

# December 2020

### FUND OBJECTIVE

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				
Conservative	Moderately Conservative	Moderate	Moderately Aggressive	Aggressive

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

The Nigerian Stock Exchange All Share index ("NSE ASI") appreciated by 14.92% in the month of December 2020 compared to 14.78% recorded for November 2020. The index therefore returned 50.09% and 50.03% for Q4 and full year 2020 respectively. The strong performance was sustained by positive sentiments shaped by limited investment options relative to market liquidity, low yields on fixed income securities as well as relatively attractive dividend yields and potential capital gains on listed companies.

Interest rates remained depressed in the fixed income market as the system remained awash with liquidity. However, the replacement of the excess Cash Reserves of the Banking sector held by the CBN with tradable 90-days Treasury Bills at 0.50%p.a. led to a modest improvement in yields, which had fallen to a low of 0.0215%, 0.09% and 0.15% for the 91 days, 182 days and 364 days respectively at the Primary Market Auction ("PMA") held on 25 November 2020. Thus, despite the continued oversubscription at the last PMA held on 30 December 2020, stop rates closed marginally higher at 0.035%p.a., 0.50%p.a. and 1.21%p.a. for the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day tenors respectively. Similarly, the Bond Auction for December 2020 closed with slightly higher yields at 6.945% p.a., and 7.00% p.a. for the benchmark 15-year (FGN 2035), and 25year (FGN 2045) FGN Bonds respectively.

We expect yields to remain low in the month of January 2021 as market liquidity continues to exceed available fixed income instruments. As such, we expect continuous supply of Corporate Commercial Papers and Bonds as Issuers continue to lock in attractive rates to finance their businesses. We also expect the Stock Market to remain attractive to investors with positive sentiments around Covid-19 vaccine, modest recovery in Crude Oil prices and positive sentiments for global economic recovery. In addition, low fixed income yields relative to expected dividend yields would likely continue to drive positive interest in the Stock Market.

Naira

Jan-2012 Open Ended

N5.000

N5,000

N3,228.8

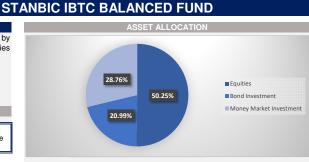
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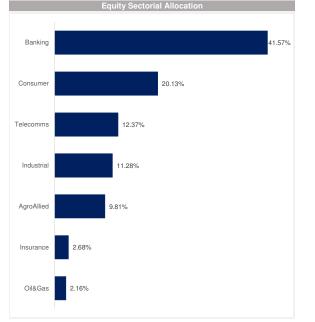
N1.67billion

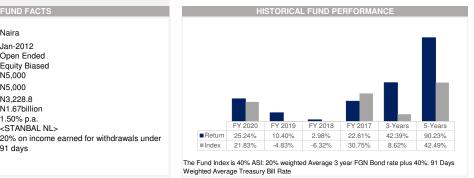
.50% p.a.

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Equity Biased







MARKET INDICATORS

FX Reserve - \$35.37bn\*\*

FX reserves declined by 8.36%

Year-to-Date as at 31

December 2020 driven by

decline in crude oil prices





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GDP\*

\*National Bureau of Statistics \*\* CBN

Base Currency

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\*Return is net of fees

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an over 2-year high in November

2020

VAV per Unit

und Size

Additional Investment

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### December 2020 **STANBIC IBTC BOND FUND**

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.



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The fixed income market witnessed series of Corporate Commercial Papers ("CPs") and Bond issues during the month as Corporate entities took advantage of the low yield environment to finance their businesses. Corporates such as Total Nigeria Plc, Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc as well as FCMB Plc raised over N60b in CPs while BUA Cement Plc, Fidelity Bank Plc, Flour Mills of Nigeria Plc, FSDH Merchant Bank and Emzor Pharmaceuticals raised over N200b in Bonds.

We expect yields to remain low in the month of January 2021 as market liquidity continues to exceed available fixed income instruments. As such, we expect continuous supply of Corporate Commercial Papers and Bonds as Issuers continue to lock in attractive rates to finance their businesses. We also expect more trading activities across the fixed income yield curve in January as Banks and Investors restructure their positions to manage the risk and maximize opportunities across the various tenors.

