

# Asset Management: Mutual Funds. Fact Sheet.





December 2024

### **About the Fund**

The Fund is tailored for investors seeking low-risk and short-term investment opportunities. The Fund invests in securities such as Bank Placements, Commercial Papers, Short-term Government securities.

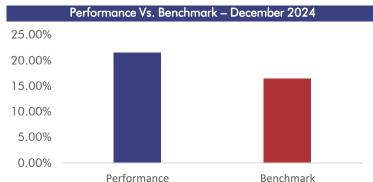
| Investment Objective:    | The primary objective of the Fund is to generate competitive returns short-term investors who value liquidity and capital preservation.                                |
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| Fund Managers            | Kenneth Brai, Opeyemi Babalola   |
| Fund Launch Date         | May 2023   |
| Fund Size                | ₩ 334.4mn  |
| Base Currency            | Naira  |
| Minimum Investment       | <del>1</del> 10,000  |
| NAV per Unit             | ₩1.00  |
| Minimum Holding Period   | 30 days  |
| Early Liquidation Charge | 20% on income earned   |
| Income Accrual           | Daily  |
| Income Distribution      | Quarterly  |
| Annual Management Fee    | 1.25%  |
| Asset Allocation         | <ul> <li>FGN Treasury Bills: 25% - 100%</li> <li>Other Money Market: 10% - 75%</li> <li>Bank Placements: 10% - 75%</li> <li>Cash &amp; Receivables: 0% - 5%</li> </ul> |
| Ratings Agency           | Augusto  |
| Trustees                 | STL Trustees Limited   |
| Custodian                | Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc  |

### **Market Review**

- The money market was slow-paced in December as the year came to a close in 2024. Rates remained at similar levels to what was recorded in the prior month. The final NTB auction in the period saw stop rates for the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day NTBs print at 18.00%, 18.50% and 22.80%, accordingly.
- To end the period, benchmark 91-day, 182-day and 1-year bills closed at yields of 25.80%, 24.88% and 28.20%, respectively. The 1year OMO Bill also ended the month at a yield of 29.39%.
- We recorded another increase in Nigeria's headline inflation which grew by 0.72% to 34.60% in November from 33.88% in October. Food inflation printed at 39.93% (vs. 39.16% in October) and core inflation settled at 28.75% (vs. 28.37% in October).

| Key Indicators – December 2024         |        |  |
|--|--------|--|
| Monetary Policy Rate                   | 27.50% |  |
| Headline Inflation                     | 34.60% |  |
| Average YTD Yield on 90D NTB – in 2024 | 16.43% |  |
| Yield on Fund                          | 21.50% |  |





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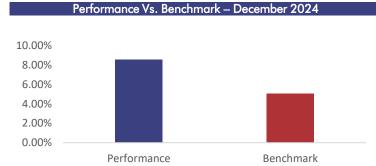
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| Investment Objective:    | The primary objective of the Fund is to generate income for subscribers.  |
| Fund Managers            | Kenneth Brai, Uduak Jacob   |
| Fund Launch Date         | December 2022   |
| Fund Size                | ₩142.0mn  |
| Base Currency            | Naira   |
| Minimum Investment       | ₩10,000   |
| NAV per Unit             | N11.39  |
| Minimum Holding Period   | 6 months  |
| Early Liquidation Charge | 20% on income earned  |
| Income Accrual           | Daily   |
| Income Distribution      | Semi-annually   |
| Annual Management Fee    | 1.25%   |
| Asset Allocation         | <ul> <li>Federal, State &amp; Corporate Bonds: 70% - 100%</li> <li>Treasury Bills/Other Money Market: 0% - 30%</li> <li>Bank Placements: 0% - 30%</li> <li>Cash &amp; Receivables: 0% - 5%</li> </ul> |
| Trustees                 | STL Trustees Limited  |
| Custodian                | Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc   |

## **Market Review**

- The FGN bond market remained subdued in December, with minimal activity driven by weak sentiment. As the year-end approached, government borrowing slowed, and market participants closed their trading books, anticipating a fresh start in the new year. Conversely, the NTB market saw sporadic activity, fuelled by intermittent buying interest supported by system liquidity.
- During the month, the Federal Government raised approximately ₩211.14 billion via the bond auction. The 5-year and 7-year bonds were issued at yields of 21.14% and 22%, respectively. Notably, the stop rate for the 5-year bond increased by 14 basis points from its level in November while that of the 7-year bond remained unchanged. Investor demand at the auction was healthy, as indicated by a bid-to-cover ratio of 1.32x.

