

# August 2021 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.

RISK PROFILE					
Conservative	onservative Moderately Conservative		Moderately Aggressive	Aggressive	

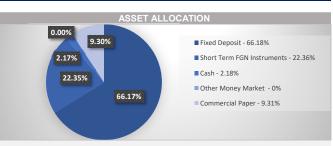
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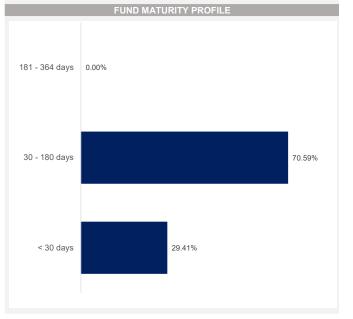
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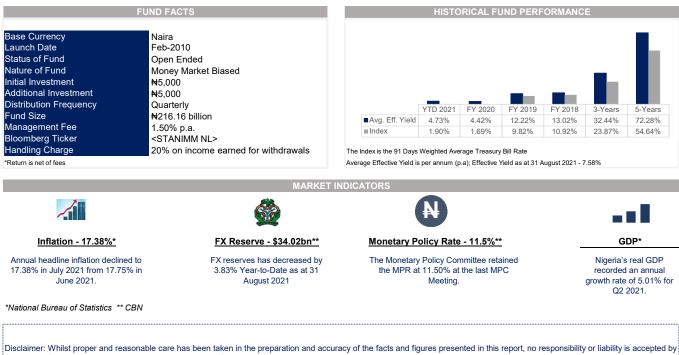
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Several corporates were also in the market this August to raise funds through Commercial paper and bond issues of about N66bn with yields ranging from 12.75% to 17.75% for tenors between 270 days to 20 years.

We expect yields to trend lower in September due to expected reduced offers as government seeks to fund its budgetary activities via Eurobond issuance in Q4 2021. We also expect more issues of commercial papers by corporates who will be in the debt market to take advantage of lower yield levels.







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# August 2021 STANBIC IBTC ENHANCED SHORT-TERM FIXED INCOME FUND

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Stanbic IBTC Enhanced Short-Term Fixed Income Fund aims to achieve 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, Fixed Deposits and Bonds that are rated "BBB" and above.



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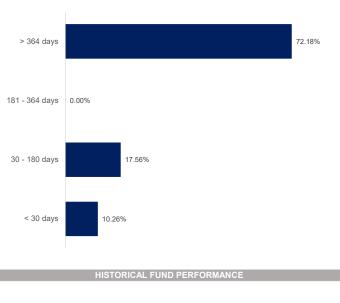
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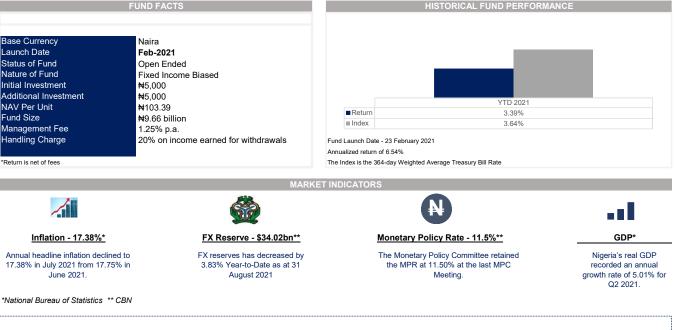
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# August 2021 STANBIC IBTC SHARI'AH FIXED INCOME FUND

## 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.

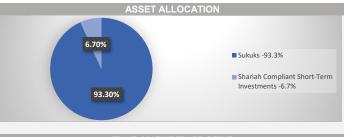


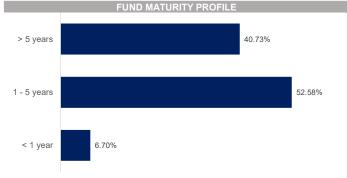
## MARKET COMMENTARY

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We expect the downward trend in the conventional and non-interest-bearing instruments to continue in September 2021. This will likely lead to positive sentiments and improved activities in the stock market as investors seek out stocks with potential to deliver attractive dividend yields.

	FUND FACTS	
Base Currency	Naira	
Launch 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	₩115.46	
Fund Size	₩8.37 billion	
Management Fee	1.5% p.a.	
Handling Charge	None	
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Annualized return of 5.9

The Index is the FGN 3 Year Weighted Average Bond Rate

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\*Return is net of fees

Inflation - 17.38%\*

Annual headline inflation declined to 17.38% in July 2021 from 17.75% in June 2021. MARKET INDICATO

FX Reserve - \$34.02bn\*\*

FX reserves has decreased by

3.83% Year-to-Date as at 31 August

2021



Monetary Policy Rate - 11.5%\*\*

The Monetary Policy Committee retained the MPR at 11.50% at the last MPC Meeting. GDP\*

Nigeria's real GDP recorded an annual growth rate of 5.01% for Q2 2021.