Naira

Feb-2010

N5.000 N5.000

N224.85

Open Ended

N157.14 billion

1.5% p.a. <STANIBF NL>

under 90 days

20% on income earned for withdrawals

FX Reserve - \$35.37bn\*\*

FX reserves declined by 8.36%

Year-to-Date as at 31

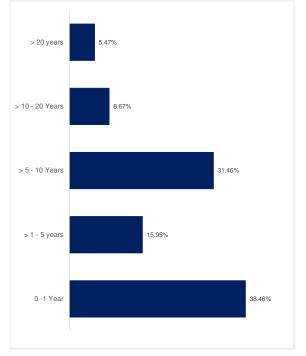
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decline in crude oil prices

Fixed Income Biased







HISTORICAL FUND PERFORMANCE



Rate



Monetary Policy Rate - 11.5%\*\* The MPR was cut from 13.50% to

12.50% in May 2020 and then 11.50% in September 2020



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Base Currency

Status of Fund

Nature of Fund

Fund Size

Initial Investment

Management Fee

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Handling Charge

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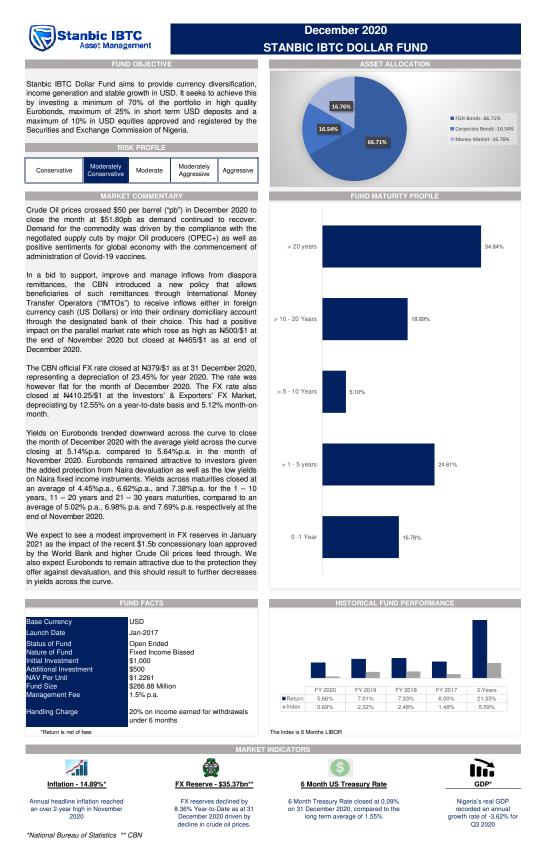
Additional Investment NAV Per Unit

Launch Date

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### December 2020 STANBIC IBTC ETHICAL FUND

#### FUND OBJECTIVE

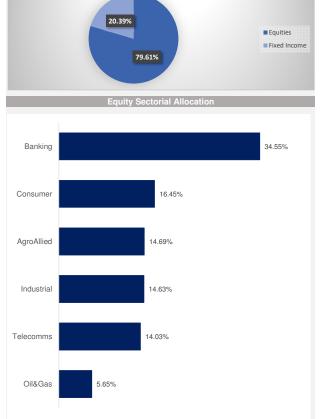
The Stanbic IBTC Ethical Fund aims to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing a minimum of 70% of the portfolio in listed equities of socially responsible companies and a maximum of 30% in high quality fixed income securities.

