

**STANBIC IBTC NIGERIAN EQUITY FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS OF 31 DECEMBER, 2021**



	31-Dec-21	31-Dec-20
	N'000	N'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,970,989	317,598
Investment securities	5,160,176	6,417,767
Accounts receivable	154	14,203
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>7,131,319</b>	<b>6,749,568</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Account payable	94,442	74,836
Unclaimed distribution	90,497	90,497
	<b>184,939</b>	<b>165,333</b>
<b>Net Assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>6,946,380</b>	<b>6,584,235</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Equity attributable to unitholders	625,753	627,102
Unit premium and retained earnings	6,320,627	5,957,133
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,946,380</b>	<b>6,584,235</b>

These financial statements were prepared by the Fund Manager, approved by the Trustees of the Fund on 30 March 2022 and signed on behalf of the Fund Manager by the directors listed below:

**Shuaib Audu**  
(FRC/2014/IODN/0000008295)  
Director  
Stanbic IBTC Asset Management Limited

**Oladele Sotubo**  
(FRC/2013/CISN/0000001702)  
Chief Executive  
Stanbic IBTC Asset Management Limited

**Additionally certified by:**

**Emmanuel Adebayo**  
FRC/2022/PRO/ICAN/001/0000023779  
Chief Financial Officer  
Stanbic IBTC Asset Management Limited

**Statement of comprehensive income**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

	2021	2020
	N'000	N'000
<b>Revenue</b>		
Interest income from investible securities	161,189	116,397
Dividend income	327,326	281,045
Net trading gain/ (loss) on investment securities	142,617	1,500,069
<b>Total income</b>	<b>631,132</b>	<b>1,897,511</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	209,170	158,526
Registrar fees	5,426	4,960
Custodian fees	4,462	3,456
Trustee fees	2,092	1,621
SEC Fees	727	-
Other operating expenses	3,494	30,718
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>225,371</b>	<b>199,281</b>
<b>Profit(Loss) before tax</b>	<b>405,761</b>	<b>1,698,230</b>
Withholding tax expense	(32,733)	(28,104)
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>373,028</b>	<b>1,670,126</b>



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Unitholders of Stanbic IBTC Nigerian Equity Fund

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Stanbic IBTC Nigerian Equity Fund ("the Fund"), which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December, 2021;
- the statement of comprehensive income;
- the statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December, 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and in the manner required by the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Nigeria and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our report.

**Other Information**

The Board of Directors of the Fund Manager and the Board of Directors of the Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Fund Information, Trustee's Report, Fund Manager's Report, Statement of Fund Manager's Responsibilities in relation to the financial statements, Certification by the Fund Manager, Other Disclosures and Other National Disclosures, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Responsibilities of the Directors of the Fund Manager for the Financial Statements**

The Board of Directors of the Fund Manager are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs and in the manner required by the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors of the Fund Manager either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Board of Directors of the Fund Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide Board of Directors of the Fund Manager with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with Board of Directors of the Fund Manager, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

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For: KPMG Professional Services  
Chartered Accountants 31 March 2022  
Lagos, Nigeria.

