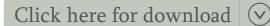






MARKET **UPDATE AND FUND REVIEW**

December 2023







Market Brief By NDB Wealth

Inflation is experiencing an upward trajectory

The Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) ended the year recording a point to point inflation of 4.0% in December 2023, up from the previous month's 3.4%. After five months of deflation, the Food category recorded a marginal uptick in inflation to 0.3%, while Non-food inflation decelerated to 5.8% from 6.8% recorded in November 2023. Overall, inflation rose by 0.9% month-on-month, driven by a 3.7% surge in food prices, but non-food inflation experienced a 0.4% month-on-month deflation. Core inflation dropped to 0.6%. While a temporary uptick in inflation is expected in the near term with the proposed VAT hike in January 2024 it is expected to stabilize around mid-single digits in the medium term.

The Rupee strengthens

The Sri Lankan Rupee strengthened against the US Dollar appreciating by 1.58% in December 2023in the backdrop of a weakened greenback as well as USD inflows received from IMF, World Bank and ADB in December. Overall, the Rupee showed a net appreciation of 12.10% for the year, closing at LKR 323.92. The rupee also gained against the Sterling Pound (1.26%) and Euro (0.65%) in December, with net appreciations of 5.99% and 7.86%, respectively, for the year. The Central Bank of Sri Lanka recorded net outright purchases of USD 117 million in November 2023. Gross Official Reserve Assets as at end December 2023 stood at USD 4.4 billion attributed to funding received by the World Bank, ADB and IMF subsequent to the IMF executive Board approving the second tranche of the Bailout Package in mid-December.

Interest Rates Continue to Fall

Despite the 364-day T-bill yield recording a marginal uptick of 4 basis points to end the year at 12.93%, the 91-day and 182-day T-bill rates continued their declining trajectory, decreasing to 14.51% and 14.16%, respectively. Broad money (M2b) growth increased to 6.8% year-on-year in October from the previous month's 6.3%. The contraction in credit to the private sector slowed to -4.3% year-on-year in October 2023 from the previous month's -5.4%, with private sector credit disbursement for the month increasing by LKR 37.90 billion (0.5%) in October 2023. Foreign investors were net sellers in LKR denominated government securities, recording an outflow of LKR 7.0 billion, reducing foreign holdings to 0.73% of the total outstanding government securities from 0.78% the previous month. However, overall for the year 2023, foreign investors were net buyers at LKR 91.8 billion.

Stock market lackluster

In December, the Sri Lankan equity market remained dull due to the anticipation of the upcoming election year and the ongoing holiday season. Despite this, the ASPI saw a modest 0.57% increase, while the more liquid S&PSL20 showed a more significant uptick of 1.94%. Foreign investments were predominantly directed towards the banking and finance sector, but overall, foreigners were net sellers recoding a net foreign outflow of LKR 653 million, primarily attributed to the food and staples sector. The monthly average daily turnover stood at LKR 1.19 billion, with the 2023 average daily turnover recorded at LKR 1.69 billion.

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Fund Manager

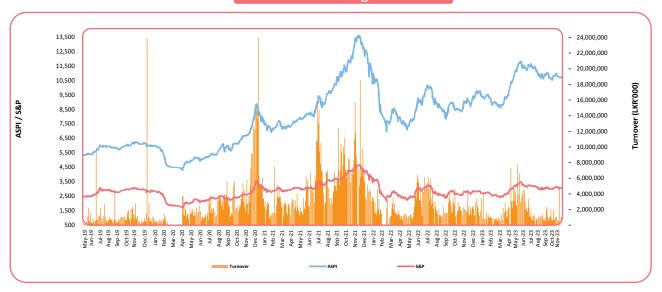
Equity Outlook

	Past month Performance (Dec 2023)	Year to Date Performance (Jan - Dec 2023)
All Share Price Index	0.57%	25.50%
S&PSL 20	1.94%	16.42%
MSCI Frontier Markets Index	3.05%	12.17%
MSCI World Index	4.94%	24.42%
MSCI Emerging Markets	3.91%	9.83%
MSCI Asia Ex Japan	3.55%	6.34%

Source: www.cse.lk.and.www.msci.com

- The Sri Lankan equity market was sluggish in December, influenced by the anticipation of the upcoming election year and the ongoing holiday season. Nevertheless, the ASPI registered a modest 0.57% uptick for the month, with the more liquid S&PSL20 showing a more pronounced increase of 1.94%.
- Throughout the month, foreign interest was observed in banking and finance sector shares. However, overall, foreigners were net sellers for the month recording an outflow of LKR 653 million in December 2023. This was primarily attributed to an outflow recorded in the food and staples sector.
- The average daily turnover for the month stood at LKR 1.19 billion, while the average daily turnover for 2023 was recorded at LKR 1.69 billion.
- The S&P 500 closed 0.04% higher in December 2023, just 13 points below last year's all-time high and the Dow rose 0.1% as investors enjoyed a modest rally as stocks rose with optimism that the Federal Reserve might soon lower interest rates, anticipating a soft landing for the U.S. economy.
- In December 2023, the Indian stock market maintained its upward trajectory, fueled by positive momentum from the previous month. Strategic sectoral growth, positive macroeconomic indicators, and notable monetary policy decisions contributed to the market's buoyancy. Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) inflows into the Indian equity market were substantial, injecting nearly USD 8 billion into the market during the month.
- The Japanese stock market (Nikkei index) emerged as the top-performing index in Asia for the year, poised for a remarkable over 30% gain after reaching 33-year highs earlier in the year. In contrast, Chinese blue-chip stocks underperformed, becoming the weakest in the region, as lingering worries about an economic rebound in the country prompted investors to shift away from local markets.

