, Nuwara Eliya, Trincomalee



#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements.

As part of an Audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the Audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting
  a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may
  involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The Financial Statements are prepared and presented in accordance with and comply with the requirements of the Unit Trust Deed and Collective Investment Scheme Code of 2022 set by Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT		Note	31.12.2024 Rs.	31.12.2023 Rs.
ASSETS		NOLE		
Cash & Cash Equivalents Financial Assets		4	5,809,602	5,259,786
<ul> <li>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</li> <li>Financial assets at amortised cost</li> <li>Other Receivable</li> </ul>		5 6 7	70,151,766 28,363,498 20,141,271	49,507,320 19,411,227 -
TOTAL ASSETS			124,466,137	74,178,333
UNIT HOLDERS' FUNDS & LIABILITIES				
LIABILITIES				
Accrued & Other Payables		8	3,402,637	1,427,318
Total Liabilities (Excluding net assets attributable to	Unit Holders)		3,402,637	1,427,318
UNIT HOLDERS FUNDS				
Net Assets Attributable to Unit holders			121,063,500	72,751,015
			124,466,137	74,178,333

The Accounting Policies and the Notes on Pages 7 to 22 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

The Fund Management Company and the Trustee are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards. These Financial Statements were approved by the Management Company, and adopted by the Trustee.

Fund Management Company

Director

Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd. Fund Management Company

Director td. Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd.

Hatton National Bank Pl Trustee

4th April 2025



#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED

	Note	31.12.2024 Rs.	31.12.2023 Rs.
Investment Income	Note		
Finance income from Mudharabah investments Finance income from Wakala investments	9 9	154,419 2,462,709	64,957 3,898,269
Dividend income	9	3,637,588	2,594,940
Realised (Loss) / Gain on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	10	5,897,325	(827,484)
Net change in unrealized gains on financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	10.1	22,355,908	5,781,708
Total Investment Income		34,507,949	11,512,390
Less : Expenses			
Management and Registrar Fees		2,000,148	1,221,611
Trustee and Custodian Fees		461,903	407,742
Audit Fees		219,966	163,843
- Over Provision		39,698	-
Other Expenses		3,169,014	1,390,079
		5,890,729	3,183,275
Net Profit / (Loss) Before Tax	11	28,617,220	8,329,115
Less : Income Tax Expense	12	-	-
Net Profit / (Loss) after Tax for the year Other Comprehensive Income		28,617,220	8,329,115
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		28,617,220	8,329,115

The Accounting Policies and the Notes on Pages 7 to 22 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.



#### STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED	31.12.2024 Rs.	31.12.2023 Rs.
<b>Unit Holders Funds as at 01 January</b>	72,751,015	63,727,694
Received on Creation of Units	34,763,036	709,206
Paid on Redemption of Units	(15,067,771)	(15,000)
Increase/ (Decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders Net Increase / (Decrease) due to Unitholders' Transactions	28,617,220	8,329,115 72,751,015
Income Distribution for the year	-	-
Unit Holders Funds as at 31 December	121,063,500	72,751,015

The Accounting Policies and the Notes on Pages 7 to 22 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.



#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED		31.12.2024 Rs.	31.12.2023 Rs.
	Note		
Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Finance Income on Mudharabah Investments		154,419	64,957
Finance Income from Wakala Investments		2,378,457	4,146,982
Dividend Received		3,224,545	2,594,940
Management Fees and Trustee Fees Paid		(2,341,085)	(1,616,064)
Other Expenses Paid		(1,161,011)	(1,151,989)
Purchase of Equity Securities		(28,074,741)	(31,465,264)
Sale proceeds from Sale of Equity Securities	10	15,541,987	24,983,211
Net Investment in Wakala Investment		(8,868,019)	1,709,346
Net Cash Generated from / (used in) Operating Activities		(19,145,449)	(733,881)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Cash received on Creation of Units		34,763,036	709,206
Cash paid on Redemption of Units		(15,067,771)	(15,000)
	2		
Net Cash Generated from Financing Activities	3	19,695,265	694,206
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		549,816	(39,675)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year		5,259,786	5,299,461
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	4	5,809,602	5,259,786
	3		
Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year			
Cash & Bank Balances	4	5,809,602	5,259,786
	3		

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **NOTE 1 - CORPORATE INFORMATION**

#### **NOTE 1.1 - GENERAL INFORMATION**



SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND ("the Fund") is an open ended unit trust fund approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka. The fund was launched on 03 December 2012.

