

Macroeconomic and Market Review April 2025

Overview

Uncertainty continues to affect market movements, with the ongoing US-China tariff tensions remaining a key driver of global market sentiment. For Nigeria, these developments can have significant implications for government revenue and foreign exchange flows, reinforcing the need for a strategic, coordinated policy response. Meanwhile, domestic inflation accelerated to 24.23% y/y in March, up from 23.18% in February, largely driven by core inflation (24.43% y/y from 23.01% in February), offsetting moderations in the food component (21.79% y/y from 23.51% in February).

Fixed Income

The fixed-income space was bearish despite improved liquidity as the market experienced selloffs in the Treasury Bills (T-Bills), Open Market Operations (OMO), and the Federal Government Bonds (FGN Bonds) segments. Average liquidity for the month was positive at N836.49bn, up from the negative N395.11bn in the prior month. The improved liquidity was buoyed by inflows from coupon payments and FAAC disbursements.

During the month, the Debt Management Office (DMO) conducted two primary market auctions for T-Bills, offering N1.20tn, with total subscriptions of N2.67tn and allotment of N1.14tn; the 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day instruments saw yields decline to 18.85% pa, 20.38% pa, and 23.44% pa, respectively. In the OMO primary market, where the CBN conducted two auctions offering N1.00tn combined, subscriptions reached N2.45tn, and allotment stood at N1.81tn; yields on the 298-day and 319-day instruments rose to 28.52% pa and 29.06% pa, respectively. The DMO also conducted a primary auction in the FGN Bond market, offering N350.00bn, with subscriptions of N495.95bn and allotment of N397.90bn; the 5-year and 9-year instruments closed flat at 19.00% pa and 19.99% pa, respectively.

In the secondary market, average yields on T-Bills rose by 129bps to 20.73% pa, driven by sell-offs, particularly at the long end of the curve. Similarly, the OMO market experienced broadbased selloffs, with average yields increasing from 24.21% pa to 26.98% pa. In the FGN Bonds secondary market, average yields rose by 34bps to 19.05% pa, reflecting selling pressure in the short- and mid-segments of the curve.

While primary market activities recorded strong subscription levels, secondary market yields rose across all segments, reflecting cautious investor sentiment and portfolio rebalancing. Looking ahead, we expect investor appetite to remain selective, with cautious positioning across the curve as market participants await further clarity from monetary policy signals and inflation trends, especially with the Monetary Policy Committee meeting in May. Yields are likely to stay elevated in the near term, particularly in the OMO and long-end T-Bills segments, barring any major liquidity injections or policy shifts.

Equities

The NGX All-Share Index recorded a modest month-on-month gain of 13bps, closing at 105,800.85 points. The uptick was driven by the Q1 earnings season, which spurred investors to take positions ahead of dividend declarations, alongside profit-taking activities. Buying interest in blue-chip stocks such as MTN Nigeria (+2.04% m/m), Zenith Bank (+1.70% m/m), and Access Holdings (+0.67% m/m) outweighed selloffs in Dangote Cement (-10.00% m/m), Aradel Holdings (-10.40% m/m), and Oando (-13.03% m/m). Consequently, the market's year-to-date return inched up to 2.79%, from 2.66% in the prior month.

Sectoral performance on the NGX was mixed for the month of April. The NGX Consumer Goods Index advanced by +10.42% m/m, leading the gainers. Similarly, the NGX Pension Index and the NGX 30 Index posted modest gains of +3.40% m/m and +0.07% m/m, respectively, closing in positive territory. Conversely, declines were recorded across the other sectors. The NGX Oil and Gas Index declined by -4.23% m/m, while the NGX Industrial Goods Index and the NGX Insurance Index fell by -3.59% m/m and -3.52% m/m. The NGX Banking Index also ended lower, retreating by 1.52% m/m.

Looking ahead, we expect cautious trading to persist in the near term as investors monitor macroeconomic developments, particularly with respect to the US tariff onslaught and its effect on oil prices.

