



**Democratic Socialist Republic  
of Sri Lanka**

# **Sri Lanka Development Bonds**



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**Public Debt Department  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka**

## **SRI LANKA DEVELOPMENT BONDS**

The Sri Lanka Development Bonds (SLDBs) are a debt instrument denominated in US Dollars issued by the Government of Sri Lanka in terms of the Foreign Loans Act, No.29 of 1957.

Repayment is guaranteed by the Government of Sri Lanka.

### **Eligibility**

The following categories of investors are eligible to purchase SLDBs.

- (a) Authorised Dealers appointed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under the Sections 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(b) of the Foreign Exchange Act, No.12 of 2017;
- (b) Primary Dealers appointed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under the Registered Stock and Securities Ordinance, No.7 of 1937 and the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance, No.8 of 1923;
- (c) Citizens of foreign states whether resident in Sri Lanka or outside Sri Lanka;
- (d) Any person (natural or legal person including partnerships) in, or resident in, Sri Lanka who - (i) holds foreign exchange in a bank account in Sri Lanka or outside Sri Lanka; or (ii) owns any foreign asset;
- (e) Citizens of Sri Lanka who have obtained Permanent Residency Visa in another country and residing outside Sri Lanka;
- (f) Citizens of Sri Lanka who have proceeded outside Sri Lanka to take up employment or to set up in business or to engage in a profession;
- (g) Citizens of Sri Lanka who have dual citizenship provided such individuals are residing outside Sri Lanka;

- (h) Bodies corporated or unincorporated under the laws of a country other than Sri Lanka;
- (i) Companies which have entered into agreements in terms of Section 17 of the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Act, No.4 of 1978 with full exemption from the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act provided that all purchases of SLDBs are made against debits to foreign currency accounts maintained only for the purpose of crediting earnings from exports of such companies.
- (j) Companies registered to carry on insurance business in Sri Lanka under the provisions of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No.43 of 2000 provided that all purchases of SLDBs are made against debits to Special Foreign Currency Accounts maintained with Authorised Dealers by such Insurance Companies in terms of the approval granted under the provisions of the repealed Exchange Control Act, No. 24 of 1953.
- (k) Holders of Personal Foreign Currency Accounts and Business Foreign Currency Accounts.
- (l) Licensed Specialised Banks and Licensed Finance Companies which have been permitted to accept deposits in foreign currency.

The SLDBs are not sold in the USA or to persons residing in the USA.

## **Salient Features of SLDBs**

### **Maturity Period**

The maturity periods of the SLDBs are one (1) year six (6) months, two (2) years six (6) months, three (3) years three (3) months and four (4) years three (3) months.

## **Denominations**

These bonds are denominated in US Dollars. The minimum investment at the auction shall be US Dollars 10,000. Denominations are available in multiples of US Dollars 10,000. In the secondary market the minimum investment shall be US Dollars 10,000.

## **Interest Payments & Principal Repayment**

Interest is paid to the holders in every six (6) months from the date of issue. Calculation of interest payments will be based on a fixed margin determined through competitive bidding at the auction.

- Fixed and floating arrangement are available for all maturities.

Principal repayment is made at the end of the maturity period.

Principal and interest on SLDBs are fully repatriable.

## **Paying Agent**

Bank of Ceylon, Colombo, Sri Lanka is the Paying Agent appointed by the Superintendent of Public Debt (SPD) to make payment of interest and repayment of principal to the holders of SLDBs.

## **Transfer**

The SLDBs are transferable by endorsement, delivery and registration on an application made to the SPD. Application forms for transfers can be obtained through Designated Agents.

## **Joint Holders**

SLDBs may be held jointly by two holders. Repayment of principal and payments of interest are made to the person whose name appears first on the SLDB and to the surviving holder whose name appears next on the SLDB in the event of death of the first holder.

## Designated Agents

Name	Telephone
Acuity Securities Ltd. ....	94-11-2206297
Axis Bank Ltd. ....	94-11-2577733
Bank of Ceylon ....	94-11-2448830
Capital Alliance Ltd. ....	94-11-2317777
Citi Bank N.A. ....	94-11-2447316-8
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC .....	94-11-2330406
Deutsche Bank AG .....	94-11-2447062
DFCC Bank PLC .....	94-11-2442442
First Capital Treasuries PLC. ....	94-11-2639898
Habib Bank Ltd. ....	94-11-2370390
Hatton National Bank PLC .....	94-11-2664664
ICICI Bank Ltd. ....	94-11-4242400
Indian Bank .....	94-11-2323402
Indian Overseas Bank .....	94-11-5324422
MCB Bank Ltd. ....	94-11-2448765
National Development Bank PLC .....	94-11-2448448
Nations Trust Bank PLC .....	94-11-4711411
NatWealth Securities Ltd. ....	94-11-4703000
NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd. ....	94-11-2564607
Pan Asia Banking Corporation PLC .....	94-11-2565565
People's Bank .....	94-11-2206783
Public Bank Berhad .....	94-11-2576289
Sampath Bank PLC .....	94-11-2305841-2
Seylan Bank PLC .....	94-11-2456337
Standard Chartered Bank .....	94-11-2480000
State Bank of India .....	94-11-2326133
The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. ....	94-11-4451233
Union Bank of Colombo PLC .....	94-11-2374100
Wealth Trust Securities Ltd. ....	94-11-2675091-4

## **Nominee & Custodian**

A holder can nominate a nominee as an alternative holder of the Bond in the event of a death of both Registered Holder and the Joint Holder.

A holder can appoint a custodian with the approval of the SPD to hold SLDBs on behalf of the holder.

## **Tax Treatment**

Subject to the applicable tax laws in Sri Lanka.

## **Collecting Interest and Maturity Proceeds**

An investor can make arrangements to collect interest payments and principal repayments in a manner flexible to him/her by a US Dollar cheque drawn in his/her favour or to a US Dollar account in accordance with his/her duly intimated instructions.

## **Information**

The investors can obtain further information on SLDBs from the SPD or from Designated Agents.

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