The fund is managed by Senfin Asset Management (Private) Limited which is incorporated and domiciled in Sri Lanka. The registered office of the management company is located at 267, Galle Road, Colombo 3. The trustee and custodian of the Fund is Hatton National Bank PLC (HNB) having its place of business at No 481, T. B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10.

The investment objective of the fund is to achieve balance between capital appreciation and income over the medium and long term by investing in Shariah compliant equity securities and Shariah compliant income securities.

#### NOTE 1.2 - DATE OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUE.

The financial statements of the fund for the year ended 31 December 2024 were authorized for issue by the fund management company and the trustee on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

#### **NOTE 2 - PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **NOTE 2.1 - BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with and comply with the relevant Sri Lanka Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis unless otherwise indicated. The financial statements are presented in Sri Lankan rupees (LKR).

#### NOTE 2.1.1 - STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of movements in unitholders' funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information have been prepared and presented in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

#### NOTE 2.2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATED AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affects the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

In the selection and application of the fund's accounting policies, which are described below, the fund management company is required to make judgements and assumptions and use assumptions in measuring items reported in the financial statements These estimates are based on management's knowledge of current facts and circumstances, and assumptions based on such knowledge and expectations of future events. Actual results may differ from such estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates were revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods as well, if the revision affects both the current and future periods.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.)

#### NOTE 2.2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATED AND ASSUMPTIONS (CONTD.)

Management considers credit, liquidity and market risk and assesses the impact on valuation of investments when determining the fair value. Fair value of the financial instruments are determined by observable market prices or rates.

#### **NOTE 2.3 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### NOTE 2.3.1 - FINANCIAL ASSETS

#### (i) Recognition and initial measurement

Shariah complaint debt securities issued are initially recognised when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

#### (ii) Classification

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as subsequently measured at: amortised cost; Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) or Fair Value through Profit or Loss (FVTPL) on a basis of both the entity's business model for managing financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the fund changes its business model for managing financial assets in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The fund's financial assets classified under amortised cost include Mudharabah savings deposits, Wakala investments and cash and cash equivalents.



#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.)

#### NOTE 2.3.1 - FINANCIAL ASSETS (CONTD.)



#### (iii) Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at	These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the					
amortised cost	effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment					
	losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and					
	impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on					
	derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.					

# NOTE 2.3.2 - FINANCIAL LIABILITIES – CLASSIFICATION, SUBSEQUENT MEASUREMENT AND GAINS AND LOSSES

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost include accrued expenses and other payables.

#### NOTE 2.3.3 - DERECOGNITION

#### **NOTE 2.3.4 - FINANCIAL ASSETS**

The fund derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the fund neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

The fund enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised in its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets. In these cases, the transferred assets are not derecognised.

#### NOTE 2.3.5 - FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

The fund derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or when expires. The fund also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

#### **NOTE 2.3.6 - OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position if, and only if:

- There is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and
- There is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

## SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.) NOTE 2.3.7 - IMPAIRMENT



The fund recognizes loss allowances for expected credit losses (ECLs) on financial assets measured at amortized cost.

The fund measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition which are measured as 12-month ECL.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months). The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the fund is exposed to credit risk.

#### **Credit-impaired financial assets**

At each reporting date, the fund assesses whether financial assets carried at amortized cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data: -

- Significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- A breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due;
- The restructuring of a loan or advance by the company on terms that the company would not consider otherwise;
- It is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization.

As of the date of the statement of financial position, the fund has not observed any of the above thus no impairment provision has been recognized in the financial statements.

#### Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortized cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

#### Write-offs

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery.

#### **NOTE 2.4 - RECOGNITION OF INCOME**

Income is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the fund and the income can be reliably measured.

#### I. Finance Income from Mudharabah investments

Finance income from Mudharabah investments is recognize using anticipated profit sharing rate.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.)

#### NOTE 2.4 - RECOGNITION OF INCOME (CONTD.)

#### II. Finance Income from Wakala investments

Finance income from Wakala investments are accrued using agreed profit sharing rate

#### III. Dividend Income

Dividend income is recognised when the fund's right to receive payment is established.

#### iv. Unrealised Gains/ (Losses) on Financial Assets at FVTPL

Unrealised gains/ (losses) on financial assets at FVTPL includes all gains and losses that arise from changes in fair value of the financial assets at FVTPL as at the reporting date.

#### v. Realised Gains/ (Losses) on Financial Assets at FVTPL

Realised gains/ (losses) on financial assets at FVTPL includes results of buying and selling of quoted equity securities.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.)

#### **NOTE 2.5 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and Mudharabah saving accounts.

The cash flow statement has been prepared using the direct method.

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

#### NOTE 2.6 - INCOME TAX

The fund is not liable to pay income tax as at the reporting date in accordance with Inland Revenue Act No. 24 of 2017 as amended by the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Act No. 10 of 2021. The fund's income generated through investment business are treated as "pass through vehicles" under the provisions of Inland Revenue Act No. 24 of 2017 as amended by the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Act No. 10 of 2021.

#### **NOTE 2.7 - EXPENSES**

The management, trustee and custodian fees of the fund as per the trust deed is as follows,

Management fee	-	1.5% p.a of net asset value of the fund calculated on a daily basis
Trustee fee	-	0.15% p.a of net asset value of the fund calculated on a daily
Registrar fee	-	0.25% p.a of net asset value of the fund calculated on a daily
Custodian fee	-	Flat fee of Rs.20,000 per month

#### NOTE 2.8 - UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

Unitholders' funds has been calculated as the difference between the carrying amounts of the assets and the carrying amounts of the liabilities, other than those due to unit holders as at the reporting date.



#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.)

#### **NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**



Risks arising from holding financial instruments are inherent in the fund's activities, and are managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring. The fund is exposed to credit risk, market risk, profit share rate risk and liquidity risk.

Financial instruments of the fund comprise investments in trading securities, Mudharabah saving deposits and Wakala agreements for the purpose of generating a return on the investment made by unit holders, in addition to cash at bank and other financial instruments such as receivables and payables, which arise directly from its operations.

The fund manager is responsible for identifying and controlling the risk that arise from these financial instruments. The fund manager agrees on policies for managing each of the risks identified below.

The risks are measured using a method that reflects the expected impact on the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and statement of financial position of the fund from reasonably possible changes in the relevant risk variables. Information about these risk exposures at the reporting date, measured on this basis, is disclosed below.

The fund manager also monitors information about the total fair value of financial instruments exposed to risk, as well as compliance with established investment mandate limits. These mandate limits reflect the investment strategy and market environment of the fund, as well as the level of risk that the fund is willing to accept, with additional emphasis on selected industries. This information is prepared and reported to relevant parties within the fund manager on a regular basis as deemed appropriate, including the fund manager, other key management, investment committee, and ultimately the trustee of the fund.

Concentration of risk arises when a number of financial instruments or contracts are entered in to with the same counterparty, or where a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographic region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economics, political or other conditions.

#### a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to the financial instruments will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the fund to incur a financial loss of finance income and/or principal.

The fund's exposure to credit risk from its financial assets arises from default of the counterparty, with the current exposure equal to the carrying amount of financial assets as at the reporting date. The fund is subject to credit risk on its mudharabah savings, and wakala investment balances.

It is the fund's policy to enter into financial instruments with reputable counterparties which are approved by the Shariah Supervisory Board. This is categorized objectively by the criteria that the fund will invest only in companies carrying a good rating.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.)

#### NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTD.)

#### a) Credit Risk (CONTD.)

2024 Counterparty	Credit rating	Rating agency
People's Leasing and Finance PLC	A(-)	Fitch Rating
Amana Bank PLC	BBB-	Fitch Rating
Hatton National Bank PLC	А	Fitch Rating
Richard Pieris Finance Limited	А	Fitch Rating
Citizen Development Business Finance PLC	BBB	Fitch Rating

2023 Counterparty	Credit rating	Rating agency
People's Leasing and Finance PLC	A(-)	Fitch Rating
Amana Bank PLC	BB+	Fitch Rating
Hatton National Bank PLC	A	Fitch Rating
Richard Pieris Finance Limited	A	Fitch Rating
National Development Bank PLC	A(-)	Fitch Rating
LB Finance PLC	BBB+	Fitch Rating

The fund is also subject to credit risk on its bank balance. The credit risk exposure on these instruments is managed by banking with financial institutions carrying a good credit rating.

#### b) Market Risk

Market risk represents the risk that the value of the fund's investments portfolios will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. While market risk cannot be eliminated the fund manager will attempt to reduce this risk by diversifying the fund's investment portfolio in line with investment objectives of the fund.

#### b) Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of the fund's investment in trading securities fluctuates as a result of changes in the price of the fund's investments in trading securities. Price risk exposure arises from the fund's investment portfolios.

The table below shows the impact on the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and statement of financial position due to a reasonably possible change in the price of the fund's investment in financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss in note 5, with all other variables held constant:



## SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.) NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTD.) a) Price Risk (Contd.)

	2024	2023	
	Increase/ (decrease) on profit before tax and amounts attributable to unitholders	Increase/ (decrease) on profit before tax and amounts attributable to unitholders	
	Rs.	Rs.	
Change in price of the fund's investments in financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss			
+10%	7,015,177	4,950,732	
-10%	(7,015,177)	(4,950,732)	

#### d) **Profit Share Rate Risk**

Profit share rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market rates. However, due to the short-term nature of the instruments it is reasonably expected that the fluctuation in market rate will not materially impact the net assets value of the fund. The table below summarizes the fund's exposure to anticipated profit share rate risks.

31 December 2024	Floating Profit Share Rate Rs.	Fixed Profit Share Rate Rs.	Non- profit Share Rate bearing Rs.	Total Rs.
Financial Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents Fixed Assets - FVT P&L Financial Assets - Amortized Cost Other Receivable	546,402 - - -	- - 28,363,498 -	5,263,200 70,151,766 - 20,141,271	5,809,602 70,151,766 28,363,498 20,141,271
Total exposure	546,402	28,363,498	95,556,237	124,466,137



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## SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.) NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTD.)

#### c) Profit Share Rate Risk (Contd.)

31 December 2023	Floating profit share rate Rs.	Fixed profit share Rate Rs.	Non- profit share rate bearing Rs.	Total Rs.
Financial Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Financial Assets at FVT P&L Financial Assets - Amortized Cost Total exposure	1,400,291 - - 1,400,291	- - 19,411,227 19,411,227	3,859,495 49,507,320 - 53,366,815	5,259,786 49,507,320 19,411,227 74,178,333

#### d) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the fund will encounter difficulty in raising fund's to meet its obligation to pay unitholders. Exposure to liquidity risk arises because of the possibility that the fund could be required to pay its liabilities or redeem its units earlier than expected. Units are redeemable at the unit holder's option based on the fund's net asset value per unit at the time of redemption.

