

#### 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 is to ensure preservation of capital with minimal risk. The Fund invests 100% of its AUM in Fixed Income securities.

#### RISK PROFILE

Conservative Moderately Conservative	Moderate	Moderately Aggressive	Aggressive	Very Aggressive
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#### MARKET COMMENTARY

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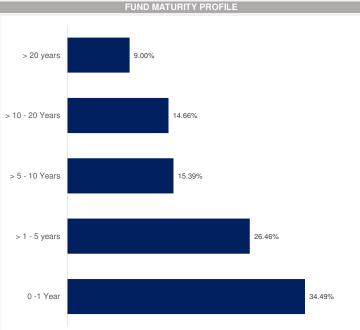
#### FUND FACTS

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

Naira Jun-2012 Open Ended Fixed Income Biased N20million N4,093.12 N33.19 billion 1.00% p.a.

\*Return is net of fees







MARKET INDICATORS



Inflation - 17.75%\*

Annual headline inflation declined to 17.75% in June 2021 from 17.93%

in May 2021.

FX Reserve - \$33.40bn\*\*

FX reserves decreased by 5.57% Year-to-Date as at 30 July 2021

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#### STANBIC IBTC AGGRESSIVE FUND

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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.



#### MADKET COMMENTARY

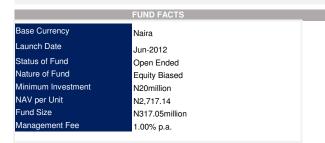
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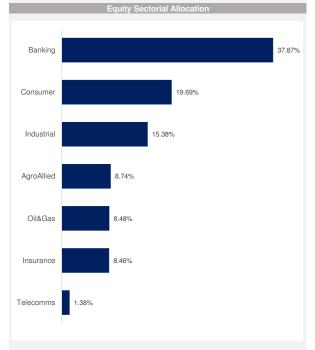
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## **July 2021** STANBIC IBTC BALANCED FUND

#### 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.

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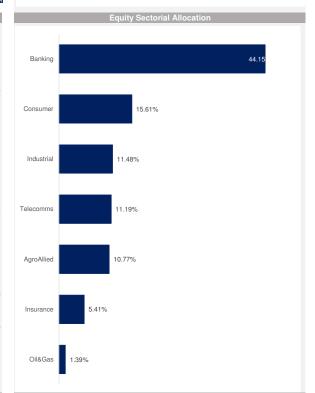
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# Equities Bond Investment 51.439 Money Market Investment





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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## **July 2021** STANBIC IBTC BOND FUND

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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.

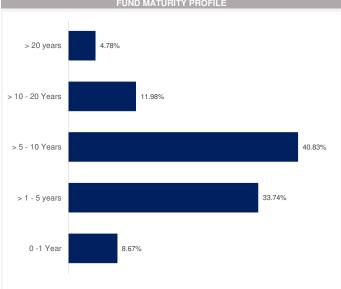


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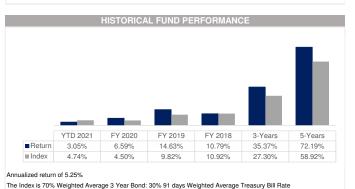
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### STANBIC IBTC CONSERVATIVE FUND

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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.

#### RISK PROFILE

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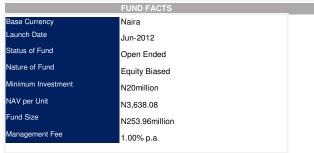
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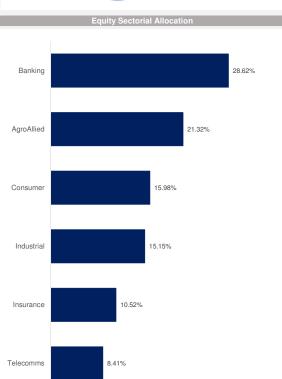
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## July 2021 STANBIC IBTC DOLLAR FUND

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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.



#### MARKET COMMENTARY

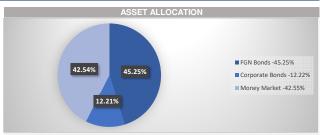
In July 2021, crude oil prices hit their highest since 2018 of at \$77.84pb before closing the month at \$75.41pb. This represents a marginal increase of 3.07% when compared with the June 2021 closing price of \$75.13pb. The rise indicates a significant recovery in the demand for the commodity on the back of the improvement in global economic activities from the impact of the pandemic.

