

# Senfin Shariah Balanced Fund (LKR)

Monthly Report | Dec-2023

## **Fund Manager Comment**

The CSE in Dec 2023 reflected a positive movement, with the ASPI experiencing an increase of 0.57%, while the S&P SL20 Index showcased a gain of 1.94%. The Fund's benchmark ASTRI reported an increase of 0.60%. while the Fund decreased 0.31%. During Dec 2023, Sri Lanka received the 2nd tranche from IMF. This along with receipts from ADB and World Bank assisted Gross Official Reserves to reach \$ 4.4 Bn level. GDP turned around to 1.6% in 3Q2023 recording the first positive growth since 4Q2021. Despite aforementioned, equities did not react positively in a significant manner as investors followed a wait & see approach possibly due to the VAT hike coming into effect from Jan 2024 onwards and due to the holiday season. Market activity exhibited a slight uptick with an average daily turnover of LKR 1.19 Bn vs LKR 1.07 Bn in Nov 2023, but this was partly driven by one-off crossings. Foreign activity was notably subdued, recording LKR 3.9 Bn in Dec 2023, down from LKR 8.4 Bn in Nov 2023. In the short run, equities may continue to remain volatile due to the VAT hike impacting consumer demand and delays in External Debt Restructuring. However, we continue to remain bullish in the medium term on the back of low interest rate environment and improving macro economic fundamentals. On Mudarabah front, rates are expected to decline in coming months in line with conventional rate decline.

Source: SFAM and CSE

## Performance Since Inception

03/12/2012 to 31/12/2023

Growth of LKR 100 invested on 03.12.2012



ASTRI represents all shares listed on CSE, whereas the SSBF is limited to Shariah complaint shares, as per White List.

## Risk - Reward Indicator

Low	Medium	High
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The risk is considered Medium as the maximum equity allocation of the Fund is 70% in comparison with pure equity funds. Investors should consider the following risks: Market risks, Currency risks, Liquidity risks, Operational risks and Political and Legal risks

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## Investment Objective

The objective of the Fund is to achieve over the medium to long term a balance between capital appreciation and income by investing in Shariah compliant equity securities listed on the CSE and Shariah compliant income securities as approved by the Shariah Council of the Fund and as permitted by the SEC.

## **Key Facts**

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Fund Type	Open-ended Shariah
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NAV per unit (LKR)	12.90
Fund AuM (LKR Millions)	72.75
Inception	03-Dec-12
Fund Domicile	Sri Lanka
ISIN	LKSSBFU00008
Fund Currency	LKR
Benchmark*	ASTRI
*All Share Total Return Index	

Performance Summary	Fund	Benchmark
Last Month/ 1M	-0.31%	0.60%
YTD	13.06%	28.17%
3M	-3.30%	-5.27%
6M	6.17%	14.69%
1 Year	13.06%	28.17%
2 Year p.a.	-4.21%	-5.66%
3 Year p.a.	2.33%	17.21%
5 Year p.a.	5.14%	12.62%
Since Inception p.a.	4.52%	7.37%

Only periods greater than 12 months are annualized.

## **Investment Terms**

Issue/redemption	Daily
Minimum investment (LKR)	1,000
Front-End-Fee	1.50%
Management & Administration fee p.a.	1.75%
Trustee fee p.a.	0.15%
Custodian fee p.m. (charged to the fund)	LKR 20,000
Total Expense Ratio (TER)*	2.65%
*as at 31 Dec 2022	

## Monthly Performance

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Year		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	0ct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	SSBF	2.9%	2.5%	-1.2%	-0.4%	-4.5%	7.4%	8.6%	0.9%	0.2%	-3.6%	0.6%	-0.3%	13.06%
	ASTRI	4.4%	3.6%	1.2%	-3.4%	-4.7%	10.8%	21.3%	-2.1%	2.0%	-5.8%	0.0%	0.6%	28.17%
2022	SSBF	8.1%	-11.3%	-16.5%	-5.0%	3.9%	-4.1%	5.3%	9.5%	3.0%	-9.3%	0.3%	-0.8%	-18.85%
	ASTRI	6.4%	-11.0%	-23.1%	-14.4%	6.3%	-9.4%	5.3%	17.3%	9.5%	-13.4%	0.6%	-1.9%	-30.56%
2021	SSBF	5.6%	-7.7%	-2.0%	-0.7%	0.5%	-0.4%	2.9%	1.4%	-0.5%	3.8%	7.6%	6.1%	16.78%
	ASTRI	28.0%	-13.7%	-4.7%	1.2%	2.7%	5.9%	3.6%	10.8%	5.1%	7.5%	12.7%	6.9%	80.91%

Past performance is not a guarantee, nor an indication of current or future performance. This performance data is calculated net of all fees and commissions. All performance data shown in the table are not annualized.



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Top 10 Holdings	% of TNA
1 Richard Pieris Finance Ltd Wakal	a 13.75%
2 Hemas Holdings PLC	13.72%
3 Teejay Lanka PLC	13.49%
4 Vidullanka PLC Wakala	11.94%
5 Tokyo Cement Company (Lanka) I	PLC (NV) 10.14%
6 Chevron Lubricants Lanka PLC	6.21%
7 Cash and cash equivalent	4.35%
8 Bairaha Farms PLC	4.33%
9 ACL Cables PLC	4.02%
10 Kelani Valley Plantations PLC	3.30%
	85.24%

Fund Indicators	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year Standard Deviation (%)	3.70	7.16
3 Years Standard Deviation (%)	5.60	10.07
1 Year Sharp Ratio	-5.53	-0.75
3 Years Sharp Ratio	-1.60	0.59
3 Years Beta	0.49	
3 Years Alpha (%)	-0.55	

# Fund Performance Analysis Fund Turnover Ratio (%) Maximum monthly Gain (%)\* Maximum monthly Loss (%)\* (May '23) (May '23) (May '24)

То	p Equity Sector Allocation	% of TNA
1	Capital Goods	17.73%
2	Materials	16.35%
3	Consumer Durable & Apparel	13.49%
4	Food Beverage & Tobacco	11.30%
5	Utilities	6.19%

## Hit Ratio

Months Outperformance	5
Hit Ratio (%)	41.7

<sup>\*</sup>Maximum Gain/Loss returns for the last 12 months (non annualized return)

e & Tobacco	11.30%
	6.19%
	1.58%
	1.40%
	68.05%

## **Asset Allocation**

Equities	68.05%
Fixed Income Securities	27.60%
Cash & Other Net Assets	4.35%

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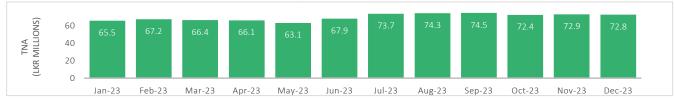
#### Historical Total Net Assets

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Banks

Energy





## Regulatory Information

Regulated by : Securities & Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Trustee and Custodian : Hatton National Bank PLC - Head Office Branch

Technical Partner: I Capital Limited

Redemption Payment Days: Monday-Friday (Excluding holidays) Cut-off Time & Day: Before 3.00 pm on any working day

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