

## February 2024

#### STANBIC IBTC ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND

(A SUB-FUND OF THE STANBIC IBTC UMBRELLA FUND)

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Stanbic IBTC Absolute Return Fund is a sub-Fund of the Stanbic IBTC Umbrella Fund targeted at high net worth individuals and institutional clients who desire a professionally managed Fund. The Fund's objective is to ensure preservation of capital with minimal risk. The Fund adopts 70% of its AUM in high quality Bonds (FGN and Corporate), while a maximum of 30% of its assets are invested in quality money market instruments such as treasury

#### RISK PROFILE



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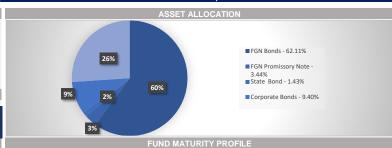
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Base Currency
Launch Date
Status of Fund
Nature of Fund
Minimum Investment
NAV Per Unit
Fund Size
Management Fee\*

Naira
Jul-2012
Open Ended
Fixed Income Biased
N20million
N5,090.57
N21.45billion
1,00% p.a.

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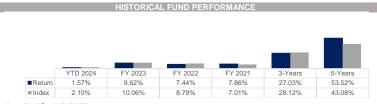




7.11%







The Annualized Return is 9.60%

> 5 - 10 Years

The Index is 70% Weighted Average 3 Year Bond: 30% 91 days Weighted Average Treasury Bill Rate

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Inflation : 26.72%\*

Nigeria's inflation rate in the month of September 2023 inched from 25.80% recorded in August 2023 to 26.72%.

\*National Bureau of Statistics \*\* CBN

FX Reserve : \$33.39bn\*\*

FX reserves has declined Year-to-Date as of October 31, 2023 to \$33.39bn.

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Monetary Policy Rate: 18.75%\*\*

The Monetary Policy Committee increased the MPR from 18.50% to 18.75% at the last MPC Meeting which held on July 25 2023.



GDP: 2.51%

Nigeria's real GDP grew by 2.51% year on year in Q2 2023.

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## STANBIC IBTC AGGRESSIVE FUND

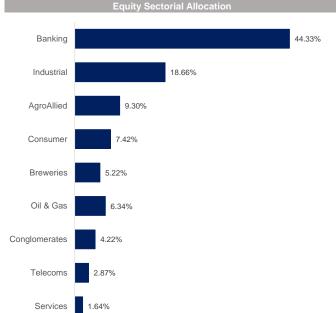
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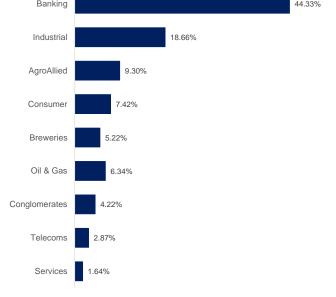
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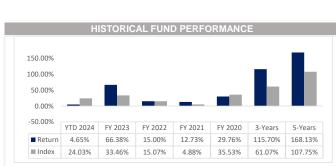
The Stanbic IBTC Aggressive Fund is a sub-Fund of the Stanbic IBTC Umbrella Fund targeted at high net worth individuals and institutional clients who desire a professionally managed Fund. The Fund is to provide sustainable attractive returns over the long-term. The Fund invests a minimum of 70% of the Net Asset Value in equities and a maximum of 30% in fixed income securities. The Fund applies a Smart-Beta strategy.











The Fund Index is 70% ASI and 30% 91 Days Weighted Average Treasury Bill Rate

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

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Sectoral performance was mixed in the month as the banking, industrial goods, and insurance recorded losses of -2.0%, -13.3% and -6.1% respectively. Conversely, the Consumer goods and Oil gas recorded gains of 16.5% and 4.1% respectively.

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# February 2024 STANBIC IBTC BALANCED FUND

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The Stanbic IBTC Balanced Fund aims to provide stable capital appreciation by investing a minimum of 40% of the portfolio in both listed and unlisted equities and a maximum of 60% in high quality fixed income securities.