Colombo Stock Exchange Performance



Source: www.cse.lk

		Dec 2023	Dec 2022
Market PER	Market PER	11.10x	4.95x
CSE	Market PBV	0.93x	0.91x
	Market DY	3.31%	4.10%
MSCI	Market PER	10.72x	9.73x
Frontier Market	Market PBV	1.51x	1.57x
Walket	Market DY	4.14%	4.53%

Colombo Stock Exchange	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2022
Foreign Inflows	LKR 41.47 Billion	LKR 67.59 Billion
Foreign Outflows	LKR 37.12 Billion	LKR 38.09 Billion
Net Foreign Inflows /Outflows	LKR 4.35 Billion	LKR 29.50 Billion

Source: www.cse.lk

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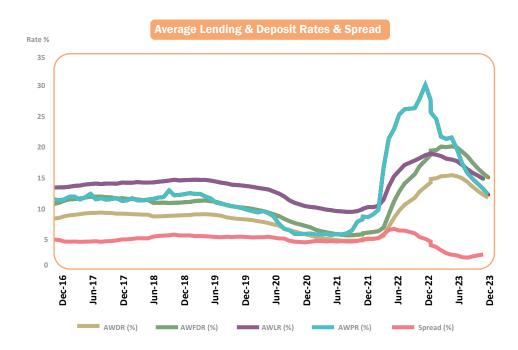
Fixed Income Outlook

Interest Rates in Sri Lanka

• The Central Bank of Sri Lanka decided to maintain policy rates during December 2023. Accordingly, the Standing Lending Facility Rate (the rate CBSL lends to commercial banks) was maintained at 10.00% and the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (the rate which commercial banks place their excess cash with CBSL) was also maintained at 9.00%.

	Dec-22	Nov-23	Dec-23
364 Day T-bill	29.27%	12.89%	12.93%
5-Year Bond	26.76%	13.82%	13.75%
1-Year Finance Company Fixed Deposit Ceiling Rate	31.31%	14.95%	14.89%

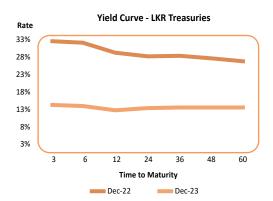
^{*} Gross Rates provided. Net returns would change based on prevailing tax regulations. Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka



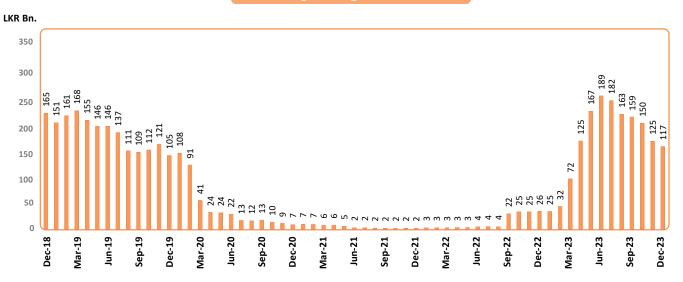
AWDR: Average Weighted Deposit Rate | AWFDR: Average Weighted Fixed Deposit Rate | AWLR: Average Weighted Lending Rate | AWPR Average Weighted Prime Lending rate

- In December, the benchmark 364-day T-bill yield saw a slight uptick of 4 basis points, rising from 12.89% in November 2023 to 12.93%. Meanwhile, the weighted average T-bill rates for the 91-day and 182-day durations continued their decline, decreasing by 35 basis points to 14.51% and 36 basis points to 14.16%, respectively, over the same period.
- Broad money (M2b) growth continued to increase to 6.8% on a year-on-year basis in October, from the previous month's 6.3%, whilst the contraction in credit to the private sector slowed to 4.3% year-on-year basis from the 5.4% contraction recorded in the previous month. Monthly private sector credit disbursement increased by LKR 37.90 billion or by 0.5% in October 2023.

Outstanding LKR Govt. Securities LKR 16,122 Billion			
T Bills (Total) T Bonds (Total)			
LKR 4,007 Billion LKR 12,044 Billion			
Domestic (Bills & Bonds) Foreign (Bills & bonds)			
LKR 16,004 Billion LKR 117.4 Billion			
Total Foreign Holding of Bills and Bonds: 0.73%			



Foreign Holding of LKR G-Sec



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

• Foreign investors were net sellers in LKR denominated government securities recording an outflow of LKR 7 billion during the month, with the foreign holdings reducing to 0.73% of the total outstanding government securities from 0.78% last month. However, Foreign investors were net buyers for 2023 at LKR 91.8 Bn.

1 Year FD Rates – Sri Lankan Banks			
	Dec-23		
NSB	8.00%	8.00%	
СОМВ	9.00%	9.00%	
SAMP	10.00%	9.50%	
HNB	9.00%	9.50%	
NDB	11.00%	11.00%	

Source:	Respective	Commercial	Banks

Rates on Credit Cards	Dec-23
HSBC	28.00%
SCB	28.00%
Sampath	28.00%
NDB	28.00%
AMEX	28.00%

Source: Respective Commercial Banks

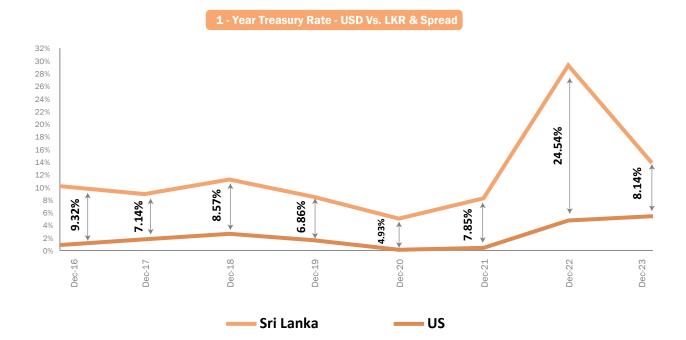
Sampath Bank raised its 1-year fixed deposit rate by 50 basis points to 10.00%, while HNB decreased its rate by 50 basis points to 9.00%.

NDIB CRISIL Fixed Income Indices Total return as at 29/12/2023	3 month Return	1 Year Return	3 Year Return
NDBIB-CRISIL 91 Day T-Bill Index	4.40%	27.92%	16.31%
NDBIB-CRISIL 364 Day T-Bill Index	3.28%	33.64%	11.28%
NDBIB CRISIL 3 Year T-Bond Index -TRI	6.56%	66.95%	10.83%
NDBIB - CRISIL 5 Year T-Bond Index -TRI	3.92%	74.77%	8.40%

Source: www.crisil.com

Central Bank Policy Rates	2020	2021	2022	December-23
Sri Lanka	4.50%	5.00%	14.50%	9.00%
US	0.00% - 0.25%	0.00% - 0.25%	4.25% - 4.50%	5.25% - 5.50%
Euro Zone	0.00%	0.00%	2.50%	4.50%
Australia	0.10%	0.10%	3.10%	4.35%
India	4.00%	4.00%	6.25%	6.50%

Source: www.cbrates.com



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / US Department of the Treasury $\,$

364 Day Treasury Bill Rate	Dec-22	Nov-23	Dec-23
Sri Lanka	29.27%	12.89%	12.93%
India	6.89%	7.14%	7.12%
US	4.73%	5.16%	4.79%
Euro Zone	2.46%	3.26%	3.05%

Source: Respective Commercial Banks

	Rates on Savings Accounts Dec 2023
Sri Lanka	3.25%
US	0.01%
Euro Zone	0.75%
Australia	4.90%
India	3.00%

Source: Respective Central Banks

• On the contrary, the European Central Bank countered expectations of imminent interest rate cuts by reiterating its commitment to keeping borrowing costs at record highs, even in the face of diminished inflation expectations.