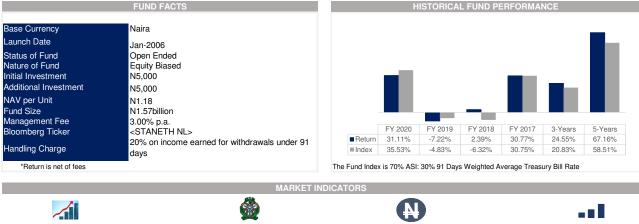


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## December 2020 STANBIC IBTC GUARANTEED INVESTMENT FUND

#### 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.

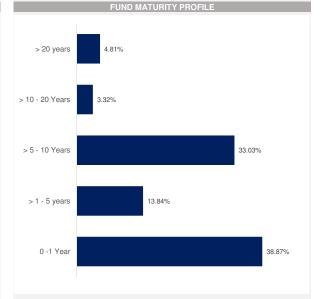


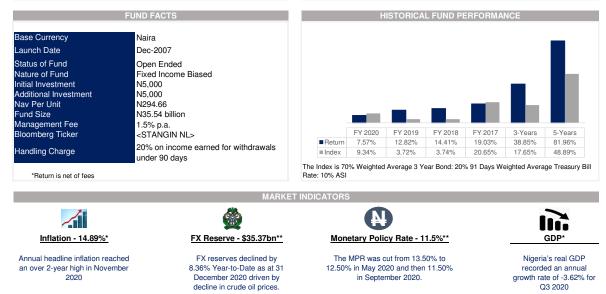
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### December 2020 STANBIC IBTC IMAAN FUND

#### 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



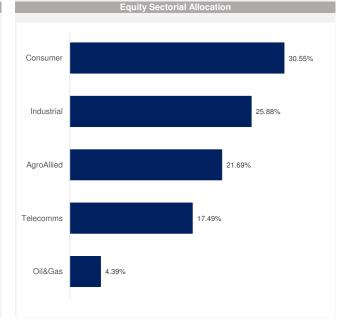
#### MARKET COMMENTAR

The NSE Lotus Islamic Index appreciated by 14.78% in the month of December 2020 compared to 13.45% recorded for November 2020. The index therefore returned 47.21% and 55.13% for Q4 and full year 2020 respectively. The strong performance was sustained by positive sentiments shaped by limited investment options relative to market liquidity, low yields on fixed income securities as well as relatively attractive dividend yields and potential capital gains on listed companies.

Returns remained low across tenors for the Non-interest bearing/Shari'ah compliant fixed income securities due to the excess liquidity in the market but trended marginally upwards in the month of December 2020. This uptick was driven by the replacement of the excess Cash Reserves of the Banking sector held by the CBN with tradable 90-days Treasury Bills at 0.50%p.a., which led to a modest improvements in yields across the market (both conventional and Non-Interest based instruments. As such, the rental yield on each of the 3 tranches of the FGN Sukuks (FGN 2024, FGN 2025 and FGN 2027) closed at 4.90%p.a., 6.31%p.a. and 6.35%p.a. respectively for December 2020 compared to 1.70%p.a., 3.53%p.a. and 3.75%p.a. respectively as at 30 November 2020.

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#### FUND FACTS IISTORICAL FUND PERFORMANCE Naira Base Currency aunch Date Oct-2013 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Equity Biased nitial Investment N5.000 Additional Investment N5,000 NAV per Unit N219.87 -und Size N231.58million FY 2018 FY 2020 FY 2019 FY 2017 3 years 5 years 20.50% Management Fee Return 38.68% -4.44% -9.07% 37.77% 59.44% 1.5% p.a. ■ Index 39.10% -14.60% -17.81% 42.30% -2.37% 39.39% Bloomberg Ticker <STANIMF NL> \*Return is net of fees. The Fund Index is 70% Lotus Islamic Index: 30% 91 Days Weighted Average Treasury Bill Rate

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MARKET INDICATORS



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### December 2020 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.

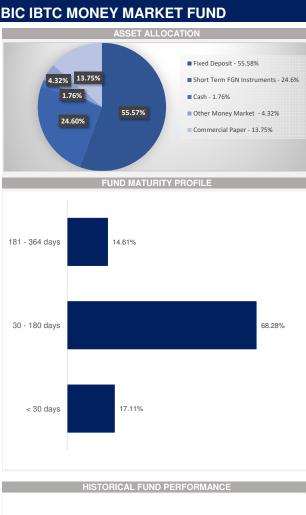


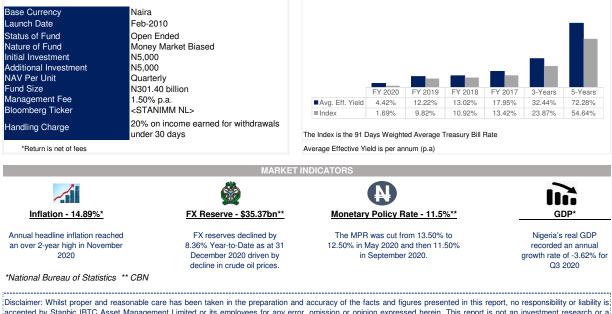
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FUND FACTS





