

# Senfin Shariah Balanced Fund (LKR)

Senfin Asset Management (Pvt) Ltd No. 267, Galle Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka

## Monthly Report | Mar-2024

### **Fund Manager Comment**

The performance of the CSE in Mar 2024 reflected a positive movement, with the ASPI experiencing a gain of 7.44%, while the S&P SL20 Index witnessed a gain of 9.23%. The Fund's benchmark ASTRI also reported a growth of 8.18%, while the Fund increased 4.38% during the month. Market's positive sentiment was largely driven by better than anticipated earnings reported for 4Q2023. In addition, above average dividends declared by several key listed companies added further impetus to the positivity. T-bill yields during the month were somewhat consistent in the lower 10% range, which assisted driving demand for equities. Market activity improved with average daily turnover increasing from LKR 1.7 Bn during Feb 2024 to LKR 1.9 Bn during Mar 2024. During Mar 2024, IMF and Sri Lanka reached staff level agreement following the second review. Though there are few concerns in the short run including delays in External Debt Restructuring, we continue to remain bullish on equities in the medium term on the back of a declined interest rate environment and improved macro-economic fundamentals. On Shariah front, Mudarabah and wakala rates have also declined in line with conventional rate drop and remained somewhat stable during Mar 2024.

Source: SFAM and CSE

## Performance Since Inception 03/12/2012 to 31/03/2024 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

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	Low	Medium	High

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

## 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**

Fund Type	Open-ended Shariah
Fund Type	Balanced Fund
NAV per unit (LKR)	14.05
Fund AuM (LKR Millions)	79.51
Inception	03-Dec-12
Fund Domicile	Sri Lanka
ISIN	LKSSBFU00008

Fund Currency	LKR
Benchmark*	ASTRI
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Performance Summary	Fund	Benchmark
Last Month/1M	4.38%	8.18%
YTD	8.91%	8.50%
3M	8.91%	8.50%
6M	5.32%	2.78%
1 Year	18.17%	26.94%
2 Year p.a.	11.74%	15.13%
3 Year p.a.	6.93%	18.40%
5 Year p.a.	7.27%	16.40%
Since Inception p.a.	5.21%	7.98%

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)*	3.28%
*as at 31 Dec 2023	

### Monthly Performance

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Year		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	SSBF	0.2%	4.2%	4.4%										8.91%
	ASTRI	-3.1%	3.5%	8.2%										8.50%
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%

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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To	o 10 Holdings	% of TNA
1	Hemas Holdings PLC	14.12%
2	Richard Pieris Finance Ltd Wakala	13.00%
3	Textured Jersey Lanka PLC	12.79%
4	Vidullanka PLC Wakala	10.92%
5	Tokyo Cement Co. (Lanka) PLC (NV)	10.72%
6	Chevron Lubricants Lanka PLC	6.78%
7	Cash and Cash Equivalents	4.41%
8	Kelani Valley Plantations PLC	4.01%
9	ACL Cables PLC	3.70%
10	Bairaha Farms PLC	3.70%
		84.14%

Fund Indicators	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year Standard Deviation (%)	3.80	7.49
3 Years Standard Deviation (%)	5.42	8.74
1 Year Sharp Ratio	-2.65	-0.17
3 Years Sharp Ratio	-1.07	0.65
3 Years Beta	0.57	
3 Years Alpha (%)	-0.31	

#### Fund Performance Analysis 12 months Fund Turnover Ratio (%) Maximum monthly Gain (%)\* (Jul '23) 8.6

## Maximum monthly Loss (%)\* (May '23) -4.5

To	p Equity Sector Allocation	% of TNA
1	Capital Goods	17.82%
2	Materials	17.50%
3	Consumer Durable & Apparel	12.79%
4	Food Beverage & Tobacco	11.52%
5	Utilities	5.96%
6	Energy	2.94%
7	Banks	1.39%
		69.91%

### Hit Ratio

Months Outperformance	7
Hit Ratio (%)	58.3

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

Asset Allocation	
Equities	69.91%
Fixed Income Securities	25.68%
Cash & Other Net Assets	4.41%

100.00%

#### Historical Total Net Assets





## 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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