

# Senfin Financial Services Fund (LKR)

# Monthly Report | Aug-2024

#### **Fund Manager Comment**

Market continued its sluggish and downward trend in Aug 2024, with the ASPI and S&P SL20 declining by 4.71% and 6.34% respectively. The Fund's benchmark also reflected this negative momentum, posting a 6.98% MoM decrease, while the Fund saw a 6.25% decline in Aug 2024. Despite no significant negative news, investor sentiment remained weak and selling pressure was witnessed, driven largely by the uncertainty surrounding the upcoming elections. The market also saw some debenture issue announcements, particularly from major banks, alongside the announcement of two equity IPOs. One of these IPOs, LTL Holdings, marks the largest IPO is Sri Lanka to date, raising a substantial LKR 20 Bn. Avg daily turnover for Aug 2024 stood at LKR 0.7 Bn, down from LKR 1.0 Bn in Jul 2024. Foreign activity recorded a marginal net inflow of LKR 83 Mn, with total foreign purchases amounting to LKR 1.2 Bn and foreign sales totalling LKR 1.1 Bn, bringing total foreign activity to LKR 2.3 Bn in Aug 2024. There was no Monetary Policy Review in Aug 2024. However, secondary market rates increased amid uncertainty around the election. Despite the current dull sentiment and political uncertainty, given the significant improvement in macroeconomic fundamentals, we remain bullish on equities in the medium term.

### Performance Since Dec 2023 05/12/2023 to 31/08/2024



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**

To achieve a balance between long term capital appreciation and income by investing in listed shares that have exposure to the broader banking and financial services sector as well in fixed income securities.

#### **Key Facts**

Fund Type	Open-ended Balanced Fund
NAV per unit (LKR)	9.90
Fund AuM (LKR Millions)	103.60
Inception	05-Dec-23
Fund Domicile	Sri Lanka
Distribution(s)	None
ISIN	LKSFSFU00009
Fund Currency	LKR
Benchmark*	Combined Sector Benchmark

<sup>\*</sup>Aggregate market cap-based index of Banking Sector & Diversified Financials Sector

Performance Summary	Fund	Benchmark
Last Month/ 1M	-6.25%	-6.98%
YTD	0.30%	1.83%
3M	-11.53%	-12.81%
6M	3.23%	9.80%
1 Year p.a.	N/A	N/A
2 Year p.a.	N/A	N/A
3 Year p.a.	N/A	N/A
5 Year p.a.	N/A	N/A
Since Inception	-1.00%	-0.17%

Only periods greater than 12 months are annualized

#### **Investment Terms**

Issue/Redemption	Daily
Minimum investment (LKR)	1,000
Front-End-Fee	N/A
Management & Administration fee p.a.	0.75%
Trustee fee p.a.	0.20%
Custodian fee p.m. (charged to the Fund)	LKR 20,000

## Monthly Performance

Year		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	SFSF	-5.4%	2.7%	8.6%	11.0%	-3.1%	2.2%	-7.7%	-6.3%					0.30%
	Benchmark	-8.4%	1.3%	15.4%	13.9%	-7.0%	-0.2%	-6.1%	-7.0%					1.83%
2023	SFSF												-1.30%	-1.30%
	Benchmak												-2.0%	-1.97%

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

<sup>\*</sup>Source: SFAM and CSE



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Тор	10 Holdings	Fund Indicators	Fund	Benchmark			
1	Sampath Bank PLC	14.57%	1 Year Standard Deviation (%)	N/A	N/A		
2	Hatton National Bank PLC (Voting)	13.78%	3 Year Standard Deviation (%)	N/A	N/A		
3	Central Finance Company PLC	11.96%	1 Year Sharp Ratio	N/A	N/A		
4	Commercial Bnak of Ceylon PLC ( Voting)	11.70%	3 Year Sharp Ratio	N/A	N/A		
5	Nation Trust Bank PLC (Voting)	11.68%	3 Year Beta	N/A			
6	HNB Money Market Savings A/c	9.39%	3 Year Alpha (%)	N/A			
7	DFCC Bank PLC	7.96%					
8	Seylan Bank PLC (Non Voting)	6.54%	Fund Performance Analysis		9 months		
9	Pan Asia Banking Corporation PLC	6.28%	Fund Turnover Ratio (%)		133.1		
10	National Devlopment Bank PLC	3.41%	Max. Monthly Gain (%)*	(Apr '24)	11.0		
		97.29%	Max. Monthly Loss (%)*	(Jan '24)	-5.4		
			Hit Ratio				
Equity Sector Allocation % of TNA		Months Outperformance		6			
1	Banks	75.94%	Hit Ratio (%)		66.7		
2	Diversified Financials	16.24%					
92		92.18%	*Maximum Gain/Loss returns for the last 9 months (non annualized return)				

Asset Allocation	% of TNA
Equities	92.18%
HNB Money Market Savings	9.39%
Cash & Other Net Assets	-1.57%
	100.0%



#### Regulatory Information

Regulated by: Securities & Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Trustee and Custodian: Hatton National Bank PLC - Head Office Branch Redemption Payment Days: Monday-Friday (Excluding holidays) Cut-off Time & Day: Before 3.00 pm on any working day

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