"Every financial milestone is a marker on the road to self-sufficiency, creating a map to navigate life with autonomy."

- NDB Wealth

Inflation Rates

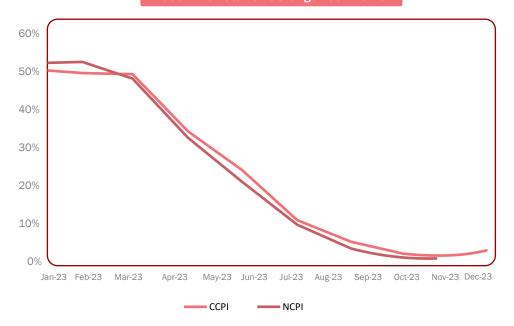
Country	Dec-22	Oct- 23*	Nov-23	Dec-23
Sri Lanka	57.20%	1.50%	3.40%	4.00%
US	6.45%	3.24%	3.14%	3.14%*
Euro Zone	9.20%	2.90%	2.40%	2.40%*
India	5.72%	4.87%	5.55%	5.55%*

Source: Department of Census and Statistics - Sri Lanka, http://www.inflation.eu/, https://www.rateinflation.com/inflation-rate/usa-inflation-rate/, https://tradingeconomics.com/india/inflation-cpi

- In December 2023, the Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI) showed a year-on-year inflation increase, rising to 4.0% from the previous month's 3.4%.
- After five consecutive months of deflation, the Food category reversed trend to mark an inflation of 0.3% in December 2023 versus the 3.6% deflation recorded in November 2023.
- Meanwhile, inflation recorded in the Non-food category decreased from 6.8% in November 2023 to 5.8% in December 2023 on a year-on-year basis.
- Headline inflation increased by 0.9% on a month-on-month basis during the month of December. This uptick
 was primarily driven by a 3.7% month on month surge in food inflation, notably in products such as Vegetables,
 Fresh Fish, Green Chilies, Big Onions, and Eggs.
- However, non-food inflation experienced a month-on-month deflation of 0.4%, primarily attributed to reduction in petrol and diesel prices within the "Transport Sector," coupled with marginal declines in the "Clothing and Footwear" and "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels" categories within the non-food sector.
- Core inflation, which excludes the volatile components of food, energy, and transport prices, moderated to 0.6% in December from the 0.8% reported in the preceding month.
- Going forward, while a temporary uptick in inflation may be recorded in the near term due to the proposed VAT
 hike from 15% to 18%, we expect inflation to stabilize around mid-single digits in the medium term, supported
 by appropriate policy measures.
- In November 2023, inflation in the United States moderated from 3.24% to 3.14%, while the Euro Zone saw a decline from 2.90% to 2.40% due to decline in energy prices. Conversely, India experienced an increase in inflation to 5.55% from 4.87% compared to the previous month, primarily driven by the surge in food prices.

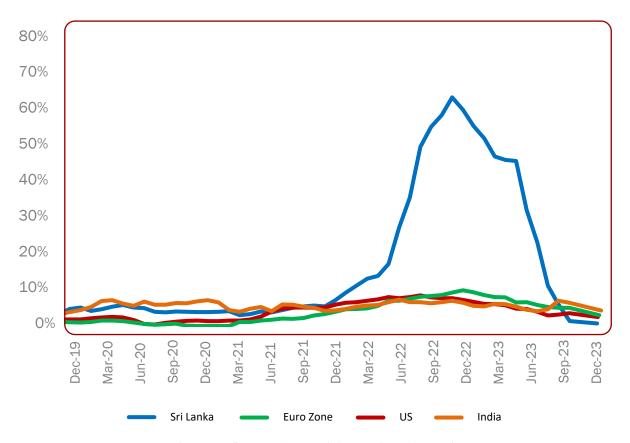
^{*} Base Year (2013=100); **Base Year (2021=100; *** October 2023

Inflation - Point to Point Change - CCPI vs NCPI



Source: Department of Census and Statistics

Global Inflation Rates



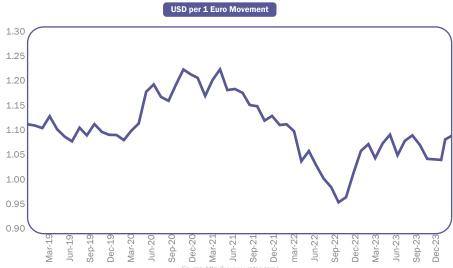
 $Source: https://www.rateinflation.com/inflation-rate/usa-inflation-rate/\\ https://tradingeconomics.com/india/inflation-cpi$

Forex Outlook

Exchange Rates Vs. LKR	Dec-22	Dec-22	Dec-23	1 Year. Apr/(Dep) LKR	YTD App∕(Dep) LKR
USD	363.11	363.11	323.92	12.10%	12.10%
GBP	437.35	437.35	412.61	5.99%	5.99%
EUR	386.93	386.93	358.75	7.86%	7.86%
YEN	2.74	2.74	2.29	19.53%	19.53%
AUD	245.61	245.61	221.63	10.82%	10.82%
CAD	267.95	267.95	244.90	9.41%	9.41%
INR	4.39	4.39	3.90	12.57%	12.57%
BHD	963.09	963.09	859.24	12.09%	12.09%
CNY	52.19	52.19	45.67	14.27%	14.27%

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

- The Sri Lankan rupee appreciated by 1.58% against the US Dollar during December 2023, closing at LKR 323.92 / USD by month end and recording a net appreciation of 12.10% for the year ended 2023.
- Furthermore, the Sri Lankan rupee appreciated by 1.26% and 0.65% against the Sterling Pound and Euro during December and closed the year with a net appreciation of 5.99% and 7.86%, respectively.
- The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) was a net outright buyer of foreign exchange (FX), with November recording net outright purchases of USD 117 million.
- Sri Lanka's foreign reserves increased by USD 829 million, reaching a total of USD 4.4 billion in December 2023. This boost in reserves can be attributed to funding obtained from multilateral lenders subsequent to the IMF executive board approving the release of the second tranche of a USD 2.9 billion bailout package in mid-December. The approval and disbursement of the USD 337 million IMF funds saw coordinated release of funding by the World Bank (USD 250 million) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB; USD 200 million).
- December, being the most bearish month for the US Dollar, saw the US Dollar Index (DXY), an index that measures the performance of the US Dollar against a basket of currencies, decline by 2.05% on expectations of a rate cut by the US Federal Reserve.
- The Sterling Pound gained against the US Dollar with the Bank of England successfully opposing expectations of an early rate cut.