Oil

Oil prices experienced significant volatility and ended the month sharply lower, reflecting heightened concerns around global demand and supply dynamics. Brent crude declined by 15.55% m/m to US\$63.12/bbl—its lowest level in more than three years. A major driver of the bearish sentiment was the deepening US-China trade war. China's announcement of a 34% retaliatory tariff on all US goods, followed by the US raising tariffs to 125%, which intensified fears of a global recession and consequent drop in oil demand if that occurs.

On the supply side, OPEC+ initially surprised the market by announcing a larger-than-expected output increase of 411,000 bpd for May. Although the group later pledged to penalise members like Kazakhstan for exceeding production quotas, confidence in their ability to rein in quota abusers remained low. Further pressure came from a Russian court decision that allows the Caspian Pipeline Consortium to continue operations, increasing near-term supply. Meanwhile, geopolitical developments around Iran added to price swings. The US government threatened secondary sanctions on countries conducting oil trade with Iran, briefly supporting prices. However, progress in US-Iran nuclear talks raised fears that more Iranian supply could return to the market, offsetting fears that additional sanctions would reduce supply.

Despite a brief recovery mid-month, driven by optimism over a potential US-EU trade agreement and the additional US sanctions targeting Iranian crude, the broader market remained fragile. Brent ended April down 15.43% year-to-date, with the average year-to-date price settling at US\$69.53/bbl, 12.94% lower than the 2024 average. Bonny Light followed a similar trajectory, closing the month at US\$64.88/bbl (-14.04% year-to-date).

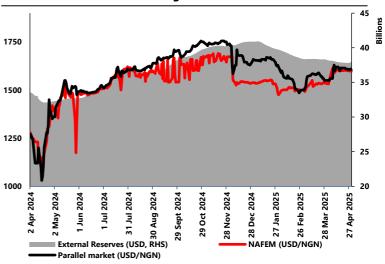
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Foreign Exchange

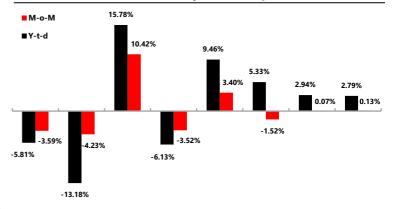
The Naira experienced an unstable trading pattern against the US Dollar, marked by alternating periods of depreciation and mild recovery. At the Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange Market (NAFEM), the Naira weakened overall by 3.75% during the month to close at N1,596.69/US\$1, bringing the year-to-date depreciation to 3.66%. The parallel market mirrored this trend with moderate fluctuations, ending the month at N1,605.00/US\$1 (-3.43% m/m). For most of the month, the Naira traded at a premium in the official market relative to the parallel market. Underlying the Naira's movement were persistent macroeconomic pressures, including heightened global uncertainties, which triggered foreign portfolio outflows and increased demand for hard currency to support the outflows. Despite periods of marginal appreciation mid-month, these gains were not sustained.

The gross foreign exchange reserves closed the month lower by 1.04% m/m to US\$37.93bn, down year-to-date by 7.20% (US\$2.94bn). Looking ahead, we expect a possible US-China trade agreement, if positive, to support stability in the FX market by supporting oil prices.

CBN Gross Reserves vs Exchange Rate



NGX sub-indices returns, 2025 year to 30 April





Source: CBN, NGX, Bloomberg, Coronation Research

Global economic outlook

Global economic momentum showed signs of divergence during the month. In the US, the economy expanded by 1.6% y/y in Q1 2025, buoyed by solid consumer spending and a resilient labor market. However, core inflation remained sticky at 2.8% y/y, keeping the Fed cautious on potential rate cuts and when to start the easing cycle. A new round of tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles and green tech imports, announced late in the month, signaled continued trade tensions, potentially dampening the outlook. In the Eurozone, growth remained sluggish, with Q1 2025 GDP up just 0.1% q/q as weak consumption and a struggling industrial sector continued to weigh on recovery, despite easing inflation. China, on the other hand, surprised to the upside with 5.3% y/y growth in Q1, supported by a surge in exports and policy-driven infrastructure investment. Still, domestic demand and private sector confidence remain weak, and the country is still facing the trade war with a key market, the US.

The global outlook remains mixed. Markets expect the US Fed to delay rate cuts until later in the year due to persistent inflation, while growth is likely to moderate as the labor market cools. For China, although Q1 growth beat expectations, economists remain cautious as weak consumer sentiment and external risks, particularly from the tariff spat, could weigh on the second half of the year.

