

October 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



MARKET COMMENTARY

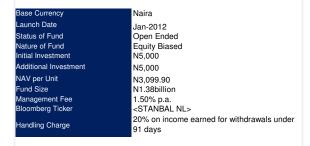
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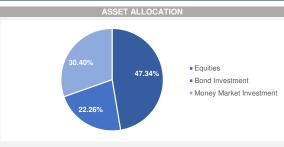
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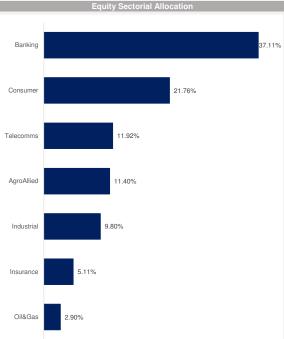
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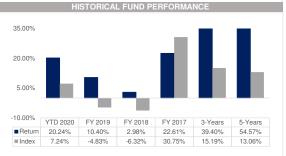
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The Fund Index is 40% ASI; plus 20% weighted Average 3 year FGN Bond rate plus 40%; 91 Days Weighted Average Treasury Bill Rate

MARKET INDICATORS



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October 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.

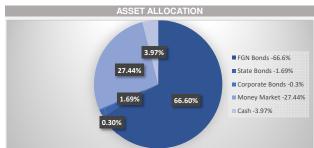


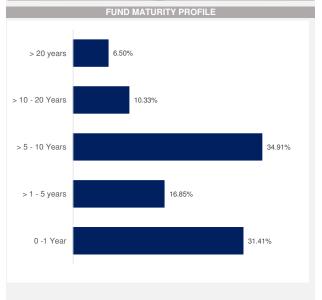
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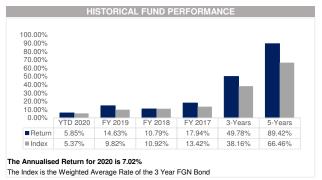
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October 2020 STANBIC IBTC DOLLAR FUND

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.

RISK PROFILE



MARKET COMMENTARY

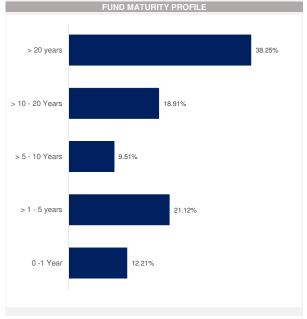
A second wave of COVID-19 cases across major European countries has ensured Crude Oil prices have remained weak, closing at \$37 per barrel. Uncertainty around the outcome of the forthcoming presidential elections in the USA has also further dampened global economic activities. Somewhat disconnected from events on a macro level, FGN Eurobond yields trended downward in the month of October 2020. Yields across maturities closed lower in the month of October 2020 at an average of 5.77%p.a., 8.35%p.a., and 8.76%p.a. for the 1 – 10 years, 11 – 20 years and 21 – 30 years maturities, compared to an average of 6.33% p.a., 8.57% p.a. and 8.99% p.a. respectively at the end of September 2020.

Nigeria's Foreign Exchange ("FX") Reserves closed the month lower at \$35.68 billion compared to \$35.74 billion at the end of September 2020 as the CBN remains the dominant supplier of USD to the market. As such, the exchange rate closed at N475/\$1 in the parallel market and N386.00/\$1 at the Investors and Exporters ("I&E") Window. On average interest rates on US Dollar deposits offered by Deposit Money Banks ("DMBs") exceeds that offered on Naira deposits by between 400 – 700 bps due to the continued FX liquidity pressure locally.

In the month of November 2020, we expect the outcome of the US elections will weigh heavier on markets as the market prices in a return to "normalcy" and more favorable trade terms with China and other global trade partners should the incumbent president lose his re-election bid.









MARKET INDICATORS



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6 Month LIBOR closed at 0.24% on 28 October 2020, compared to the Year to Date average of 0.78%



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October 2020 STANBIC IBTC ETHICAL FUND

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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 fixed income securities.

RISK PROFILE



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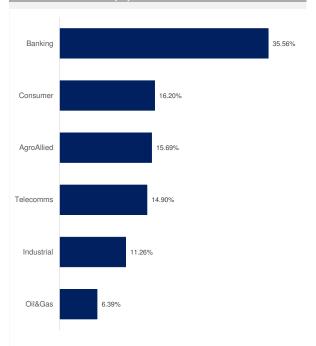
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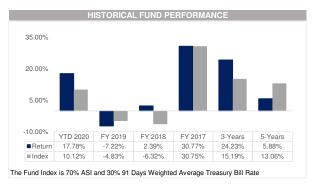
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Naira Launch Date Jan-2006 Status of Fund Open Ended Equity Biased Nature of Fund nitial Investment N5,000 Additional Investment N5 000 NAV per Unit N1.06 N1.43billion Fund Size Management Fee 3.00% p.a. <STANETH NL> Bloomberg Ticker 20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91 Handling Charge davs



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October 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.





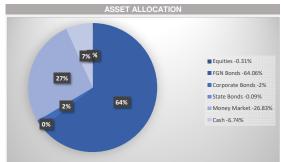
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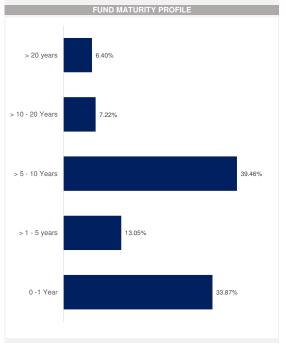
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The outlook for the Equities market is expected to remain positive as investors chase higher returns.