#### RISK PROFILE



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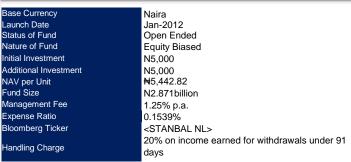
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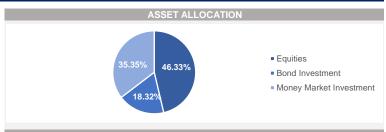
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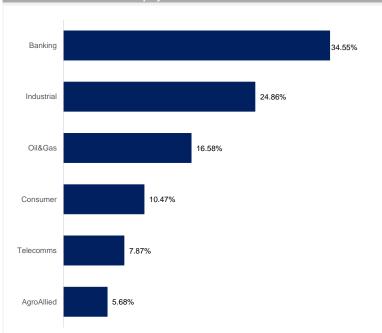
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#### FUND FACTS





#### **Equity Sectorial Allocation**





The Fund Index is 40% ASI; plus 20% weighted Average 3 year FGN Bond rate plus 40%; 91 Days Weighted Average Treasury Bill Rate

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#### RISK PROFILE



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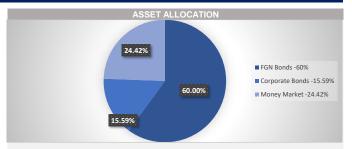
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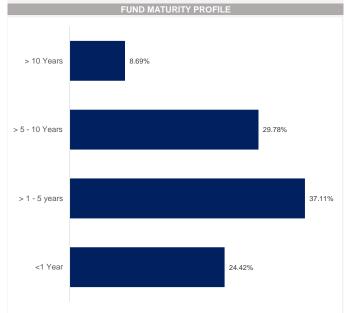
Handling Charge

\*Return is net of fees

Naira
Feb-2010
Open Ended
Fixed Income Biased
N5,000
N5,000
N25,757
N35.32 billion
1.5% p.a.

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20% on income earned for withdrawals under 90 days







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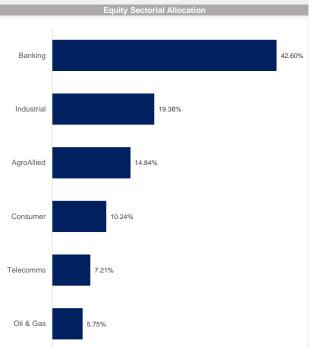
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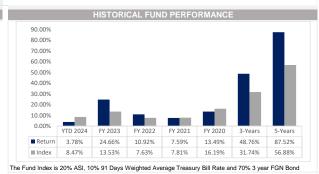
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#### Naira aunch Date Jun-2012 tatus of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund **Equity Biased** Minimum Investment N20million NAV per Unit 5509.98 und Size N310.06million Management Fee 1.00% p.a. Expense Ratio

0.1188%



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#### MARKET CO

The month of February witnessed a wide range of regulatory policy reforms in a bid to stabilize the naira and fight inflation. The Nigerian foreign reserves increased to \$33.52bn from 33.20bn in January 2024 supported by improvement in Crude Oil output and impact of the ongoing FX policy adjustments by the CBN. On 23 February, the first FX intervention was conducted by CBN releasing a total of \$86million to bank for eligible invisibles requests

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Elsewhere, the US economy expanded by 3.1% year-on-year in Q4 2023 marking the strongest rise in the economy in 2 years. Annual inflation fell back to 3.1% in January 2024 from 3.4% in December 2023 providing investors relief about inflationary pressures. The drop in inflation also reinforced the bets that Fed will start cutting interest rates in June 2024. The impact was experienced in the market as yield on the US 10-year Treasury note declined to 4.26%.

Brent crude steadied around \$82 levels in the month driven by the speculation that OPEC+ will continue supply cuts. The markets attention is focused on the OPEC+ March meeting where discussions on prolonging output cuts will take place.

Geo-political tension continues to plaque the middle east with uncertainties surrounding the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, as well as ongoing Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping.

