

# November 2020 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.

#### RISK PROFILE

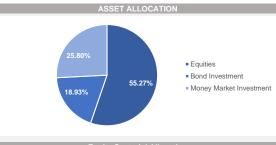


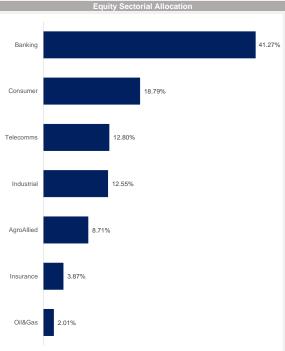
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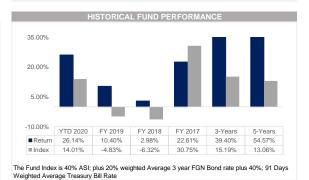
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# November 2020 STANBIC IBTC BOND FUND

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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.

## RISK PROFILE



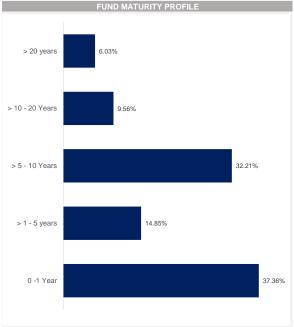
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The Index is 70% Weighted Average 3 Year FGN Bond Rate: 30% 91 Day Waighted Average Treasury Bill Rate

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# November 2020 STANBIC IBTC DOLLAR FUND

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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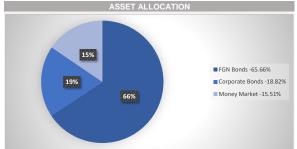
The Foreign Exchange ("FX") Reserves witnessed a modest decline in the month of November 2020 to \$35.41 billion (27 Nov 2020) from \$35.69 billion as at end of October 2020. The market continued to witness FX liquidity constraints as the Naira depreciated against the Dollar. As such, FX rate closed around N500/\$1 at the parallel market and N390.25/\$1 at the Investors' & Exporters' FX Market from N381/\$1 and N386/\$1 respectively.

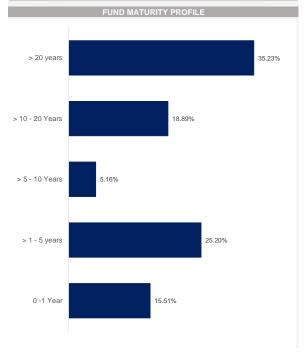
On 30 Nov. 2020, the CBN announced that beneficiaries of diaspora remittances can now receive their international money transfers in cash (foreign currency). This policy is expected to improve the liquidity position of the market, considering the vast volume of yearly inflow of diaspora

Oil prices recorded a 25.28% Month-on-Month increase from \$37.94pb to \$47.88pb as at 30 November 2020. This was driven by positive news on Corona Virus vaccine. This is expected to support FX earnings as Nigeria continues to deal with the weak macroeconomic environment.

The Eurobond yield curve trended downwards by an average of c.130 basis points during the month of November 2020. Average yields on Eurobonds were 4.94%p.a, 7.12%p.a, and 7.74%p.a, for the 1-10years, 11-20years and 21-30 years tenors respectively as at 30 November 2020.

Furthermore, the extended oil production cuts should provide additional support for oil prices and FX flows into the economy. Participation by foreign portfolio investors is expected to remain muted considering the backlog of FX demand and low yield environment on Naira denominated fixed income securities. We therefore expect investors' appetite for Eurobonds to remain strong, keeping yields lower in the month of December 2020 if the yields on naira instruments remain lower compared to yields on Eurobonds with similar tenors.











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# November 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.

#### RISK PROFILE



## MARKET COMMENTARY

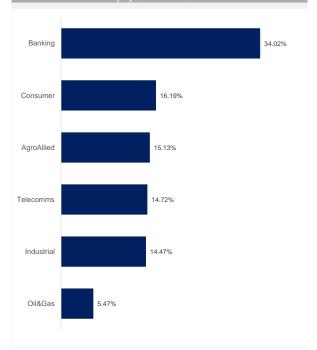
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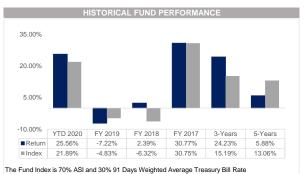
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# November 2020 STANBIC IBTC GUARANTEED INVESTMENT FUND

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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.