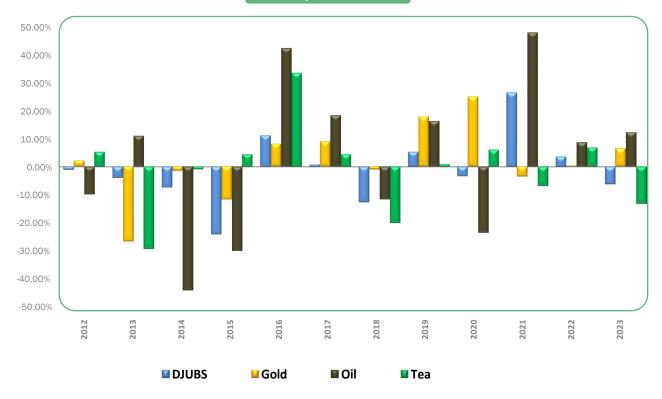
Commodity Outlook

	Past month Performance (Up to 31st Dec 2023)	Past 12 months Performance (Up to 31 st Dec 2023)	Year to Date Performance (Up to 31 st Dec 2023)
Bloomberg Commodity Index	-2.69%	-12.27%	-8.94%
Gold	2.12%	12.72%	12.72%
Tea	7.07%	-9.16%	-9.16%
Oil (Brent)	-6.40%	-3.76%	-3.76%

Source: www.worldbank.com, Bloomberg and NDB Wealth Research

- During the last month of 2023, the Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM) experienced its 5th consecutive monthly decline, with a month-on-month decline of 3.10%. The majority of the commodities in the index saw a decline during the month due to the geopolitical tensions, economic slowdown in China and global monetary tightening.
- Crude oil prices continued to decline for the 3rd consecutive month, with a 6.40% decline in December.
 Despite the supply cuts announced by OPEC+, the market is more concerned about the projected decline in demand for crude, especially in China, which shows signs of a weakening economy.
- During the month of December, tea prices experienced a substantial gain of 7.07% after two months of consecutive declines due to a pickup in demand in the local tea auctions.
- Gold prices kept rising for the past 3 months, reaching record-high levels in December, driven by the recent geopolitical tensions in the Red Sea region. The weak US Dollar and rate cut expectations further contributed to these gains. In December, gold prices gained by 2.12% and are expected to remain above USD 2,000 levels until geopolitical tensions stabilize.





Property Outlook

- According to the Department of Census and Statistics, the construction industry, constituting 6.3% of the economy, experienced a contraction of 5.5% during the July-September quarter compared to the same period the previous year. This marks a cumulative decline of 24.8% over the nine-month period. However, the sector's decline slowed significantly compared to the 23.1% contraction recorded in the second quarter.
- In November 2023, the Construction PMI recorded a total activity index of 44.3, indicating a contraction in construction activities compared to the prior month. This decrease is mainly attributed to a reduced number of new projects and a decline in work related to ongoing projects.
- There was also a sharper decline in new orders in November compared to the previous month. Nevertheless, numerous respondents foresee an increase in the rate of projects particularly for government-funded projects, during the first half of the coming year.
 Employment continued to shrink as companies operated with minimal staff in response to the prevailing industry conditions. Additionally, the quantity of purchases decreased in alignment with the decline in construction work. Meanwhile, the delivery time from suppliers remained extended throughout the month.
- The President of the Ceylon Institute of Builders emphasized that although construction costs surged in 2022, they have now decreased to levels comparable to neighboring countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, etc. This makes the current pricing, even with the increased Value Added Tax (VAT) on materials and fuel, favorable for restarting private sector projects and attracting foreign direct investments.
- Overall, the industry anticipates a positive outlook for the next three months, driven by expected increased demand and favorable weather conditions in the coming year. However, concerns loom over the upward trend in material prices attributed to the announced tax revisions.

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Daily Mirror

Islamic Finance Industry

- Islamic Financing is finance activity that is consistent with principles of Islamic law (Shari'ah) which prohibits the payment or acceptance of interest.
- NDB WM provides our client's discretionary management services on a shari'ah compliant basis for portfolio values above Rs. 200 million.
- The Islamic Money Plus Fund is a unit trust fund offered by NDB Wealth Management and approved by the Securities Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, investing in a diversified portfolio of Shari'ah compliant short term securities issued by corporates and in Mudharabah and Wakala deposits and savings accounts. The fund provides liquidity with higher returns compared to savings accounts to its investors and would be an ideal substitute for direct investments in Mudharabah savings accounts and deposits. (Trustee: Hatton National Bank PLC)

Mudharabah and Wakala Deposit Rates of Selected Service Providers

	Savings	1 month	3 month	6 month	1 Year+	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	5 Year
Amana Bank - As of	Dogombo	* 2022							
Mudharabah PSR*	30:70	1 2023	55:45	60:40	65:35	70:30	75:25		90:10
Distributed Profit	3.49%	-	7.95%	8.50%	9.00%	11.01%	12.00%	-	13.00%
		ann limit /			9.00%	11.0170	12.00%	-	13.0070
Bank of Ceylon Isla		ess unit - A	AS OF Decer	nber 2023					
Mudharabah PSR*	45:55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distributed Profit	3.56%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial Bank of	of Ceylon P	LC-Al Adala	ah Islamic E	Banking un	it - As of D	ecember 2	023		
Mudharabah PSR*	45:55	-	55:45	65:35	75:25	-	-	-	-
Distributed Profit	4.35%	-	5.32%	6.28%	7.25%	-	-	-	-
Hatton National Ba	nk PLC-"Hr	nb Al- Najal	n" Islamic E	Banking un	it - As of D	ecember 2	023 (Mudhara	ba rates as of N	ovember 2023*)
Mudharabah PSR*	45:55	-	45:55	55:45	75:25	-	-	-	-
Distributed Profit**	2.50%	-	8.50%	8.75%	9.00%	-	-	-	-
Wakala Rates	-	8.50%	11.50%	9.50%	9.00%				
National Developm	ent Bank P	LC-"Share	ek" Islamic	Banking u	nit - As of	November :	2023**		
Mudharabah PSR*	40:60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distributed Profit	3.50%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wakala Rates	-	9.00%	11.00%	10.00%	11.00%	-	-	-	-
LB Al Salamah (LB	Finance PL	.C - Islamic	Business l	Jnit) - As of	f Decembe	r 2023			
Wakala Rates		11.75%	12.75%	12.50%	12.00%	12.25%	12.75%	12.75%	13.75%
LOLC Al-Falaah (Lai	nka Orix Fi	nance PLC	- Islamic B	usiness Un	it) - As of [December 2	2023		
Mudharabah PSR*	25:75	66:34	64:36	66:34	58:42	54:46	56:44	58:42	62:38
Distributed Profit	5.34%	14.09%	13.67%	14.09%	12.39%	11.53%	11.96%	12.39%	12.63%
Wakala Rates	-	9.00%	11.50%	10.50%	11.00%	11.00%	11.50%	12.00%	13.00%
Peoples Leasing Isl	amic Busir	ness Unit -	As of Nover	mber 2023					
Wakala Rates		10.50%	10.50%	11.50%	11.50%	12.00%	12.00%		