The fund manages its obligation when required to do so and its overall liquidity risk by:

- investing primarily in marketable securities and other financial instruments, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash.
- investing within established limits to ensure there is no concentration of risk.
- maintaining sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements and expected redemption requests. The Code requires a minimum of 3% of the deposited property to be maintained in cash or near cash. (near cash means investments such as bank/call deposits, repurchase agreements with maturities of less than 3 months, commercial paper endorsed or guaranteed by a Licensed Commercial Bank or Licensed Specialized Bank with maturities of less than 3 months and government securities including government bonds with maturities of less than one year which can be readily convertible into cash.)
- requiring at least 10 business days prior written notice for Unitholder redemption equal to or greater than 3% of the Net Asset Value of the fund.
- searching for new investors

The time frame for return of cash to investors is five business days in which time investments may be recalled for redemption payouts. In addition, as per the Code and the Trust Deed, if redemptions value is 3% or more of the net assets value of the fund, the unitholder is required to give a minimum of 10 business days prior notice. Further, the fund is also permitted to borrow up to 15% of the deposited property for redemption payouts. No such borrowings have arisen during the year.

Other Financial liabilities have no contractual maturities. Due to the short term nature of these financial instruments, carrying value approximates fair value.

The table below summarises the fund's non derivative financial assets and liabilities with contractual maturities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the end of the reporting period. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

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## SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.) NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTD.)

#### d) Liquidity Risk (Contd.)

31st December 2024	On Demand Rs.	Less than 30 days Rs.	31 - 90 days Rs.	91 - 180 days Rs.	181 - 365 days Rs.	Total Rs.
Financial Assets						
- Cash at Bank	5,809,602	-	-	-	-	5,809,602
- Other Receivable	-	20,141,271	-	-	-	20,141,271
Financial Asset FVTPL						
- Investment in Shares	70,151,766	-	-	-	-	70,151,766
Financial Assets Amortised Cost						
- Wakala Agreement	-	-	28,989,901	-	-	28,989,901
Financial Liabilities	-	3,402,637	-	-	-	3,402,637

31st December 2023	On Demand	Less than 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Financial Assets						
- Cash at Bank Financial Asset FVTPL	5,259,786	-	-	-	-	5,259,786
- Investment in Shares	49,507,320	-	-	-	-	49,507,320
Financial Assets Amortised Cost						
- Wakala Agreement	-	-	10,676,986	9,882,531	-	20,559,517
Financial Liabilities	-	1,427,318	-	-	-	1,427,318

#### e) Capital Risk Management

The fund considers its net assets attributable to unitholders as capital, notwithstanding net assets attributable to unit holders are classified as a liability.

Disclosures relevant to Unitholders' funds are as follows;

The movement in the Unitholders' funds as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

#### I. In terms of value

	2024 Rs.	2023 Rs.
Unitholders' funds as at 01 January	72,751,015	63,727,694
Creations during the year	34,763,036	709,206
Redemptions during the year	(15,067,771)	(15,000)
Increase/(Decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders during the year	28,617,220	8,329,115
Unitholders' funds as at 31 December	121,063,500	72,751,015



#### **SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND** NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.) NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTD.) e) Capital Risk Management (Contd.)

#### II. In terms of No. of units

	2024	2023
Opening number of units as at 01 January	5,639,535.00	5,586,889.00
Unit creations during the year	2,289,871.20	53,982.90
Unit redemptions during the year	(912,480.00)	(1,336.90)
Closing number of units as at 31 December	7,016,926.20	5,639,535.00