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# 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.



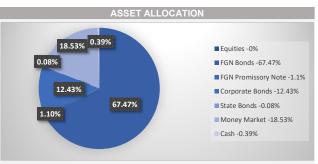
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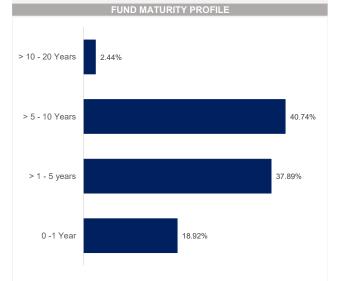
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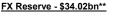






MARKET INDICATORS





FX reserves has decreased by 3.83% Year-to-Date as at 31 August 2021



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# August 2021 STANBIC IBTC DOLLAR FUND

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

Stanbic IBTC Dollar Fund aims to provide currency diversification, income generation and stable growth in USD. It seeks to achieve this by investing a minimum of 70% of the portfolio in high quality Eurobonds, maximum of 25% in short term USD deposits and a maximum of 10% in USD equities approved and registered by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Nigeria.



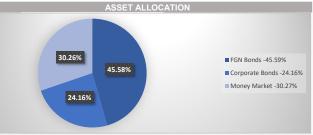
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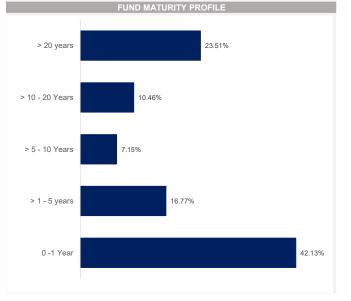
Crude oil prices took a downward trend in the month of August reaching as low as 64.60 per barrel from an opening price of 75.41 with continued concerns due to the COVID-19 Delta variant and new lockdown measures put in place by China. The market however turned at the later part of the month to finally settle at 72.99 per barrel due to with reports of reduced crude inventories in US and reduced COVID-19 cases in China.

Nigeria's Foreign Exchange ("FX") Reserves continued the marginal increment in August by 1.86% to close at \$34.02bn despite the fall in oil prices during the month. FX rate at the Investors' & Exporters' FX appreciated marginally by 9bps at the end of August 2021 to close at ₦411.08/US\$1, compared to July 2021 close of ₦411.44/US\$1 while the parallel market rate weakened by 2.15% to close the month at ₦526.00/US\$1 from ₦515.00/US\$1 last month.

FGN Eurobond yields declined to an average of 5.16% in August 2021 compared with 5.24% in July 2021 as investors were in the market to re-invest proceeds from coupons received and due to improved market sentiments.

Crude oil prices are expected to rise as firms in the US Gulf of Mexico have begun shutting production ahead of the possibility of a major hurricane in cities with major oil installations. We further anticipate an improvement in FX reserves in September 2021 as the increase in crude oil prices continue to reflect in the reserves. The minister of Finance also recently made a statement that Nigeria will be issuing some Eurobonds in October this year with a planned raise of c.\$3bn.







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# August 2021 STANBIC IBTC BOND FUND

# FUND OBJECTIVE

The Stanbic IBTC Bond Fund aims to achieve competitive returns on investments with moderate risk by investing a minimum of 70% of its 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.



## MARKET COMMENTAR

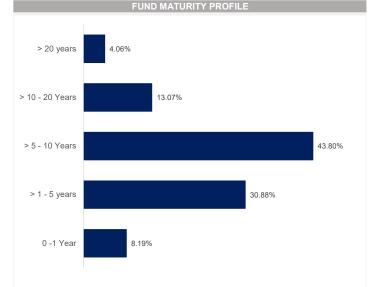
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FUND FACTS		HISTORICAL FUND PERFORMANCE						
Base Currency Launch Date Status of Fund Nature of Fund Initial Investment Additional Investment NAV Per Unit Fund Size Management Fee	Naira Feb-2010 Open Ended Fixed Income Biased ₦5,000 ₦232.61 ₦105.27 billion 1.5% p.a.			_		_		
Bloomberg Ticker	<stanibf nl=""></stanibf>		YTD 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	3-Years	5-Years
Ŭ	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 90	Return	3.45%	6.59%	14.63%	10.79%	35.37%	72.19%
Handling Charge	days	Index	4.55%	4.50%	9.82%	10.92%	27.30%	58.92%
*Return is net of fees		The Index is 70%		ige 3 Year Bond:	30% 91 days W	eighted Average	Treasury Bill Rat	e