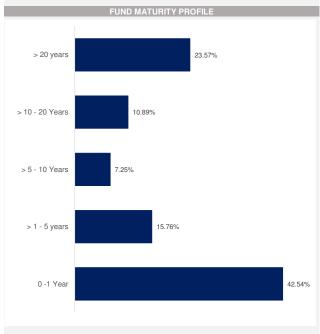
Nigeria's Foreign Exchange ("FX") Reserves closed at \$33.40bn as at 30 July 2021, a marginal increase of 0.24% on a M-o-M basis and a decline of 5.57% on a YTD basis. The decline in the reserves despite the rise in crude oil prices has been largely due to the decrease in foreign exchange inflows coupled with the CBN sustained support of the Naira at the foreign exchange market.

The Naira was relatively stable in the parallel-market trading at \$500/\$ up until the announcement by the CBN Governor that the CBN will discontinue the sale of FX to BDC's. The black-market rate immediately traded at up to \$525/\$ but levelled off at the end of the month to close at \$515/\$. The official rate closed at \$411.44/\$1 as at end of July 2021, a marginal MoM appreciation from \$411.50/\$ as at the end of June 2021.

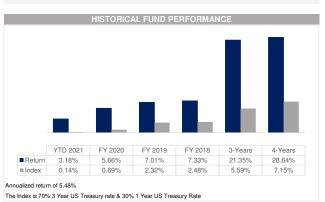
Yields on Eurobonds remained depressed in the month of July with the average yield across the curve closing at 5.24% compared to 5.21% in the month of June 2021 as Eurobonds continue to remain attractive to investors given stable crude oil prices as well as improved market sentiments.

We expect to see a modest improvement in FX reserves in July 2021 as the higher crude oil prices feed through and the expectation of a new Eurobond issuance from the FGN remains.









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6 Month US Treasury Rate

6 Month Treasury Bill Rate is at 0.06%, compared to 0.11% last year.



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# July 2021 STANBIC IBTC ETF 30

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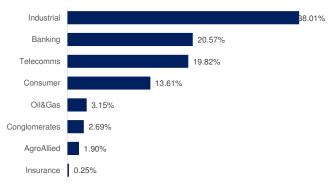
The Stanbic IBTC ETF 30 aims to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of The Nigerian Stock Exchange 30 Index ("NSE 30 Index" or "Index") in terms of price performance as well as income from the underlying securities of the index.

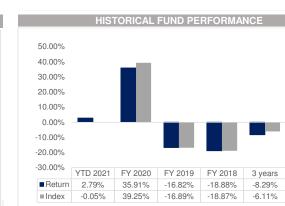
#### RISK PROFILE

**FUND FACTS** 

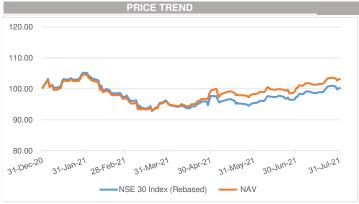
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# ASSET ALLOCATION • Equities Equity Sectorial Allocation





#### 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 N102.83 Fund Size N500.21million Expense Ratio 0.97% p.a. Replication method Physical-Full replication Bloomberg Ticker <STANBICE:NL> Benchmark NSE 30 Index



<sup>\*\*</sup>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

#### **Dividend Distribution History**

Record Date	Dividend Distribution
Jun-20	<del>N</del> 1.30
Sep-20	<del>N</del> 1.45
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5 years

20.40%

27.36%

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# **SIAML Pension ETF 40**

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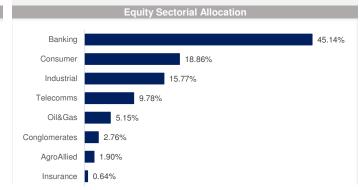
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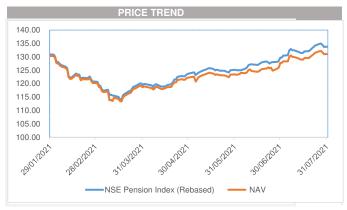
#### **RISK PROFILE**

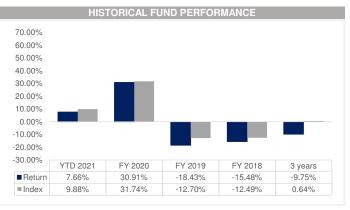
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Record Date	Dividend Distribution
Jun-20	<del>N</del> 2.10
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Jun-21	<del>N</del> 0.74