As stipulated in the Trust Deed, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the fund and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the fund. There are no separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as all other units of the fund.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STA	TEMENTS (CONT	ſD.)			31.12.2024	31.12.2023
NOTE 4 - CASH & CASH EQUIVA	LENTS				Rs.	Rs.
Cash at Bank						
Hatton National Bank PLC current Mudharabah savings accounts (No					5,263,200 546,402	3,859,495 1,400,291
					5,809,602	5,259,786
NOTE 11 Mudharabab aquinga						
NOTE 4.1 - Mudharabah savings Amana Bank PLC - A/c No. 01001 Hatton National Bank PLC - Islami People's Leasing and Finance PLC	46871002 c Banking Unit - A				67,978 230,478 247,946	66,210 226,661 1,107,420
		J - ···· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			546,402	1,400,291
NOTE 5 - FINANCIAL ASSETS - F	AIR VALUE THR	OUGH PROFIT O	RLOSS	A MNS &		
Cost Unrealised Gain on market value c	of quoted equity se	curities	R LOSS	OLOMBO +	49,020,758 21,131,008	50,732,220 (1,224,900)
Market value as at			11+10	SLUMBOUR A	70,151,766	49,507,320
			1 State	ed Account		
NOTE 5.1 - QUOTED SHARES		31.12.2024		SQ ACC.	31.12.2023	
	No. of shares	Market Value	Holdings as % of net asset	No. of shares	Market Value	Holdings as % of net asset
		Rs.	value		Rs.	value
Capital Goods Hemas Holdings PLC	139,594	14,413,081	12%	149,594	9,977,920	14%
ACL Cables PLC	14,019	1,661,252	1%	42,500	2,924,000	4%
		16,074,332	13%		12,901,920	18%
Consumer Durables & Apparel						
Textured Jersey PLC	190,379	9,975,860	8%	270,379	9,814,758	13%
		9,975,860	8%		9,814,758	13%
Fred Deverse 8 Tabaaa						
Food, Beverage & Tobacco Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC	-	-	0%	10,000	1,585,000	2%
Watawala Plantations PLC	15,000	1,882,500	2%	15,000	1,083,000	1%
Bairaha Farms PLC	37,932	6,979,488	6%	17,000	3,153,500	4%
Kelani Valley Plantations PLC	53,045	5,124,147	4%	33,045	2,399,067	3%
		13,986,135	12%		8,220,567	11%
Materials						
Haycarb PLC	15,000	1,279,500	1%	-	-	-
Chevron Lubricants Lanka PLC Tokyo Cement PLC (Non Voting)	40,000 159,152	6,400,000 9,692,357	5% 8%	50,000 194,152	4,515,000 7,377,775	6% 10%
JAT Holdings PLC	314,920	7,873,000	7%			
		25,244,857	21%		11,892,775	16%
Energy						
Lanka IOC PLC	-	-	0%	10,000	1,020,000	1%
		-	0%		1,020,000	1%
Bank & Finance						
Amana Bank PLC	462	11,319	0%	501,000	1,152,300	2%
	19 1544	11,319	0%		1,152,300	2%
Utilition						
Utilities Vallibel Power Erathna PLC	-	-		300,000	2,160,000	3%
Vidulllanka PLC	379,630	4,859,264	4%	350,000	2,345,000	3%
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49,507,320



#### Determination of fair value and fair value hierarchy

SLFRS 7 Financial Instruments : Disclosures require fair value measurements to be disclosed by the source of inputs, using a three level hierarchy. The hierarchy for measuring fair value consists of Level 1 to 3.

- Level 1 An investment in a fund is classified in Level 1 of the hierarchy when that investment is quoted in an active market and measured at the unadjusted quoted price at the reporting date
- Level 2 An investment in a fund is classified in Level 2 of the hierarchy when that investment is measured using inputs that are directly observable at the reporting date
- Level 3 An investment in a fund is classified in Level 3 of the hierarchy when that investment is measured using unobservable inputs at the reporting date

The following assumptions used to value the level 2 securities where there is no active trading price is available:

#### a) Quoted Securities

All quoted securities are valued at the last trading price. However, if there is no trades for last 90 calendar days for a particular quoted security (ies), those quoted securities are valued on mark to market basis using the daily yield curve released by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) until the next trading day, including any risk premium attached to the instrument.

#### b) Risk Premium

The risk premium for valuation of quoted and unquoted debt securities shall continue to be calculated as the difference between the yield on the corporate debt and the yield on the government security of a similar maturity at the time of investing.