Consequently, the domestic Eurobond market was largely bearish in the month, Month-on-Month, Nigerian Sovereign Eurobond yields declined by 7 basis-points to close at 9.71%.

In March, we expect renewed investor confidence in the Nigerian Eurobond market on the back of the recent FX policy changes and the outcome of the last Monetary Policy Committee ("MPC") meeting which is in line with market expectations.

#### Base Currency USD Launch Date Jan-2017 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Fixed Income Biased Initial Investment \$1,000 Additional Investment \$500 NAV Per Unit 1.4827 Fund Size \$537.09 million Management Fee 1.5% p.a. Handling Charge 20% on income earned for withdrawals under 6 months





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#### 6 Month US Treasury Rate

6 Month Treasury Rate is at 5.38% as at February 2024, compared to 5.18% as at January 2024.



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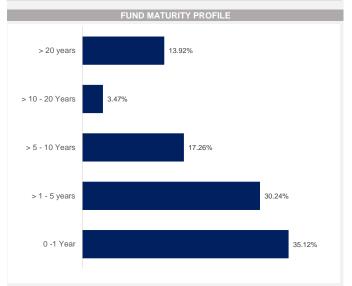
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#### Naira aunch Date Feb-2021 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Fixed Income Biased nitial Investment ₩5.000 Additional Investment ₩5.000 NAV Per Unit **№**127.93 Fund Size N16.42 billion Management Fee 1.25% p.a. 20% on income earned for withdrawals under Handling Charge 90 days

20.92%.

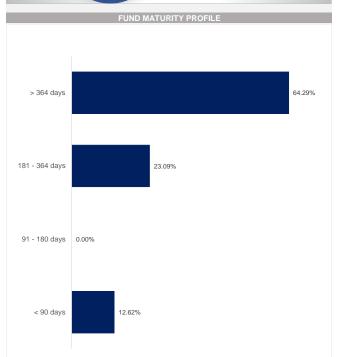
#FGN Bonds - 63%

#Corporate Bonds - 14.42%

#FGN Promissory Notes - 1.26%

#Cash - 0.4%

#Money Market - 20.93%





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#### Inflation: 29.90%\*

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\*National Bureau of Statistics \*\* CBN

#### FX Reserve : \$33.52bn\*\*

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#### Monetary Policy Rate: 22.75%\*\*

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GDP: 3.46%\*

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# February 2024 STANBIC IBTC ETF 30

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

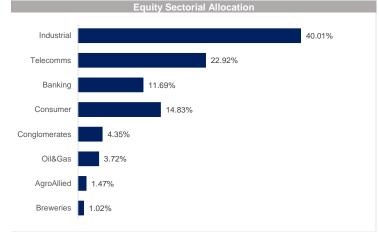
The Stanbic IBTC ETF 30 aims to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of The Nigerian Exchange Limited 30 Index ("NGX 30 Index" or "Index") in terms of price performance as well as income from the underlying securities of the index.

#### RISK PROFILE

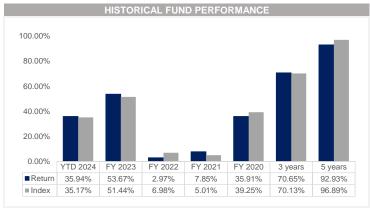
Conservative	Moderately Conservative	Moderate	Moderately Aggressive	Aggressive	Very Aggressive
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#### FUND FACTS Base Currency Naira Launch Date Jan-2015 Status of Fund **Exchange Traded** Nature of Fund **Equity Biased** Creation Units 1,000 units NAV per Unit 218.83 Fund Size N933.54million Expense Ratio 0.2088% Replication method Physical- Full replication Bloomberg Ticker <STANBICE NL - ETF 30> Benchmark NGX 30 Index







**Dividend Distribution** 

N0.25 N3.12

N2.52

\*\*The NAV return is based on the return of the underlying securities. NAV per unit may differ from the market price per unit as displayed on the regulators website or any other media

## Aug-23



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Record Date

Nov-21

Aug-22

### Monetary Policy Rate: 22.75%\*\*

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# February 2024 SIAML Pension ETF 40