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

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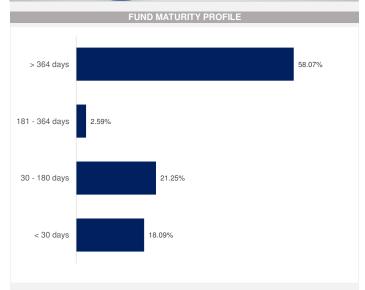
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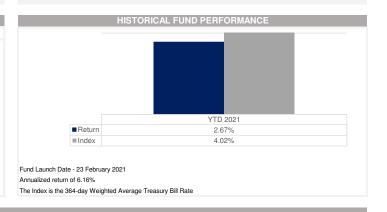
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#### Base Currency Naira Feb-2021 Launch Date Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Fixed Income Biased Initial Investment ₩5,000 ₩5,000 Additional Investment NAV Per Unit **№**102.67 Fund Size ₩8.14 billion Management Fee 1.25% p.a. 20% on income earned for withdrawals Handling Charge under 90 days \*Return is net of fees



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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

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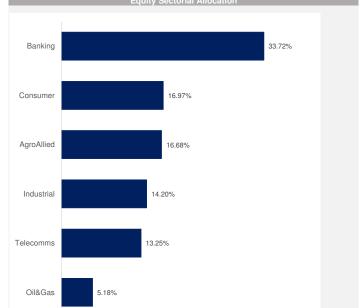
#### **FUND FACTS**

Base Currency Launch Date Status of Fund Nature of Fund nitial Investment Additional Investment NAV per Unit Fund Size Management Fee Bloomberg Ticker Handling Charge

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# STANBIC IBTC ETHICAL FUND







#### MARKET INDICATORS



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FX Reserve - \$33.40bn\*\*

FX reserves decreased by 5.57% Year-to-Date as at 30 July 2021

Monetary Policy Rate - 11.5%\*\*

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



Nigeria's real GDP recorded an annual growth rate of 0.51% for Q1 2021.

\*National Bureau of Statistics \*\* CBN

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## **July 2021** 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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## MARKET COMMENTARY

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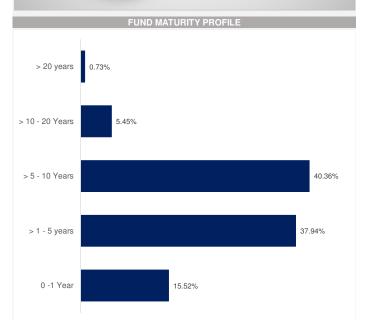
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We expect a marginal improvement in bond yields as the amount of maturities expected in the month are not material and so market liquidity will be tighter. The Federal Government is expected to continue with the execution of its borrowing plan in line with its debt programme calendar with the additional borrowing of close to N1 Trillion based on the recently approved Supplementary budget.

#### **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 N305.14 Nav Per Unit Fund Size N31.16 billion Management Fee 1.5% p.a. Bloomberg Ticker <STANGIN NL> 20% on income earned for withdrawals Handling Charge under 91 davs

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#### MARKET INDICATORS



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## July 2021 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



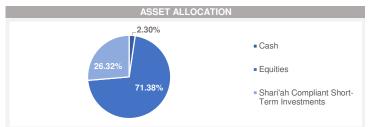
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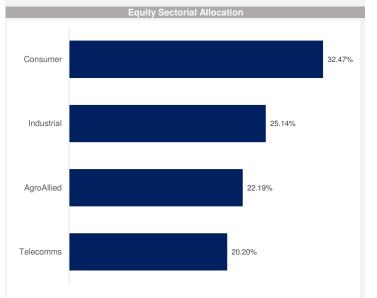
The NGX Lotus Islamic Index appreciated by 2.10% in July 2021 compared to the appreciation of 3.54% recorded in June 2021. However, the index returned -0.97% on a Year-to-Date basis.

The yields on Shari'ah compliant fixed income securities declined marginally in July 2021. The average yield across tenors for the Non-interest bearing/Shari'ah compliant fixed income securities trended downwards by an average of 41bps as the rental yield on each of the 3 tranches of the FGN Sukuks (FGN 2024, FGN 2025 and FGN 2027) closed at 11.12%p.a., 11.81%p.a. and 12.36%p.a. respectively as at 30 June 2021 from 11.62%p.a., 12.55%p.a. and 12.34%p.a. respectively as at 30 June 2021. Returns on Shari'ah compliant money market instruments remained at c.5%p.a. levels.

In August 2021, we expect that the trend of a marginal decline in bond yields observed in July 2021 will be reversed while the yields on the Shari'ah compliant fixed income securities are still expected to remain relatively elevated. Furthermore, the positive sentiments in the stock market is expected to persist as the half year earnings releases and corporate actions by some companies will likely improve investors' activities in the stock market.