^{*} PSR/Profit Sharing Ratio provides profit ratio for Customer: Financial Institution; *Profits distributed at Maturity

 The white list of shari'ah compliant stocks provides investors a means of ethical investing. The Core business is screened to ensure that corporate dealing in conventional banking, conventional insurance, alcoholic drinks, tobacco, pork production, arms manufacturing, pornography or related activities are excluded. Companies are also screened in terms of levels of debt, illiquid assets and non compliant investments.

White List as of December 2023

Beverages and Food	Chevron Lubricants Lanka PLC
Bairaha Farms PLC	Dipped Products PLC
Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC	Samson International PLC
Three Acre Farms PLC	Union Chemicals Lanka PLC
Ceylon Cold Stores PLC	
Lanka Milk Foods PLC	Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals
Nestle Lanka PLC	Haycarb PLC
Renuka Agri Foods PLC	Muller and Phipps (Ceylon) PLC
Renuka Foods PLC	Union Chemicals Lanka PLC
Telecommunication	Banks / Insurance / Diversified Financials
Dialog Axiata PLC	Amana Bank PLC
Sri Lanka Telecom PLC	Amana Takaful PLC
Diversified Holdings	Amana Takaful Life PLC
Sunshine Holdings PLC	Textile
Expo Lanka Holdings PLC	Hayleys Fabric PLC
Healthcare	Teejay Lanka PLC
Ceylon Hospitals PLC	Engineering & Construction
Manufacturing	Access Engineering PLC
ACL Cables PLC	Unisyst Engineering PLC
Central Industries PLC	Plantations
E B Creasy & Company PLC	Kelani Valley Plantations PLC
Kelani Cables PLC	Agalawatte Plantations PLC
Lanka Tiles PLC	Kotagala Plantations PLC
Lanka Walltiles PLC	Malwatte Valley Plantations PLC
Laxapana Batteries PLC	Namunukula Plantations PLC
Royal Ceramics Lanka PLC	Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC
Sierra Cables PLC	Watawala Plantations PLC
Dankotuwa Porcelain PLC	Tea Smallholder Factories PLC
Regnis (Lanka) PLC	Others
ACL Plastics PLC	Vallibel Power Erathna PLC
PGP Glass Ceylon PLC	Colombo Dockyard PLC
Lanka Aluminium Industries PLC	Lanka Ashok Leyland PLC

UNIT TRUST FUNDS OFFERED BY NDB WM

- NDB Wealth Growth Fund
- NDB Wealth Growth & Income Fund
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- NDB Wealth Money Fund
- NDB Wealth Islamic Money Plus Fund
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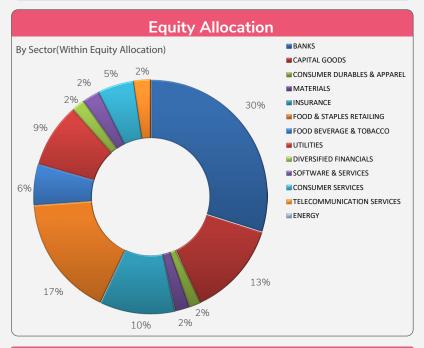


NDB Wealth Growth Fund

Fund Overview

Type: Open Ended Currency: LKR Investments: Listed Equities

NDB Wealth Growth Fund is an open-ended equity fund incorporated in Sri Lanka, invested in listed shares of the Colombo Stock Exchange. The Fund aims to achieve capital growth on a medium to long term basis by investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks of stable companies with a proven track record.



Historical Returns			
Period	Fund Returns *	ASPI Returns	
Last Month	0.04%	0.57%	
Last 3 months	-5.56%	-6.01%	
Last 6 months	15.76%	12.83%	
Last 12 months	37.47%	25.50%	
Year 2022	-31.26%	-30.56%	
Year 2021	27.93%	80.48%	
★ After fees, excluding front end and back end loads			

nd loads	★★ AUM before expense allowance adjustment

Fund Snapshot	31-Dec-23
YTD Yield	37.47%
NAV per unit	11.72
AUM (LKR Mn.) **	192.57
Fund Currency	LKR
Fund Inception	1-Dec-97
Expense Ratio	3.33%
Max Equity Allocation	97.00%
Current Equity Allocation	94.78%
Fund Leverage	0.00%

Top 5 Portfolio Holdings (In Alphabetical Order)
CARGILLS (CEYLON) PLC
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON PLC
PEOPLES INSURANCE LTD
WINDFORCE LIMITED

Fixed Income Allocation		
Minimum Fixed Income Allocation 3.00%		3.00%
Current Fixed Income Allocation		5.22%
Average Duration		0.0027
Maturity % Holding		lolding
Under 1 Month 100.00%		0.00%