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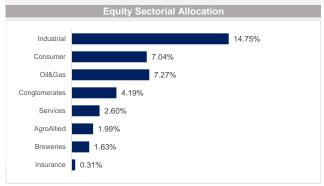
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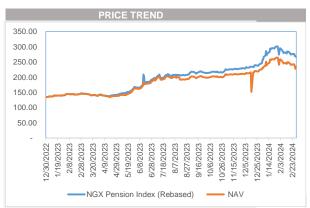
#### RISK PROFILE

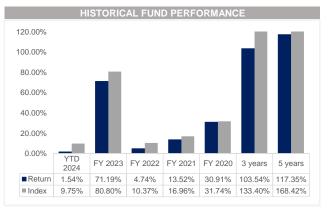




#### FUND FACTS Base Currency Naira Launch Date Jan-2017 Status of Fund **Exchange Traded** Nature of Fund **Equity Biased** Creation Units 1,000 units NAV per Unit N233.75 Fund Size N1.024billion Replication method Physical- Full replication Expense Ratio 0.1832% Benchmark NGX Pension Index







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Dividend Distribution History - 2021				
Record Date	Dividend Distribution			
Aug-21	<del>N</del> 0.74			
Aug-22	N5.10			
Aug-23	<del>N</del> 6.49			

#### MARKET INDICATORS



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# February 2024 STANBIC IBTC ETHICAL FUND

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Stanbic IBTC Ethical Fund aims to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing a minimum of 70% of the portfolio in listed equities of socially responsible companies and a maximum of 30% in high quality money market securities.

#### **RISK PROFILE**



#### MARKET COMMENTARY

The Nigerian Exchange All Share Index ("NGX ASI") recorded a loss of 1.16% in February 2024 largely driven by profit taking activities amid weak equity market outlook which negatively impacted investors' confidence.

Sectoral performance was mixed in the month as the banking, industrial goods, and insurance recorded losses of -2.0%, -13.3% and -6.1% respectively. Conversely, the Consumer goods and Oil gas recorded gains of 16.5% and 4.1% respectively.

In February, system liquidity remained relatively tight in the month as the Central Bank of Nigeria ("CBN") continued its tightening activities. The Federation Account Allocation Committee ("FAAC") disbursement amounted to N1.24trn, a 2% increase month-on-month.. This helped to ease the tight system liquidity at the tail end of the month.

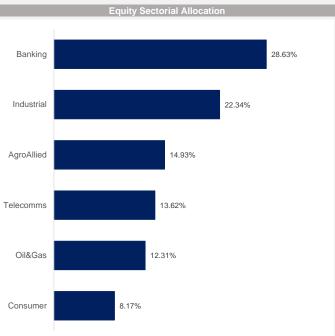
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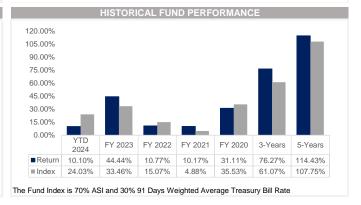
Additionally, the Debt Management Office ("DMO") raised a total of N1.49trn in February 2024 at the primary market auction ("PMA") offering two new issue - 7 years (2031) and 10 years (2034) of a total size of N2.5trn. A total bid of N1.90trn was received while N1.49trn allotted marking an historic offer size at the PMA. The bond secondary market experienced a bearish momentum, average yield expanded by 246 basis points.

In March 2024, we expect sentiments in the equities market to continue its bearish trend, weighed down by profit taking activities alongside increasingly attractive fixed income yields. Furthermore, the near-term risks (rising fiscal deficit, higher interest rates, elevated inflation, FX rate pressure) will also operate to impact sentiments negatively.