ARKET INDICATORS

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in high quality fixed income securities

Conservative

Moderately

Conservative

# August 2021 STANBIC IBTC BALANCED FUND

Banking

Consume

Telecomms

AgroAllied

Industrial

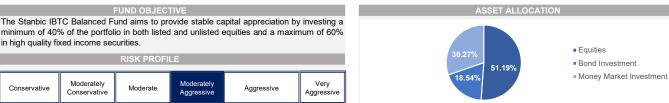
Insurance

**Oil&Gas** 

Verv

Aggressive

Aggressive



Equity Sectorial Allocation

4.91%

11.85%

11 58%

11.39%

5 51%

1 25%

Moderate

FUND OBJECTIVE

The All Share Index (ASI) continued the upward trend from last month to close August with a month-on month gain of 1.74%, moderating the Year-to-date loss from -4.28% in July 2021 to -2.61%. Listed companies further released their financial results which led to increased trading activities as investors sought to position themselves for profit taking.

Moderately

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We maintain that the positive sentiments in the stock market will continue given declining fixed income yields. There will be likely improvement in stock market activities as investors seek out attractive dividend yields as more corporate results are released

	FUND FACTS			HISTORICA	AL FUND P	ERFORMA	NCE	
Base Currency	Naira	35.00%						
Launch Date Status of Fund Nature of Fund Initial Investment	Jan-2012 Open Ended Equity Biased N5.000	20.00%						
Additional Investment NAV per Unit	N5,000 N3,325.07	5.00%	_			_		
Fund Size Management Fee Bloomberg Ticker	N1.61billion 1.50% p.a. <stanbal nl=""></stanbal>	-10.00%	YTD 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2018	3-Years	5-Years
	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91	Return	2.98%	25.24%	10.40%	2.98%	42.39%	90.23%
Handling Charge	days	The Fund Index Weighted Aver			-4.83%	-6.32% e 3 year FGN E	8.62% Bond rate plus	42.49% 40%; 91 Days
	MARKET	INDICATORS						
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GDP\*

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## 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



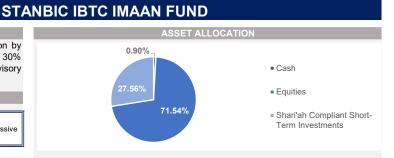
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The NGX Lotus Islamic Index lost -1.55% in August after two consecutive months of increase, pulling down the year-to-date return to -2.50%.

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FUND FACTS		
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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	N229.52	
Fund Size	N263.60million	
Management Fee	1.5% p.a.	
Bloomberg Ticker	<stanimf nl=""></stanimf>	



August 2021

# Equity Sectorial Allocation Consumer 30.50% Industrial 24.70% AgroAllied 23.71% Telecomms 21.09%

## STORICAL FUND PERFOR 50.00% 40.00% 30.00% 20.00% 10.00% 0.00% -10.00% -20.00% -30.00% YTD 2021 FY 2020 FY 2019 FY 2018 3 years 5 years Return 38.68% -9.07% 20.50% 59.44% 4.39% -4.44% 39.39% Index -1.37% 39.10% -14.60% -17.81% -2.37%

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



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## STANBIC IBTC ETHICAL FUND

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## MARKET COMMENTAR

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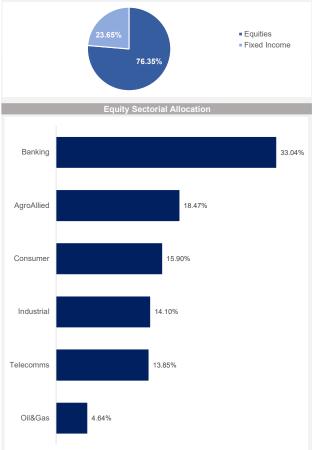
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	FUND FACTS
Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Jan-2006
Status of Fund	Open Ended
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Initial Investment	N5,000
Additional Investment	N5,000
NAV per Unit	N1.24
Fund Size	N1.52billion
Management Fee	3.00% p.a.
Bloomberg Ticker	<staneth nl=""></staneth>
Handling Charge	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91 days





MARKET INDICATORS



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The Stanbic IBTC Nigerian Equity Fund aims to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing a minimum of 70% of the portfolio in listed equities and a maximum of 30% in high quality fixed income securities.