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments recorded at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy:

Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss As at 31 December 2024	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets - fair value through profit or loss Quoted Equity Securities	70,151,766	-	-	70,151,766
Total Financial Assets at Fair Value as at 31st December 2024	70,151,766	-	-	70,151,766
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss As at 31 December 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets - fair value through profit or loss Quoted Equity Securities	49,507,320	-	-	49,507,320
Total Financial Assets at Fair Value as at 31st December 2023	49,507,320	-	~_	49,507,320



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.)	31.12.2024 Rs.	31.12.2023 Rs.		
NOTE 6 - FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST				
Wakala Investments (Note 6.1)	28,363,498	19,411,227		
	28,363,498	19,411,227		
NOTE 6.1 - WAKALA INVESTMENTS				
Richard Pieris Finance Ltd Vidullanka PLC Citizen Development Business Finance PLC	5,859,160 10,335,290 12,169,048	10,297,234 9,113,993 -		
	28,363,498	19,411,227		
NOTE 7 - OTHER RECEIVABLES				
CDS Receivable Other Receivable	20,089,301 51,970	-		
	20,141,271	-		
NOTE 8 - ACCRUED & OTHER PAYABLES				
Accrued Expenses				
Management and Registrar Fee Trustee Fee and Custodian Fee Audit Fee Professional Fee Payable Provision for Non Permissible Income Others	220,735 43,522 219,966 123,499 2,794,915	108,301 34,991 164,998 106,456 600,002 412,570		
	3,402,637	1,427,318		
NOTE 9 - FINANCE INCOME				
Finance Income from Mudharabah Saving Deposits Finance Income from Wakala investments Dividend Income	154,419 2,462,709 3,637,588	64,957 3,898,269 2,594,940		
	6,254,716	6,558,166		



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.) NOTE 10 - REALISED GAINS / (LOSSES) ON FINANCIAL ASSETS FAIR VA	31.12.2024 Rs. LUE THROUGH PR	31.12.2023 Rs. OFIT OR LOSS
Quoted Equity Securities Proceeds on Sale of Quoted Equity Securities Average Cost of Equity Securities sold	35,683,258 (29,785,933) 5,897,325	24,983,211 (25,810,695) (827,484)
NOTE 10.1 - NET CHANGE IN UNREALIZED GAINS ON FINANCIAL ASS THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS	ETS MEASURED A	AT FAIR VALUE
Quoted Equity Securities	22,355,908	5,781,708
NOTE 11 - NET PROFIT / (LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		
Net Profit / (Loss) is arrived after charging all expenses including the following: Management and Registrar Fees Trustee and Custodian Fees Audit Fees - Over provision prior year Other Expenses	2,000,148 461,903 219,966 39,698 3,169,014	1,221,611 407,742 163,843 - 1,390,079
NOTE 12 - INCOME TAX EXPENSES		
Tax expense for the year	-	Ξ.

As per the Inland Revenue Act No. 24 of 2017, the fund is deemed as conducting "Eligible Investment Business" and is treated as a tax pass through vehicle. Hence, no provision for the income tax was made in the financial statements.

A reconciliation between the tax expense and the product of taxable profit multiplied by the statutory tax rate is as follows:

	31.12.2024 Rs.	31.12.2023 Rs.
Net Profit / (Loss) before tax Aggregate disallowable expenses / net gains	28,617,220	8,329,115
Income Exempt from tax	(28,617,220)	(8,329,115)
Aggregate allowable net (gains) / Losses	-	-
Statutory Income / (Loss)	-	
Total statutory income	-	-
NOTE 12.1 - INCOME TAX RECEIVABLE		
Income Tax Receivable	676,437	676,437
Allowance on impairment provision for Income Tax Receivable	(676,437)	(676,437)
	-	-

The net income tax recoverable comprised of Withholding Tax (WHT) of Rs. 676,437/- The Fund Manager intends to claim the WHT recoverable by means of a refund. Due to uncertainties to recoverability, an allowance for impairment provision is made against the income tax receivable balance amounting to Rs. 676,437/-.

#### NOTE 13 - CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no material Capital Commitments as at 31st December 2024.

#### NOTE 14 - EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

No circumstance has arisen since the reporting date which would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

#### NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES

There are no material contingencies existing as at the reporting date that require adjustments to or disclosure in the Financial Statements.