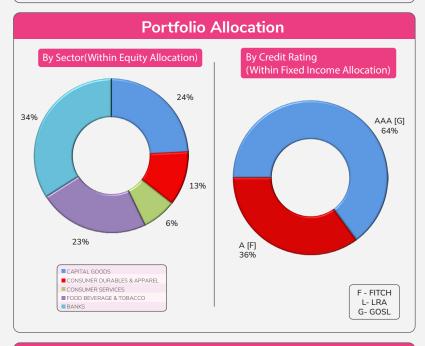
Other Features	
Valuation	Daily Valuation Instruments less than one year - cost plus accrued basis. Instruments greater than one year - n/a.
Investment/Withdrawal	Any Time A notice period of 07 working days may be required prior to large redemptions. However, the time period can be discussed with potential investors prior to the investment.
Exposure Restrictions	Maximum exposure restrictions to listed equity 15% of NAV; maximum exposure restrictions on fixed income investments depend on the features of each security, (Ex: Rated, Guaranteed, etc.), and are regulated by the Trustee and the SEC.
Fee Details	Management Fee : 2.25% p.a. of NAV. Trustee fee : 0.10 - 0.19% p.a. of NAV. Custodian fee : 0.05% p.a.of NAV, depending on fund size Front-end fee : 2% / Exit fee : 1% if less than 1 year ; 0 if greater than 1 year.
Fund Manager	NDB Wealth Management Ltd.
Trustee & Custodian	Bank of Ceylon

NDB Wealth Growth and Income Fund

Fund Overview

Type: Open Ended | Investments: Listed Equities and Corporate Debt Currency: LKR

NDB Wealth Growth and Income Fund is an open-ended balanced fund incorporated in Sri Lanka, invested in a combination of listed shares in the Colombo Stock Exchange and LKR based corporate debt instruments and government securities. The Fund aims to achieve income on a medium to long term basis by investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks of stable companies with a proven track record.



Histrocial Returns		
Period	Fund Returns	ASPI Returns
Year to Date	33.34%	25.50%
Last Month	1.74%	0.57%
Last 3 Months	-2.64%	-6.01%
Last 6 Months	18.92%	12.83%
Last 12 Months	33.34%	25.50%
Year 2022	-19.49%	-30.56%
Year 2021	19.02%	80.48%

^{*} After fees, excluding front end and back end loads.

Fund Snapshot	31-Dec-23
YTD Yield	33.34%
NAV per unit	55.05
AUM (LKR Mn.)**	260.16
Fund Currency	LKR
Fund Inception	1-Dec-97
Expense Ratio	2.27%
Max Equity Allocation	97.00%
Current Equity Allocation	58.53%
Fund Leverage	0.00%

Top 5 Portfolio Holdings	(In Alphabetical Order)
HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC	
HAYLEYS PLC	
SAMPATH BANK PLC	
SUNSHINE HOLDINGS PLC	
TEEJAY LANKA PLC	

Fixed Income Allocation		
Minimum Fixed Income All	Minimum Fixed Income Allocation	
Current Fixed Income Allocation		41.47%
Average Duration		1.91
Maturity % Holdi		lolding
Under 1 Yr	60.95%	
1 Yrs - 5 Yrs	Yrs - 5 Yrs 39.05%	

Other Features		
Valuation	Daily Valuation Instruments less than one year – cost plus accrued basis, Instruments greater than one year – marked to market	
Investment/Withdrawal	Any Time A notice period of 07 working days may be required prior to large redemptions. However, the time period can be discussed with potential investors prior to the investment.	
Exposure Restrictions	Maximum exposure restrictions to listed equity 15% of NAV; maximum exposure restrictions on fixed income investments depend on the features of each security, (Ex: Rated, Guaranteed, etc.), and are regulated by the Trustee and the SEC	
Fee Details	Management Fee : 1.5% p.a. of NAV / Trustee fee : 0.11-0.15% p.a. of NAV, depending on fund size Custody Fee : Rs.10,000 per Month, Front-end fee : 1.5%.	
Fund Manager	NDB Wealth Management Ltd.	
Trustee & Custodian	Hatton National Bank PLC	

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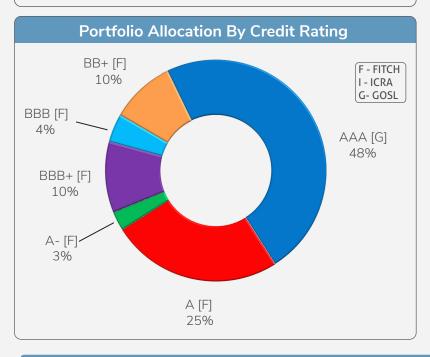
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NDB Wealth Income Fund

Fund Overview

Type: Open Ended Currency: LKR Investments: Corporate Debt Instruments

NDB Wealth Income Fund is an open-ended Fixed Income fund incorporated in Sri Lanka, invested in LKR based corporate debt instruments including commercial paper, securitized paper, quoted and unquoted debentures as well as Sri Lanka Treasury Bills, Bonds and government securities backed Repurchase transactions. The Fund aims to enhance returns by investing in a diversified portfolio of corporate debt securities.



Fund Snapshot	31-Dec-23
YTD Yield	41.89%
YTD Yield (Annualized)	41.89%
NAV per unit	26.0741
AUM (LKR Mn.)	546.61
Fund Currency	LKR
Fund Inception	1-Dec-97
Expense Ratio	0.93%
Average Maturity (Yrs)	3.49
Average Duration	2.37

Maturity Profile		
Maturity	% Holding	AVG YTM (Net)
Under 1 Month	5.01%	9.50%
1 Month - 3 Months	2.76%	14.60%
6 Months - 1 Year	13.05%	16.00%
1 Year - 5 Years	74.14%	16.40%
Over 5 Years	5.04%	13.40%

Historical Returns		
Period	Fund Returns	Annualized Return
Year to Date	41.89%	41.89%
Last month	1.99%	23.41%
Last 3 months	5.33%	21.13%
Last 6 months	25.72%	51.01%
Last 12 months	41.89%	41.89%
Year 2022	8.21%	8.21%
Year 2021	6.74%	6.74%

Other Features	
Valuation	Daily Valuation All Instruments are marked to market.
Investment/Withdrawal	Any Time A notice period of 07 working days may be required prior to large redemptions. However, the time period can be discussed with potential investors prior to the investment.
Exposure Restrictions	Maximum exposure restrictions on investments depend on the features of each security, (Ex: Rated, Guaranteed, etc), and are regulated by the Trustee and the SEC.
Fee Details	Management Fee: 0.65% p.a. of NAV / Trustee fee: 0.10-0.19% p.a. of NAV, based on fund size/ Custodian fee: 0.05% p.a. of NAV. Exit Fee – 1% on redemptions, switches or transfer of units made within 365 days from the creation date of any investment made after 1st October 2021.
Fund Manager	NDB Wealth Management Ltd.
Trustee & Custodian	Bank of Ceylon

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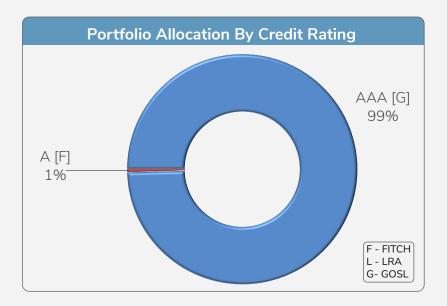
NDB Wealth Income Plus Fund

Fund Overview

Type: Open Ended Currency: LKR Investments: Fixed Income Securities

NDB Wealth Income Plus Fund is an open-ended fixed Income fund incorporated in Sri Lanka, invested in LKR based corporate debt instruments including commercial paper, securitized paper, quoted and unquoted debentures, bank deposits as well as Sri Lanka Treasury Bills, Bonds and government securities backed Repurchase transactions.