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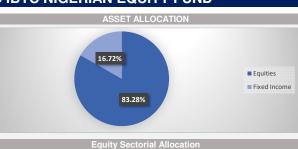
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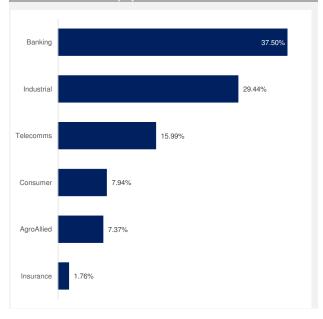
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	FUND FACTS
Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Feb-1997
Status of Fund	Open Ended
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Initial Investment	N5,000
Additional Investment	N5,000
NAV per Unit	N10,568.78
Fund Size	N6.59billion
Management Fee	3.00% p.a.
Bloomberg Ticker	<stanneq nl=""></stanneq>
Handling Charge	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91 days
*Return is net of fees	









MARKET INDICATORS





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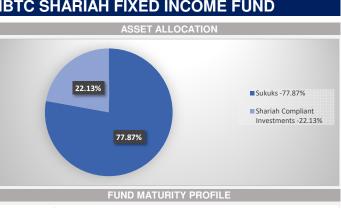
The Stanbic IBTC Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund aims to provide ethically minded investors with liquidity and competitive returns by investing in quality Shariah compliant securities such as Sukuks and other eligible fixed term contracts.

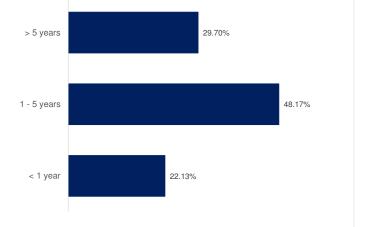


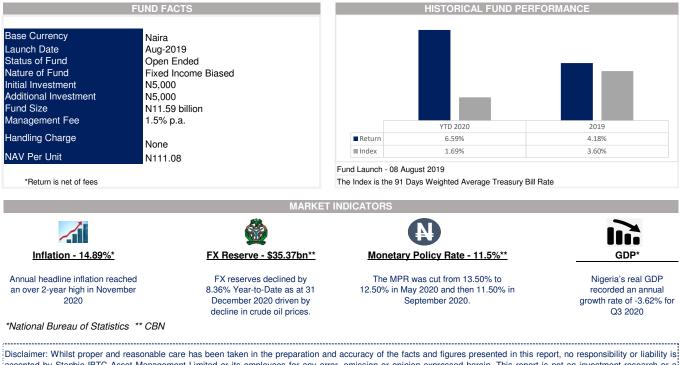
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Returns remained depressed in the fixed income market as the system remained awash with liquidity. However, the replacement of the excess Cash Reserves of the Banking sector held by the CBN with tradable 90-days Treasury Bills at 0.50%p.a. led to a modest improvement in yields. As such, returns remained low across tenors for the Non-interest bearing and Shari'ah compliant fixed income securities but trended upwards as the rental yield on each of the 3 tranches of the FGN Sukuks (FGN 2024, FGN 2025 and FGN 2027) closed at 4.90%p.a., 6.31%p.a. and 6.35%p.a. respectively for December 2020 from 1.70%p.a., 3.53%p.a. and 3.75%p.a. respectively as at 30 November 2020.

We expect yields on both conventional and non-interest-bearing instruments to remain low in the month of January 2021 as market liquidity continues to exceed available fixed income instruments. The appetite for Shariah compliant fixed income instruments should also remain strong as investors continue to search for higher yields.







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