#### **FUND FACTS** Base Currency Naira Launch Date Jan-2006 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund **Equity Biased** Initial Investment N5,000 Additional Investment N5,000 NAV per Unit N2.29 Fund Size N3.257billion Expense Ratio 0.2988% Management Fee 3.00% p.a. Bloomberg Ticker <STANETH NL> 20% on income earned for withdrawals under landling Charge 91 davs







#### MARKET INDICATORS



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## February 2024 STANBIC IBTC GUARANTEED INVESTMENT FUND

#### FUND OBJECTIVE

The Stanbic IBTC Guaranteed Investment Fund aims to achieve both capital preservation and growth by investing a minimum of 70% of the portfolio in high quality Bonds (FGN and Corporate), while a maximum of 30% of its assets are invested in quality money market instruments such as treasury bills and a maximum of 10% can be invested in listed equities. The Fund guarantees principal amount against diminution in value provided the investment is held for a minimum period of three months.



#### MARKET COMMENTARY

Nigeria's Inflation data for January 2024 released showed that annual inflation rate further increased to 29.9%, from 28.9% in December 2023. Driven largely by food inflation, which accounted for the bulk of Nigeria's inflation basket. It grew to 35.4% in January from 33.9% in December 2023, with higher prices across a broad range of

The Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") grew by 3.46% in Q4 2023 higher than 2.54% recorded in Q3'23 but lower than 3.52% in Q4'22. The growth rate was mainly driven by the services sector which printed at 3.98% and contributed 56.55% to the aggregate GDP.

On the 26 and 27 of February 2024, the first Monetary Policy Committee ("MPC") meeting since July 2023 was held where the Monetary Policy Rate ("MPR") was raised by 400bps to 22.75% from 18.75% in a bid to curb inflation in the near to medium term. The Cash Reserve Ratio ("CRR") was also raised from 32.5% to 45%, the asymmetric corridor was also increased by +100bps/-700bps while liquidity ratio was maintained at 30.0%.

In February, system liquidity remained relatively tight in the month as the Central Bank of Nigeria ("CBN") continued its tightening activities. The Federation Account Allocation Committee ("FAAC") disbursement amounted to N1.24trn, a 2% increase month-on-month. This helped to ease the tight system liquidity at the tail end of the month.

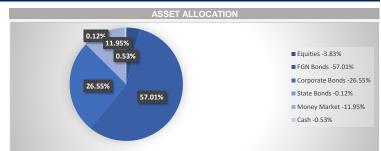
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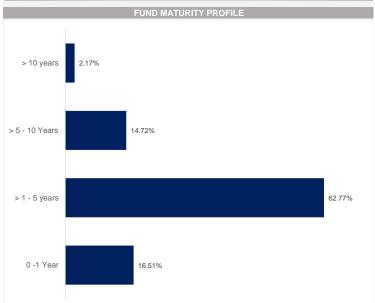
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In March 2024, sequel to the outcome of the first MPC meeting, the newly introduced policy parameters, and the need to attract foreign investors, we expect fixed income yields to remain elevated hinged on the expectation of a continued tight financial system liquidity with the CBN mopping up inflows through measures like the CRR and OMO auctions.

#### FUND FACTS

Base Currency Naira Launch Date Dec-2007 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Fixed Income Biased Initial Investment N5.000 Additional Investment N5.000 Nav Per Unit N355.38 Fund Size N13.26 billion Management Fee 1.5% p.a. Bloomberg Ticker <STANGIN NL> Handling Charge 20% on income earned for withdrawals under 90 days







The Index is 70% Weighted Average 3 Year Bond: 20% 91 Days Weighted Average Treasury Bill Rate: 10% ASI

The Fund adopts an amortized cost approach in the valuation of its assets. However, where there is need to provide cash for significant withdrawals in an unfavorable market condition through the sale of assets, the Fund's Net Asset Value may decline

MARKET INDICATORS



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# February 2024 STANBIC IBTC IMAAN FUND

#### FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Stanbic IBTC Imaan Fund is to achieve long–term capital appreciation by investing a minimum of 70% of the portfolio in Shari'ah compliant equities and a maximum of 30% in other Shari'ah compliant assets such as FGN Sukuks, with the approval of an Advisory Committee of Experts