Coronation Money Market Fund

FUND OVERVIEW

The Coronation Money Market Fund is an open-ended fund that invests in low-risk, short-term instruments, including Treasury Bills, Term Deposits, Commercial Papers, and other Money Market securities. Our goal is to generate regular income while maintaining liquidity and preserving capital.

Investment Objective:

Our objective is to provide investors with a steady return on capital by actively investing in high-quality, investment-grade money market instruments

Investment Strategy:

Our fund manager employs a disciplined investment approach, focusing on:

- · Diversification: Building a portfolio of high-quality money market securities
- Liquidity: Maintaining an average duration of 90 days or less
- Risk Management: Implementing robust controls to minimize credit and interest rate risk

Suitable Investor:

This fund is ideal for short-term focused investors seeking:

- · Capital preservation
- Moderate income
- Liquidity

Investment Philosophy

We follow a fundamental investment process, combining:

- Bottom-up credit selection
- Tactical trading in liquid instruments
- Robust risk management tools
- · Research-based macro risk analysis

Our investment team works closely with the Research team to provide market insights, ensuring that our investment decisions are informed and effective.

Risk Management

We prioritize risk management through:

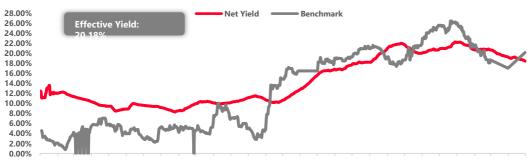
- High-quality issuer selection
- Duration limits
- Issuer concentration limits
- Rigorous selection criteria
- Independent risk and compliance review.

Our disciplined investment process and continuous value analysis ensure that we deliver consistent returns while minimizing risk exposure.

HISTORICAL 30-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE YIELD

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2025	23.08%	23.02%	19.28%	18.46%								
2024	10.73%	10.60%	12.78%	15.57%	16.85%	17.71%	18.23%	20.94%	21.76%	20.04%	20.85%	22.21%
2023	12.08%	11.40%	10.36%	9.45%	8.88%	9.64%	9.21%	8.53%	9.94%	10.11%	10.15%	11.14%
2022	8.10%	7.70%	6.34%	5.67%	5.19%	4.86%	6.62%	10.19%	10.59%	11.09%	12.21%	12.18%
2021	1.45%	1.15%	0.86%	1.36%	2.96%	4.83%	6.80%	7.91%	8.81%	8.14%	8.01%	8.32%
2020	5.99%	5.50%	4.67%	4.48%	4.16%	3.78%	3.71%	3.34%	3.32%	2.24%	1.35%	0.87%
2019	11.96%	13.29%	14.50%	11.94%	12.46%	12.41%	12.86%	11.10%	3.32%	11.25%	10.65%	9.98%

YEAR TO DATE 30 DAY ROLLING AVERAGE YIELD VS. BENCHMARK



RISK - REWARD PROFILE

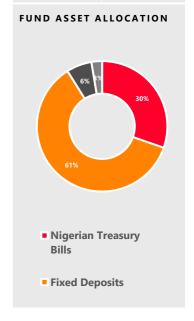


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FUND FACTS	
Fund launch date	23 September 2017
Fund type	Open - Ended
Asset class	Money Market
Risk profile	Low
Fund rating	A+(f)
Investment Manager rating	A-(IM)
Benchmark	91 Day Treasury Bills
Currency	Nigerian Naira
Accounting	Amortized Cost
Fund size	₩24.39 Billion
Offer price	₩1.00
Income distribution	Quarterly
Minimum holding period	1 month
Minimum initial transaction size	№ 10,000
Minimum additional transaction size	₦5,000
FUND FEES	
Management fees	1.5% p.a.

FUND CHARGE	S
Entry charge	None
Exit charge	None
Early redemption charge	1.5% of income earned



Coronation Fixed Income Dollar Portfolio

FUND OVERVIEW

The Coronation Fixed Income Dollar Portfolio is a short-term fixed income fund that aims to provide unit holders with the opportunity for capital preservation and income generation. The fund invests in a diversified portfolio of short-term dollar-denominated fixed income securities, with a focus on maintaining liquidity and controlling risk.