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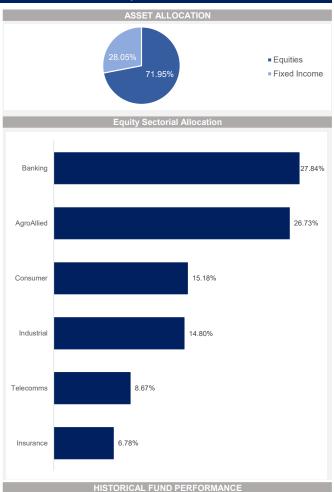
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	FUND FACTS
Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Feb-1997
Status of Fund	Open Ended
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Initial Investment	N5,000
Additional Investment	N5,000
NAV per Unit	N10.583.52
Fund Size	N6.68billion
Management Fee	3.00% p.a.
Bloomberg Ticker	<stanneq nl=""></stanneq>
Handling Charge	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91 days





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# **STANBIC IBTC CONSERVATIVE FUND**

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

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Stanbic IBTC Conservative 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 ensure safety of funds with minimal exposure to the equities. The Fund invests maximum of 30% of its AUM in listed stocks and a minimum of 70% in Fixed Income securities.



## MARKET COMMENTARY

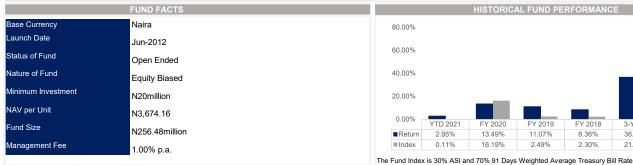
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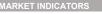


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3.83% Year-to-Date as at 31

August 2021



Monetary Policy Rate - 11.5%\*\*

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FY 2020

13.49%

16.19%



88.57%

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Inflation - 17.38%\*

Annual headline inflation declined

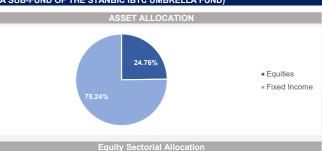
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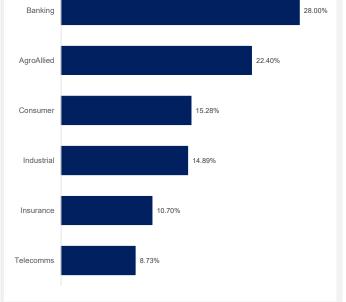
17.75% in June 2021

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STORICAL FUND PERFORMANC

FY 2019

11.07%

2.49%

FY 2018

8.36%

2.30%

3-Years

36.60%

21.82%



# **STANBIC IBTC ABSOLUTE RETURN 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 is to ensure preservation of capital with minimal risk. The Fund invests 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 bills.



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FUND FACTS ISTORICAL FUND PERFORMANCE Base Currency Naira Launch Date Jun-2012 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund **Fixed Income Biased** Minimum Investment N20million NAV Per Unit N4 127 02 TD 202 2019 2018 *Years* Years Fund Size N34.18 billion Return 4.61% 6.01% 14.00% 14.17% 37.98% 83.49% Management Fee\* 1.00% p.a. Index 4.55% 1.69% 9.82% 10.92% 23.87% 54.64% Annualized return of 6.93% \*Return is net of fees The Index is 70% Weighted Average 3 Year Bond: 30% 91 days Weighted Average Treasury Bill Rate MARKET INDICATORS

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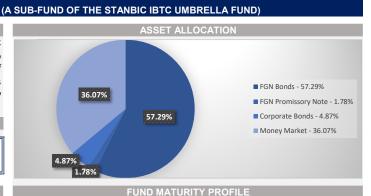
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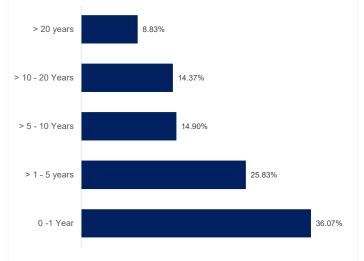


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# STANBIC IBTC AGGRESSIVE FUND

## FUND OBJECTIVE

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	FUND FACTS
Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Jun-2012
Status of Fund	Open Ended
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Minimum Investment	N20million
NAV per Unit	N2,744.39
Fund Size	N320.24million
Management Fee	1.00% p.a.