The Fund aims to provide higher returns by investing in a portfolio of Gilt Edged and Corporate Debt securities.



Fund Snapshot	31-Dec-23
YTD Yield	25.24%
YTD Yield (Annualized)	25.24%
NAV per unit	27.0608
AUM (LKR Mn.)	746.74
Fund Currency	LKR
Fund Inception	7-Apr-16
Expense Ratio	0.76%
Average Maturity (Yrs)	0.39
Average Duration	0.37

Maturity Profile		
Maturity	% Holding	AVG YTM (Net)
Under 1 Month	3.09%	16.13%
1 Month - 6 Months	96.91%	28.89%

Historical Returns		
Period	Fund Returns	Annualized Return
Year to Date	25.24%	25.24%
Last month	1.71%	20.19%
Last 3 months	5.09%	20.18%
Last 6 months	10.17%	20.18%
Last 12 months	25.24%	25.24%

Other Features	
Valuation	Daily Valuation Cost plus accrued basis
Investment/Withdrawal	Any Time A notice period of 07 working days may be required prior to large redemptions. However, the time period can be discussed with potential investors prior to the investment.
Fee Details	Management Fee : 0.50% p.a. of NAV. Trustee and Custodian fee : 0.065 - 0.1% p.a. of NAV, based on fund size. Exit fee : 2% if less than 1 year ; 0 if greater than 1 year
Fund Manager	NDB Wealth Management Ltd.
Trustee & Custodian	Bank of Ceylon

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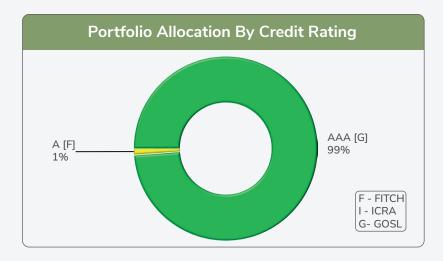
NDB Wealth Money Fund

Fund Overview

Type : Open Ended $\, | \,$ Investments: Short Term Bank Deposits Currency: LKR

NDB Wealth Money Fund is an open-ended money market fund incorporated in Sri Lanka, investing in short-term government securities and high credit quality LKR based bank deposits.

The Fund aims to provide optimal returns with low risk and moderate liquidity to investors by investing in short-term government securities and high-quality bank deposits with maturities less than 365 days with credit ratings of A- and above.



Fund Snapshot	31-Dec-23
YTD Yield	24.03%
YTD Yield (Annualized)	24.03%
NAV per unit	31.6880
AUM (LKR Mn.)	189,536.70
Fund Currency	LKR
Fund Inception	1-Jun-12
Expense Ratio	0.77%
Average Maturity (Yrs)	0.25
Average Duration	0.24

Maturity Profile		
Maturity	% Holding	AVG YTM (Net)
Under 1 Month	22.04%	14.17%
1 Month - 3 Months	35.80%	14.80%
3 Months - 6 Months	34.87%	14.40%
6 Months - 1 Year	7.28%	13.80%

Historical Returns		
Period	Fund Returns	Annualized Return
Year to Date	24.03%	24.03%
Last month	1.30%	15.36%
Last 3 months	4.22%	16.75%
Last 6 months	9.62%	19.08%
Last 12 months	24.03%	24.03%
Year 2022	17.79%	17.79%
Year 2021	5.58%	5.58%

Other Features		
Valuation	Daily Valuation Instruments less than one year - cost plus accrued basis, Instruments greater than one year - n/a.	
Investment/Withdrawal	Any Time A notice period of 07 working days may be required prior to large redemptions. However, the time period can be discussed with potential investors prior to the investment.	
Fee Details	Management Fee : 0.55% p.a. of NAV. Trustee fee : 0.11-0.15% p.a. of NAV, depending on fund size. Custody Fee : Rs.10,000 per Month	
Fund Manager	NDB Wealth Management Ltd.	
Trustee & Custodian	Hatton National Bank PLC	

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NDB Wealth Money Plus Fund

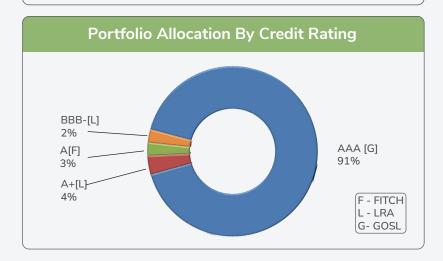
Fund Overview

Type: Open Ended Currency: LKR

Investments: Money Market Corporate Debt Securities

NDB Wealth Money Plus Fund is an open-ended money market fund incorporated in Sri Lanka, invested in short term LKR based corporate debt instruments including commercial paper, securitized paper, bank deposits as well as Sri Lanka Treasury Bills, Bonds and government securities backed Repurchase transactions.

The Fund aims to provide liquidity to investors while enhancing returns by investing in a diversified portfolio of short term corporate debt securities with maturities less than 365 days.