Investment Objective:

The primary objective of the Coronation Fixed Income Dollar Portfolio is to provide unit holders with the opportunity for short-term capital preservation and income generation through investments in a diversified portfolio of short-term dollar-denominated fixed income securities

Investment Strategies:

The Fund Manager will employ an investment strategy focused on achieving capital preservation, generating income, and ensuring liquidity.

The fund will aim to maintain an average duration of not more than 1 year, emphasizing investments in short-term fixed income securities with robust liquidity profiles.

Suitable Investor

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking short-term investment options with a focus on capital preservation and generating consistent income. Investors looking for relatively lower risk exposure over the short term are well-aligned with the Fund's objectives.

Investment Philosophy

Our investment philosophy centers on constructing a diversified portfolio of high-quality short-term fixed income securities. The aim is to deliver steady income with controlled volatility and capital preservation. This is achieved through:

- · Meticulous bottom-up credit selection
- · Tactical trading in liquid instruments
- A strong emphasis on risk management

Risk Management

We prioritize risk management as a fundamental pillar of our investment process. To mitigate risk exposure, the Fund focuses on:

- Investing in high-quality issuers to reduce credit risk
- Employing strategies to limit interest rate risk through controlled durations
- Maintaining issuer concentration limits and adhering to stringent selection criteria
- Conducting in-depth macro risk analysis, multi-level reviews, and independent risk and compliance assessments

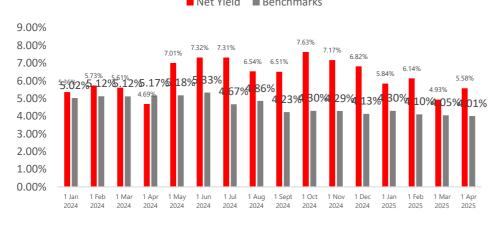
HISTORICAL FUND PERFORMANCE

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2025	5.84%	6.14%	4.93%	5.58%								
2024	5.36%	5.73%	5.61%	4.69%	7.01%	7.32%	6.25%	6.54%	6.51%	7.63%	7.17%	6.82%
2023	0.44%	1.49%	1.81%	2.22%	2.56%	2.90%	6.96%	7.06%	5.46%	5.80%	6.34%	6.10%

YEAR TO DATE 30 DAY ROLLING AVERAGE YIELD VS. BENCHMARK

Effective Yield: 5.56%

■ Net Yield ■ Benchmarks



RISK - REWARD PROFILE

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Lower risk
/ Lower return

Higher risk / Higher return

FUND FACTS	
Fund launch date	February 2020
Fund type	Open - Ended
Asset class	Fixed income
Risk profile	Low - Moderate
Investment Manager rating	A-(IM)*
Benchmark	Current US 6-month T-bill.
Currency	U.S. Dollar
Accounting	Mark-to-Market
Fund size	\$5.39Million
Offer price	\$ 1.00
Income distribution	Annually
Minimum holding period	6 months
Minimum initial transaction size	\$1,000
Minimum additional transaction size	\$500
FUND FEES	

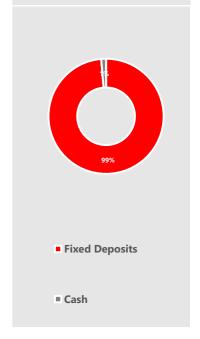
FUND FEES

Management fees	1.0% p.a.
Others	1.50%

FUND CHARGES

Exit charge	None
Early redemption charge	1.5% of income earned

FUND ASSET ALLOCATION



Coronation Balanced Fund

FUND OVERVIEW

The Coronation Balanced Fund is a medium-term investment solution offered by Coronation Asset Management. The fund aims to achieve capital appreciation and income generation while mitigating the volatility associated with equity investments.

Investment Objective:

The fund's objective is to provide investors with a balanced portfolio that generates capital appreciation and income while managing risk.

Investment Strategy:

The fund manager employs a strategic asset allocation approach, investing in a diverse pool of Nigerian equities and fixed income securities, including:

- Equities (up to 70%)
- Fixed income securities (up to 20%)
- Other market securities (up to 10%)

The fund targets a fixed income duration of 5 years and primarily invests in Naira-denominated fixed income and money market instruments.