#### **RISK PROFILE**



#### **MARKET COMMENTARY**

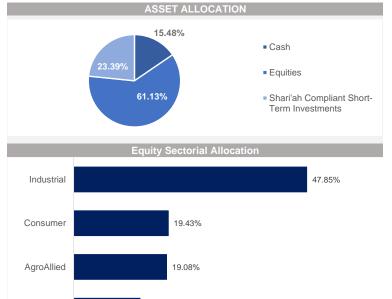
The Lotus Islamic Index recorded a loss of -2.2% in February 2024 due to declines in the performance of names like DANGCEM (-10%), BUACEMENT (-19%), MTNN (-21%) and WAPCO (-11%).

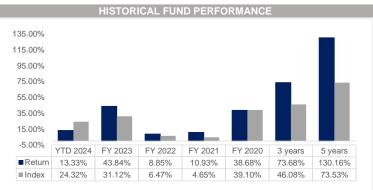
The average yield on the FGN Sukuk rose by 4,29% month-on-month to 17.42%, compared FGN Sukuks maturity of 2024, 2025, 2027, 2031 and 2032 closed at yields of 18.03% 16.76% 17.09% 17.70% 17.55% respectively. Short-term shariah compliant instruments trended upwards at an average of 11.4% when compared with the January which closed at around 11%.

In March 2024, we expect sentiments in the equities market to continue its bearish trend, weighed down by profit taking activities alongside increasingly attractive fixed income yields. Furthermore, the near-term risks (Rising fiscal deficit, higher interest rates, elevated inflation, FX rate pressure) will also operate to impact sentiments negatively.

#### **FUND FACTS**

Base Currency	Naira	
Launch Date	Oct-2013	
Status of Fund	Open Ended	
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased	
Initial Investment	N5,000	
Additional Investment	N5,000	
NAV per Unit	N432.76	
Fund Size	N777.55 million	
Management Fee	1.5% p.a.	
Expense Ratio	0.2201%	
Bloomberg Ticker	<stanimf nl=""></stanimf>	





The Fund Index is 70% NSE Lotus Islamic Index and 30% 91 Days Weighted Average Treasury Bill Rate

#### MARKET INDICATORS

Telecomms



#### Inflation: 29.90%\*

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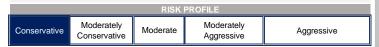
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# February 2024 STANBIC IBTC MONEY MARKET FUND

#### FUND OBJECTIVE

The Stanbic IBTC Money Market Fund aims to achieve both stable income generation and capital preservation by investing 100% of the portfolio assets in high quality short-term securities such as Treasury Bills, Commercial Papers and Fixed Deposits that are rated "BBB" and above.



#### MARKET COMMENTARY

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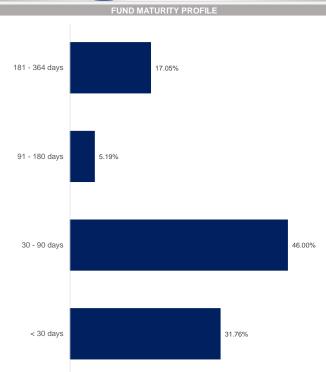
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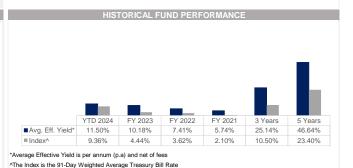
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Fund Size
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Bloomberg Ticker
Fund Rating
Handling Charge

Naira Feb-2010 Open Ended Money Market Biased N5,000 N5,000 Quarterly N440,61 billion 1.50% p.a. <STANIMM NL> Aa- (Aqusto)

20% on income earned for withdrawals under 30 days

# ASSET ALLOCATION | Fixed Deposit - 57.84% | | Short Term FGN Instruments - 30.84% | | Cash - 0.27% | | Other Money Market Instr. - 10.73% | | Commercial Paper - 0.32%





#### MARKET INDICATORS



#### Inflation : 26.72%\*

Nigeria's inflation rate in the month of September 2023 inched from 25.80% recorded in July 2023 to 26.72%.