#### **RISK PROFILI**



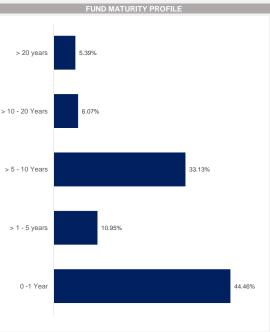
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# ## Equities -0.13% | FGN Bonds -53.8% | Corporate Bonds -1.68% | State Bonds -0.08% | Money Market -41.44% | Cash -2.9%



#### Base Currency Launch Date Dec-2007 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Fixed Income Biased N5,000 Initial Investment Additional Investment N5 000 Nav Per Unit N294.11 Fund Size N31.60 billion 1.5% p.a. <STANGIN NL> Management Fee Bloomberg Ticker 20% on income earned for withdrawals Handling Charge under 90 days



MARKET INDICATORS

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# November 2020 STANBIC IBTC IMAAN FUND

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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

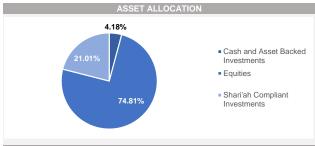


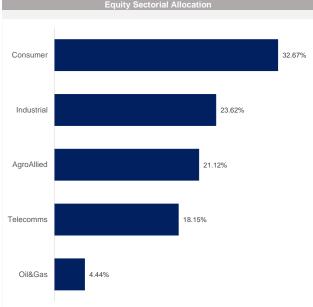
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Returns remained depressed across tenors for Non-interest bearing and Shari'ah compliant fixed income securities in line with general market trend for fixed income yields. System liquidity remained buoyant in November with significant fixed income maturities. This is evident in the oversubscriptions recorded at the Treasury Bills ("T-Bill") and Bond Auctions held during the month of November 2020. While the rental yield on the FGN Sukuk maturing in 2024 declined to 1.70%p.a as at 30 November 2020, the 2025 and 2027 maturities saw a marginal uptick to 3.53%p.a. and 3.75%p.a. as at 30 November 2020 from 2.95%p.a., 3.25%p.a. and 3.61%p.a. respectively as at 30 October 2020.

The NSE Lotus Islamic Index gained 13.45% Month-on-Month and we expect the stock market to continue its positive trajectory in December as investors seek to take advantage of better dividend yields relative to fixed income yields. In addition, we expect returns on both conventional and Non-Interest-bearing fixed income instruments to remain low as demand continues to outstrip supply with investors aggressively targeting available investment outlets. Thus, Shariah Compliant fixed income instruments would continue to track the prevailing yields in the conventional fixed income market very closely









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# November 2020 STANBIC IBTC MONEY MARKET FUND

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



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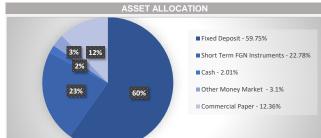
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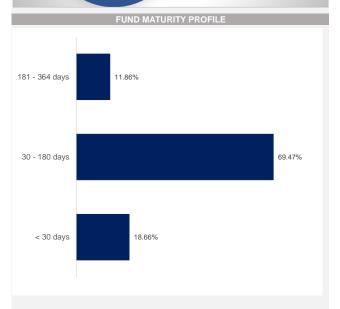
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Average Effective Yield is per annum (p.a)

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# November 2020 STANBIC IBTC NIGERIAN EQUITY FUND

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#### RISK PROFILE



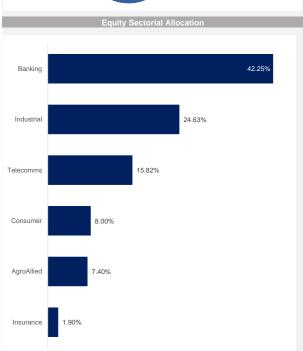
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# November 2020 STANBIC IBTC SHARIAH FIXED INCOME FUND

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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.

## RISK PROFILE

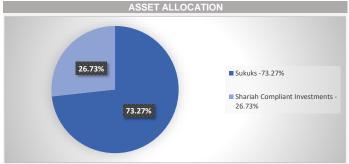


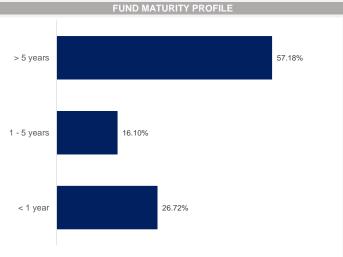
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