Investment Philosophy

Our investment philosophy is centered around a fundamental, bottom-up approach, focusing on high-quality money market securities that deliver steady returns and provide liquidity. We employ robust risk management tools, including:

- Rigorous credit selection and macro risk analysis
- Independent risk and compliance review
- Disciplined investment process with multiple level review
- Continuous value analysis and issuer concentration limits

Risk Management

We prioritize risk management through:

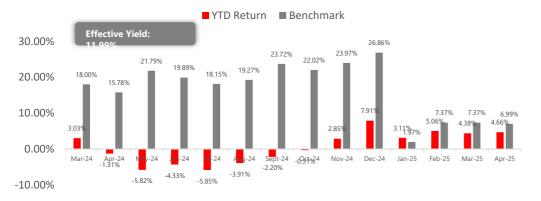
- High-quality issuer selection to reduce credit risk
- Duration limits to mitigate interest rate risk
- Rigorous selection criteria and research-based macro risk analysis
- Independent risk and compliance review
- Disciplined investment process with multiple level review

By following a disciplined investment approach and adhering to strict risk management guidelines, we aim to deliver consistent returns and minimize risk exposure for our investors.

HISTORICAL FUND PERFORMANCE

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
2025	3.11%	5.06%	4.38%	4.66%									4.66%
2024	4.64%	-5.18%	3.84%	-4.21%	-4.57%	1.58%	-1.59%	2.06%	1.77%	1.94%	3.17%	4.92%	7.91%
2023	1.01%	2.32%	0.51%	-0.45%	7.65%	10.44%	1.79%	2.43%	-0.57%	-0.63%	1.28%	5.66%	35.53%
2022	4.29%	1.23%	1.54%	3.71%	5.38%	-0.56%	-1.64%	-2.74%	-0.86%	-1.50%	2.35%	1.90%	13.24%
2021	0.52%	-3.15%	-0.95%	1.52%	-1.66%	2.74%	1.22%	1.23%	1.39%	1.54%	1.32%	-0.90%	4.32%
2020	2.37%	-3.58%	-11.81%	7.89%	4.10%	1.66%	3.10%	0.01%	5.39%	9.33%	1.38%	8.16%	29.49%
2019	-25.78%	2.07%	-0.20%	-0.45%	-1.31%	0.29%	-0.94%	-1.49%	5.64%	0.26%	6.73%	1.64%	-16.50%

HISTORICAL YTD RETURN VS. BENCHMARK



RISK - REWARD PROFILE

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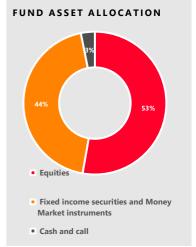
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FUND FA	стѕ
Fund launch date	23 September 2017
Fund type	Open – Ended
Asset class	Equity and Fixed Income Securities
Risk profile	Moderate – High
Investment Manager rating	A-(IM)*
Benchmark	25% of Nitty 1 Year + 50% of NSE 30 Index + 25% 5-Year FGN Bond
Currency	Naira
Accounting	Mark-to-Market
Fund size	₩241 Million
Offer price	№ 1.6112
Income Distribution	Annually
Minimum holding period	6 months
Minimum initial transaction size	N10,000
Minimum additional transaction size	N5,000

size				
FUND FE	ES			
Management fees	1.50% p.a.			
FUND CH	ARGES			
Entry charge	None			
Exit charge	None			
Early Redemption Charge	1.5% of net proceed			
FUND CHARACTERISTICS				

Equities Holding	by Sector
Financials	22.14%
Industrials	8.33%
Consumers	5.41%
Agriculture	2.02%
Oil and Gas	5.87%
Telecommunicati ons	6.65%
Total	50.42%



Coronation Fixed Income Fund

FUND OVERVIEW

The Coronation Fixed Income Fund is a medium to long-term investment solution designed to provide unit holders with long-term capital growth and regular income. The fund invests primarily in diverse portfolios of fixed income securities, employing a fundamental investment process and robust risk management tools to deliver consistent excess returns with low volatility.