| Key Indicators – December 2024 |        |  |
|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Monetary Policy Rate           | 27.50% |  |
| Headline Inflation             | 34.60% |  |
| YTD Return on 3-Year NIGB      | 0.21%  |  |
| YTD Return on Fund             | 8.56%  |  |
| Annualised Return on Fund      | 8.56%  |  |





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## CP Dollar Fund (CDF) December 2024

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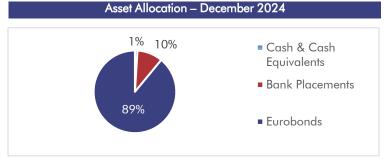
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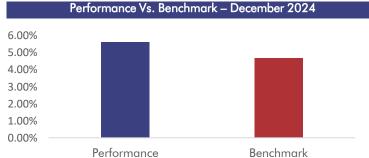
| Investment Objective:    | The primary objective of the Fund is income generation and capital preservation.  |
|--------------------------|---|
| Fund Managers            | Kenneth Brai, Opeyemi Babalola  |
| Fund Launch Date         | May 2023  |
| Fund Size                | \$ 397.8k   |
| Base Currency            | Dollars   |
| Minimum Investment       | \$1,000   |
| NAV per Unit             | \$1.06  |
| Minimum Holding Period   | 6 months  |
| Early Liquidation Charge | 20% on income earned  |
| Income Accrual           | Daily   |
| Income Distribution      | Semi-annually   |
| Annual Management Fee    | 1.25%   |
| Asset Allocation         | <ul> <li>Nigeria Sovereign &amp; Corporate Eurobonds: 70% - 100%</li> <li>Bank Placements: 0% - 30%</li> <li>Cash &amp; Receivables: 0% - 5%</li> </ul> |
| Trustees                 | STL Trustees Limited  |
| Custodian                | Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc   |

## **Market Review**

- The Eurobond market was calm in December as activities for the year experienced a slow-down ahead of year-end. The FOMC cut rates by another 0.25% in their December meeting, highlighting the need to support the economy as inflation edges closer to their 2% target. Nigeria raised \$2.2 billion worth of Eurobonds across the 2031 and 2034 maturities in the period.
- In the US, the second estimate of the Gross Domestic Product rose at an annualized rate of 2.8% in the third quarter of 2024, in line with expectations and 0.2% higher than last quarter's 3.0% print.
- November inflation (PCE) in the US printed at 2.4% (in line with expectations and 0.1% higher than the 2.3% print recorded in October).

| Key Indicators – December 2024         |       |  |
|--|-------|--|
| US FED Policy Rate                     | 4.50% |  |
| US Inflation (CPI)                     | 2.70% |  |
| YTD Return on 3-Year Nigerian Eurobond | 3.55% |  |
| YTD Return on Fund                     | 5.64% |  |
| Annualised YTD Return on Fund          | 5.64% |  |





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#### Definition of Terms:

- PMA Primary Market Auction. This is an auction usually conducted every two (2), where the government issues Treasury Bills.
- OMO Open Market Operations. This is tool used by the Nigerian Monetary Authorities to regulate the amount of money supply in the Nigerian economy.
- DMO Debt Management Office. This is the office tasked with managing the debt levels of the Nigerian Government. This office decides the amount and level of debt to raise from the public per time.
- YTD Year to date. This a term used to measure performance from the start of the year till the current date.
- **CPI** Consumer Price Index. The Consumer Price Index is a measure of the average change overtime in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. It is used to measure inflation.
- FOMC Federal Open Market Committee. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is the branch of the Federal Reserve System (FRS) that determines the direction of monetary policy in the United States by directing open market operations.
- PCE Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index. Personal consumption expenditures, or PCE, allows economists, consumers, and businesses to see how well the economy is faring from month to month.
- **GDP** Gross Domestic Product. Gross domestic product (GDP) is the standard measure of the value added created through the production of goods and services in a country during a certain period.
- Hawkish This highlights a position adopted by monetary authorities when battling inflation to limit the money supply in circulation.
- **Dovish** This highlights a position adopted by monetary authorities when looking to spur activities in the economy, using by reducing interest rates and increase money supply.

#### Disdaimer:

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