#### MARKET INDICATORS



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# July 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.



#### MARKET COMMENTARY

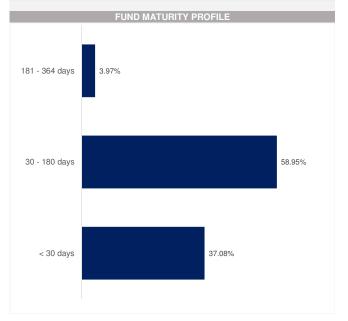
Interest rates in the fixed income market remained elevated compared to the start of the year. However, the market turned slightly bullish during the month with increased market liquidity lowering interest rates at the short end of the curve. Specifically, the average yield on the FGN bond instruments across the curve increased by an average of 55bps Month-on-Month (M-o-M) while the average rate on the Nigerian Treasury Bills (NTB) declined by an average of 68bps, compared to June 2021.

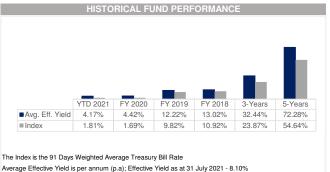
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#### **FUND FACTS** Naira Launch Date Feb-2010 Status of Fund Open Ended Money Market Biased Nature of Fund Initial Investment ₩5,000 Additional Investment **№**5,000 Distribution Frequency Quarterly N210.09 billion Fund Size Management Fee 1.50% p.a. <STANİMM NL> Bloomberg Ticker 20% on income earned for withdrawals Handling Charge under 30 davs \*Return is net of fees







#### MARKET INDICATORS



#### Inflation - 17.75%\*

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#### FX Reserve - \$33.40bn\*\*

FX reserves decreased by 5.57% Year-to-Date as at 30 July 2021



#### Monetary Policy Rate - 11.5%\*\*

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GDP

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## **July 2021** STANBIC IBTC NIGERIAN EQUITY FUND

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

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



#### MARKET COMMENTARY

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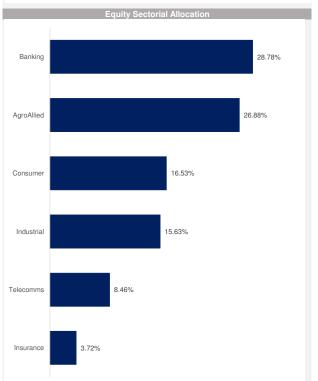
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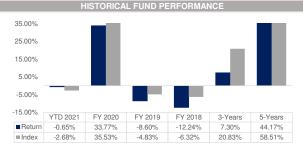
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Naira Feb-1997 Open Ended Equity Biased N5,000 N5 000 N10,500.58 N6.42billion 3.00% p.a. <STANNEQ NL>

20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91 days

# Equities 73.269 Fixed Income





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

#### MARKET INDICATORS



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# July 2021 STANBIC IBTC SHARI'AH FIXED INCOME FUND

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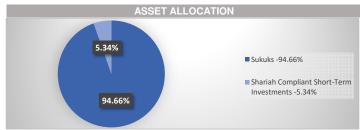
The Stanbic IBTC Shari'ah Fixed Income Fund aims to provide ethically minded investors with liquidity and competitive returns by investing in quality Shariah compliant securities such as Sukuks and other eligible fixed term contracts.

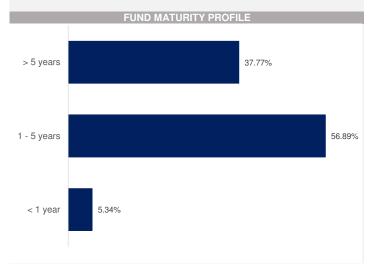


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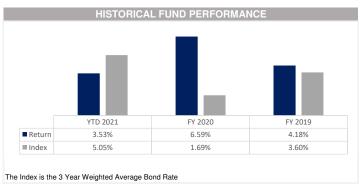
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#### FUND FACTS Base Currency Naira Launch Date Aug-2019 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Fixed Income Biased Initial Investment ₩5,000 Additional Investment ¥5 000 NAV Per Unit ₩115.00 Fund Size ₦9.06 billion Management Fee 1.5% p.a. Handling Charge None \*Return is net of fees



#### MARKET INDICATORS



#### Inflation - 17.75%\*

Annual headline inflation declined consecutively for three months

#### FX Reserve - \$33.40bn\*\*

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#### Monetary Policy Rate - 11.5%\*\*

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