Investment Objective:

The fundamental objective of the Fund is to provide unit holders with long-term capital growth and regular income by investing primarily in diverse portfolios of fixed income securities.

Investment Strategy:

The Fund Manager shall adopt and maintain an investment strategy that is designed to ensure a steady return on capital and assured liquidity. The fund will strive to maintain an average duration of not more than 6 years. The Fund may be suitable for investors looking to invest for the medium to long term with moderate risk appetite.

Investment Philosophy:

We employ a fundamental investment process to construct a diversified portfolio of highquality, fixed income securities that aim to deliver consistent excess returns (income) with low volatility.

Our bottom-up credit selection and tactical trading in the most liquid instruments and fundamental process combined with robust, top-down rigorous risk management tools designed to meet liquidity objectives and consistent excess returns over the long term.

Risk Management

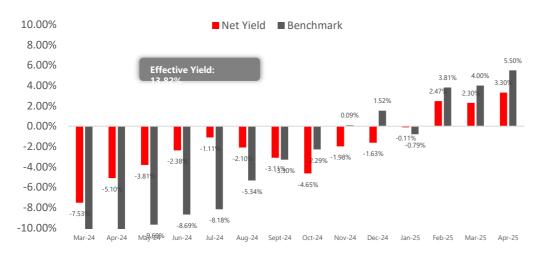
Risk management and controls are the foundation of the team's process integrated in the valuation, analytics, trading and portfolio management, which is vetted by research with market insight of the investment team to minimise risk exposure. Key risk management strategies include:

- · High-quality issuer to reduce credit risk and durations limit to mitigate interest rate risk
- · Issuers concentration limits and rigorous selection criteria
- Research based macro risk analysis and independent risk and compliance review
- Disciplined investment process and continuous value analysis relative to opportunity set
- Multiple level review and clear accountabilities and cross checks

HISTORICAL FUND PERFORMANCE

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
2025	-0.11%	2.47%	2.30%	3.30%									3.30%
2024	-1.94%	-3.51%	-2.02%	2.63%	1.36%	1.49%	1.29%	-1.00%	3.08%	-1.64%	2.80%	0.35%	2.66%
2023	0.49%	1.80%	0.72%	0.35%	1.14%	4.38%	-1.60%	-1.51%	0.15%	-1.35%	-0.27%	3.91%	7.25%
2022	1.93%	3.20%	1.19%	-1.30%	0.56%	1.31%	-2.22%	-2.55%	-0.02%	-2.11%	1.46%	2.76%	4.07%
2021	-0.98%	-4.54%	-3.30%	-6.43%	-0.47%	1.49%	-0.98%	4.05%	1.65%	-1.81%	0.50%	0.70%	-10.02%
2020	3.93%	2.39%	-6.18%	6.73%	0.10%	7.24%	5.84%	-3.73%	3.74%	8.64%	-0.15%	-9.08%	19.23%
2019	1.42%	1.65%	1.83%	0.32%	1.85%	1.50%	2.07%	-0.85%	0.61%	4.35%	1.88%	0.66%	18.63%

HISTORICAL YTD RETURN VS. BENCHMARK

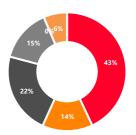


RISK - REWARD PROFILE

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Lower risk Higher risk
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FUND FACTS				
Fund launch date	23 September 2017			
Fund type	Open - Ended			
Asset class	Fixed income			
Risk profile	Moderate			
Investment Manager rating	A-(IM)			
Fund rating	A+/FV4			
Benchmark	Weighted average of 3-year+10-year FGN bond			
Currency	Nigerian Naira			
Accounting	Mark-to-Market			
Fund size	₦371 Million			
Offer price	₩1.4118			
Income distribution	Semi-annually			
Minimum holding period	3 months			
Minimum initial transaction size	N10,000			
Minimum additional transaction size	₦5,000			
FUND FEES				
Management fees	1.50% p.a.			
FUND CHARGES				
Entry charge	None			
Exit charge	None			
Early redemption charge	1.5% of income earned			
FUND ASSET ALLOCATION				



- FG Bonds
- Corporate Bonds
- Nigerian Treasury Bills
- Other MM Instruments
- State Bonds
- Cash

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