Fund Snapshot	31-Dec-23
YTD Yield	23.07%
YTD Yield (Annualized)	23.07%
NAV per unit	34.7908
AUM (LKR Mn.)	8,223.50
Fund Currency	LKR
Fund Inception	1-Jun-12
Expense Ratio	0.94%
Average Maturity (Yrs)	0.30
Average Duration	0.28

Maturity Profile			
Maturity	% Holding	AVG YTM (Net)	
Under 1 Month	15.64%	14.21%	
1 Month - 3 Months	29.78%	15.00%	
3 Months - 6 Months	40.29%	14.40%	
6 Months - 1 Year	14.29%	14.10%	

Historical Returns		
Period	Fund Returns	Annualized Return
Year to Date	23.07%	23.07%
Last month	1.29%	15.21%
Last 3 months	4.24%	16.83%
Last 6 months	9.48%	18.80%
Last 12 months	23.07%	23.07%
Year 2022	14.08%	14.08%
Year 2021	5.67%	5.67%

Other Features	
Valuation	Daily Valuation Instruments less than one year - cost plus accrued basis, Instruments greater than one year - n/a.
Investment/Withdrawal	Any Time A notice period of 07 working days may be required prior to large redemptions. However, the time period can be discussed with potential investors prior to the investment.
Exposure Restrictions	Maximum exposure restrictions on investments depend on the features of each security, (Ex: Rated, Guaranteed, etc) and are regulated by the Trustee and the SEC.
Fee Details	Management Fee : 0.65% p.a. of NAV. Trustee fee : 0.11- 0.15% p.a. of NAV, depending on fund size. Custody Fee : Rs.10,000 per Month
Fund Manager	NDB Wealth Management Ltd.
Trustee & Custodian	Hatton National Bank PLC

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NDB Wealth Islamic Money Plus Fund

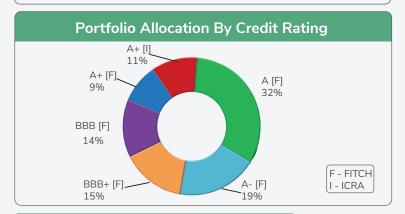
Fund Overview

Type : Open Ended Currency: LKR

Investments: Short Term Shariah compliant investments

NDB Wealth Islamic Money Plus Fund is an open-ended money market fund incorporated in Sri Lanka, invested exclusively in short term LKR based Shariah compliant investments including Mudharabah term deposits, Mudharabah savings deposits, Wakala investments and sukuk investments less than 366 days.

The Fund aims to provide investors with liquidity and regular income through investing in a portfolio of short term shariah compliant securities.



Fund Snapshot	31-Dec-23
YTD Yield	16.12%
YTD Yield (Annualized)	16.12%
NAV per unit	22.5179
AUM (LKR Mn.)	1,097.93
Fund Currency	LKR
Fund Inception	1-Jun-15
Expense Ratio	1.21%
Average Maturity (Yrs)	0.37
Average Duration	0.31

Maturity Profile		
Maturity	% Holding	AVG YTM (Net)
Under 1 Month	16.96%	12.02%
1 Month - 3 Months	21.09%	14.30%
3 Months - 6 Months	42.59%	13.60%
6 Months - 1 Year	19.35%	12.50%

Target Asset Allocation		
Investment Type	Asset Allocation	
Shariah compliant money market investments up to 366 days	Max 90%	
Shariah compliant money market investments less than 15 days	Min 10%	

Shariah Supervisory Board	
Shafique Jakhura	Mufti
Muhammed Huzaifah	Maulana

Approved Investments	
Shariah compliant money market investments up to 366 days	Mudharabah term deposits and Wakala Investments in Commercial Banks / Specialised Banks / Finance Companies or any other authorized deposit taking Institution Sukuk / Wakala / Mudharabah securities issued by corporate entities subject to Shariah council approval.
Shariah compliant money market investments less than 15 days	Mudharabah savings deposits

Historical Returns		
Period	Fund Returns	Annualized Return
Year to Date	16.12%	16.12%
Last month	1.08%	12.67%
Last 3 months	3.40%	13.48%
Last 6 months	7.24%	14.37%
Last 12 months	16.12%	16.12%
Year 2022	13.43%	13.43%
Year 2021	5.26%	5.26%

Other Features		
Valuation	Daily Valuation Instruments less than one year - cost plus accrued basis, Instruments greater than one year - n/a.	
Investment/Withdrawal	Any Time A notice period of 07 working days may be required prior to large redemptions. However, the time period can be discussed with potential investors prior to the investment.	
Fee Details	Management Fee : 0.80% p.a. of NAV. Trustee fee : 0.11% - 0.15% p.a. of NAV, based on the fund size Custody Fee : Rs.10,000 per Month.	
Fund Manager	NDB Wealth Management Ltd.	
Trustee & Custodian	Hatton National Bank PLC	

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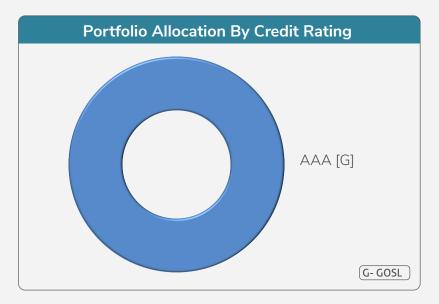
NDB Wealth Gilt Edged Fund

Fund Overview

Type: Open Ended Currency: LKR

Investments: Government of Sri Lanka Securities

NDB Wealth Gilt Edged Fund is an open-ended unit trust fund incorporated in Sri Lanka, invested in Government of Sri Lanka Treasury Bills, Bonds and government securities backed Repurchase transactions. The Fund aims to maximize returns from investments by investing the fund exclusively in government securities and government guaranteed securities.



Fund Snapshot	31-Dec-23
YTD Yield	68.33%
YTD Yield (Annualized)	68.33%
NAV per unit	31.8085
AUM (LKR Mn.)	300.34
Fund Currency	LKR
Fund Inception	1-Dec-97
Expense Ratio	1.17%
Average Maturity (Yrs)	4.3
Average Duration	3.14

Maturity Profile		
Maturity	% Holding	AVG YTM (Net)
Under 1 Year	6.56%	11.00%
1 Year - 5 Years	87.36%	13.90%
Over 5 Years	6.09%	13.40%

Historical Returns		
Period	Fund Returns	Annualized Return
Year to Date	68.33%	68.33%
Last month	2.08%	24.47%
Last 3 months	4.94%	19.59%
Last 6 months	33.52%	66.50%
Last 12 months	68.33%	68.33%
Year 2022	-2.93%	-2.93%
Year 2021	4.38%	4.38%

Other Features	
Valuation	Daily Valuation All Instruments are marked to market.
Investment/Withdrawal	Any Time A notice period of 07 working days may be required prior to large redemptions. However, the time period can be discussed with potential investors prior to the investment.
Fee Details	Management Fee : 0.65% p.a. of NAV Trustee fee : 0.10-0.19% p.a. of NAV, depending on fund size Custodian fee : 0.05% p.a.of NAV.
Fund Manager	NDB Wealth Management Ltd.
Trustee & Custodian	Bank of Ceylon

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