\*National Bureau of Statistics \*\* CBN



#### FX Reserve : \$33.39bn\*\*

FX reserves has declined Year-to-Date as of October 29, 2023 to \$33.39bn.



#### Monetary Policy Rate: 18.75%\*\*

The Monetary Policy Committee increased the MPR from 18.50% to 18.75% at the last MPC Meeting which held on July 25 2023.



GDP: 2.51%\*

Nigeria's real GDP grew by 2.51% year on year in Q2 2023.

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#### MARKET COMMENTARY

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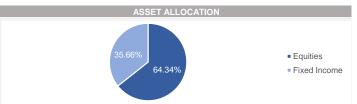
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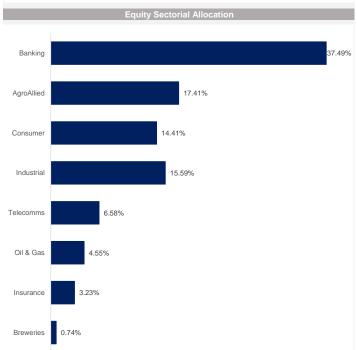
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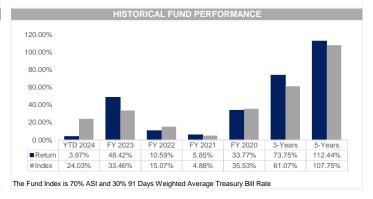
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Base Currency Naira Launch Date Feb-1997 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Equity Biased Initial Investment N5,000 Additional Investment N5.000 NAV per Unit N19,091.57 Fund Size N11.370 Billion Management Fee 3.00% p.a. Expense Ratio 0.2888% <STANNEQ NI > Bloomberg Ticker 20% on income earned for withdrawals under Handling Charge 91 days







#### MARKET INDICATORS



Inflation: 29.90%\*

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## February 2024 STANBIC IBTC SHARI'AH FIXED INCOME FUND

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Stanbic IBTC Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund aims to provide ethically minded investors with liquidity and competitive returns by investing a minimum of 70% of its porfolio in Sukuk Bonds and a maximum of 30% in short-term shariah compliant investments.



#### MARKET COMMENTARY

The Shari'ah compliant fixed income investment securities recorded a bearish performance in the month of February. Month-on-month, average yield on FGN Sukuks increased by 429 basis-points to 17.42% in February, relative to 13.13% in January 2024.

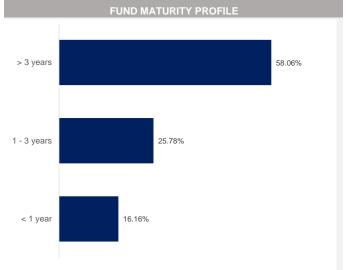
FGN Sukuks maturity of 2024, 2025, 2027, 2031 and 2032 closed at yields of 18.03%, 16.76%, 17.09%, 17.70% and 17.55% respectively (January 2024: 9.38%, 12.49%, 14.45%, 14.78% and 14.55%).

Yield on short-term shari'ah compliant instruments stayed flat at 11% for most of the month. However, we saw a mildly bearish trend following the aggressive posture of the monetary authority at the February 2024 Monetary Policy Committee ("MPC") meeting, which resulted in an overall bearish sentiment at the short end of the fixed income curve. Consequently, short term rates closed at 12%

We expect the shariah fixed income market to trade bearish in the coming month, as the market continues to price in a sustained hawkish policy stance by the monetary authority. However, we expect liquidity from maturities in the month of March to drive more demand relative to the month of February.

#### **FUND FACTS** Base Currency Naira aunch Date Aug-2019 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Fixed Income Biased Initial Investment ₩5 000 Additional Investment ₩5,000 NAV Per Unit ₩129 75 Fund Size ₩8.104 billion Management Fee 1.5% p.a. Handling Charge None \*Return is net of fees







The Fund adopts an amortized cost approach in the valuation of its assets. However, where there is need to provide cash for significant withdrawals in an unfavorable market condition through the sale of assets, the Fund's Net Asset Value may decline



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