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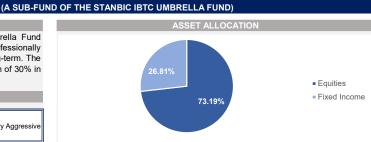
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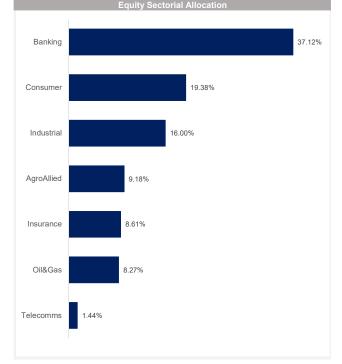
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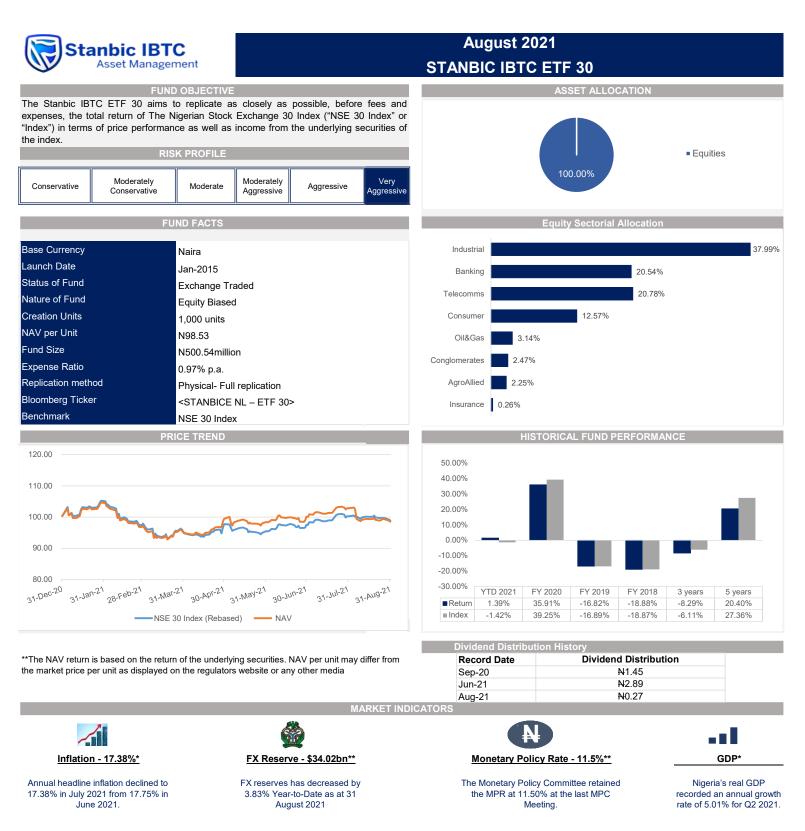
MARKET INDICATORS



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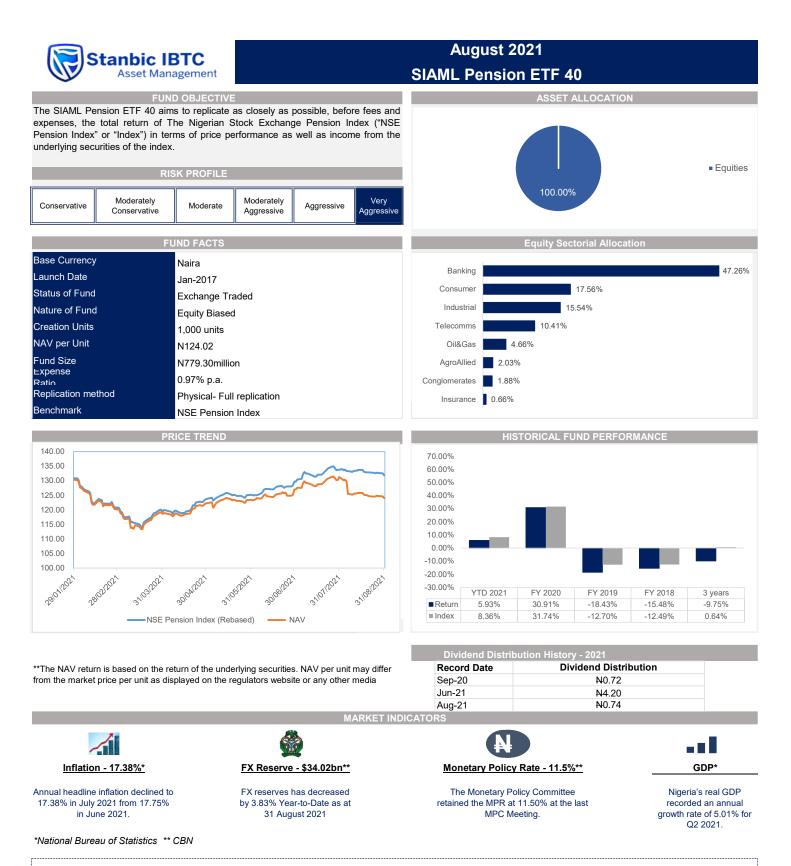


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