# NOTE 16 - RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE NET ASSET VALUE AS PER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE PUBLISHED NET ASSET VALUE

	2024 Rs.	2023 Rs.
Net Asset Value as per Financial Statements	121,063,500	72,751,015
Income Tax Receivable Other Expense over / under provision Published Net Asset Value		72,751,016
Number of units outstanding	7,016,926.8	5,639,535.6
Published Net Asset Value per Unit	17.25	12.90

#### NOTE 17 - UNITS IN ISSUE AND UNIT PRICE

Units in issue and deemed to be in issue as at 31st December 2024 is 7,016,926.80 (31 December 2023 is 5,639,535.60). The Net Asset Value per unit as at this date was Rs. 17.25 (31.12.2023 - Rs. 12.90).



#### NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following institutions have been identified as related parties to the Fund in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards LKAS 24 - Related Party Disclosures.

#### **Responsible entity**

The management Company of SENFIN SHARIAH BALANCED FUND is Senfin Asset Management (Private) Limited.

The Trustee is Hatton National Bank PLC

#### Key management personnel

#### i) Directors

Key management personnel includes persons who were Directors of Senfin Asset Management (Private) Limited at any time during the financial year.

- Dr. Prathap Ramanujam
- Mr. Sonal Balasuriya
- Mr. Keshav Balasuriya (Upto 18.10.2024)
- Mr. Tilak Collure
- Mr. Sanath Bandaranayake
- Mr. Jeevan Sukumaran (Executive Director) (From 18.10.2024)

#### ii) Other key management personnel

Other persons with responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the fund, directly or indirectly during the financial year are given below:

- Mr. Surath Perera Chief Investment Officer
- Mr. Murugiah Rajendran Head of Compliance
- Mr. Nilanka Gamaethige Head of Client Services & Marketing
- Mr. Rajitha Elapatha Senior Fund Manager

#### Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel are paid by Senfin Asset Management (Private) Limited. Payments made from the Fund to Senfin Asset Management (Private) Limited do not include any amounts directly attributable to the compensation of key management personnel.

#### Other transactions within the Fund

No key management personnel have entered into a material contract with the Fund during the financial year and there were no material contracts involving key management personnel's interest existing at end of the year.



#### NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTD.)

#### Related party unit holding

The following are the units held by related parties of Senfin Shariah Balanced Fund.

	Relationship	No. of Units	Value of units held Rs.	Total interest held as a % of NAV
As at 31 st December 2024 E.W Balasuriya & Co (Pvt) Ltd Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd	Ultimate Parent Parent	4,170,406.10 199,885.80	71,480,760.55 3,426,042.61	59% 3%
As at 31 st December 2023 E.W Balasuriya & Co (Pvt) Ltd	Ultimate Parent	4,170,406.10	53,381,198.08	74%

#### Transactions with and amounts due to related parties

The fees were charged by the Management Company and trustee for services provided during the year and the balances outstanding from such dues as at year end are as disclosed below:

	Payable as at 31.12.2024	Payable as at 31.12.2023
Management and Registrar Fees	220,735	108,301
Trustee and Custodian Fees	43,522	34,991
	Charge for the year	Charge for the year
Management and Registrar Fees	2,000,148	1,221,611
Trustee and Custodian Fees	461,903	407,742
Profit Share Income on Mudharabah Saving Account from HNB PLC	4,386	5,535
	As at 31.12.2024 Rs.	As at 31.12.2023 Rs.
The Bank Balance held at HNB PLC	5,263,200	3,859,495
The Money Market Account balance held at HNB PLC	230,478	226,661





Declaration by Trustees and Management Company as per SEC Circular No: 02/2009 on Guidelines for Trustees and Managing Companies of Unit Trusts Funds.

Hatton National Bank PLC, the Trustee and Senfin Asset Management (Private) Limited, the Managers of the Senfin Shariah Balanced Fund hereby declare that

- 1. the requirements of the Guidelines for Trustees and Managing Companies of Unit Trust Funds set by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka have been complied with during the year.
- 2. the transactions were and will be carried out at an arm's length basis and on terms which are best available for the fund, as well as act, at all times, in the best interest of the fund's unit holders.

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> Nations Trusts Bank PLC No 242, Union Place Colombo 02.

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