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October 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



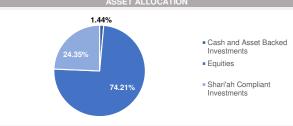
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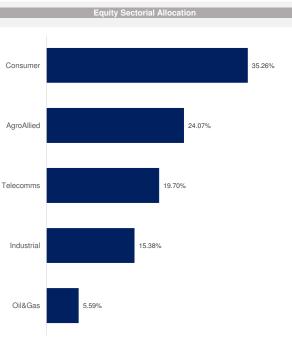
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System liquidity remained elevated in October with fixed income maturities and coupon payments in excess of N1.8Trillion and oversubscriptions at the Treasury Bills ("T-Bill") and Bond Auctions held during the month giving further credence to this. The rental yield on each of the 3 tranches of the FGN Sukuks in issue trended downwards in line with the direction of conventional instruments, as the FGN Sukuks maturing in 2024, 2025 and 2027 declined to 2.95%p.a., 3.25%p.a. and 3.61%p.a. respectively as at 31 October 2020 from 3.96%p.a., 5.70%p.a. and 6.88%p.a. respectively as at 30 September 2020.

Our expectation for November is that returns on both conventional and Non-Interest bearing fixed income instruments remain low as market participants continue to aggressively compete for the limited investment outlets following the maturity of all OMO bills held by local participants. The appetite for Shariah Compliant fixed income instruments should also remain strong with the growth in funds that track such instruments, and continuous search for higher yields by investors.

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October 2020 STANBIC IBTC MONEY MARKET FUND

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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



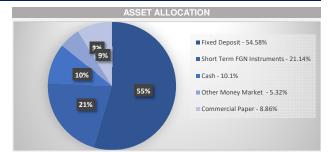
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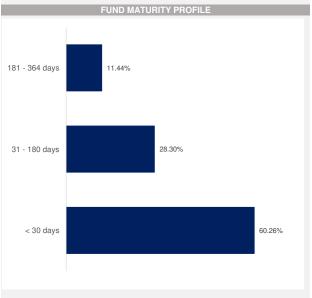
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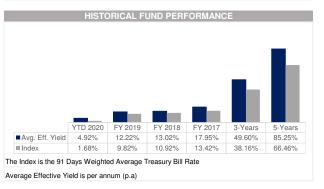
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FUND FACTS Base Currency Naira Launch Date Feb-2010 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund . Money Market Biased Initial Investment N5,000 Additional Investment N5,000 NAV Per Unit Quarterly Fund Size N330.80 billion Management Fee 1.50% p.a. <STANIMM NL> Bloomberg Ticker 20% on income earned for withdrawals Handling Charge under 30 days







MARKET INDICATOR



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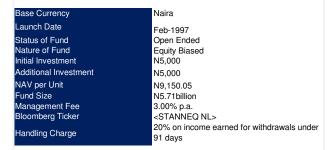


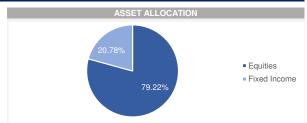
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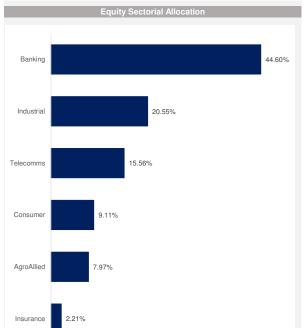
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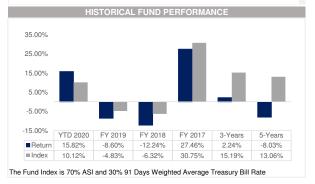
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October 2020 STANBIC IBTC SHARIAH FIXED INCOME FUND

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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

Conservative

Moderately Conservative Moderate

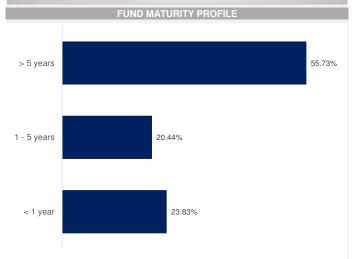
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MARKET COMMENTARY

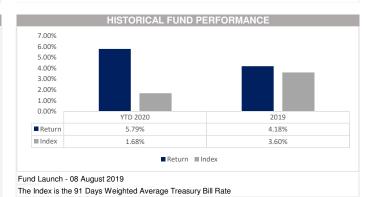
Returns remained depressed across tenors for Non-interest bearing and Shari'ah compliant fixed income securities. System liquidity remained elevated in October with fixed income maturities and coupon payments in excess of N1.8Trillion and oversubscriptions at the Treasury Bills ("T-Bill") and Bond Auctions held during the month giving further credence to this. The rental yield on each of the 3 tranches of the FGN Sukuks in issue trended downwards in line with the direction of conventional instruments, as the FGN Sukuks maturing in 2024, 2025 and 2027 declined to 2.95%p.a., 3.25%p.a. and 3.61%p.a. respectively as at 31 October 2020 from 3.96%p.a., 5.70%p.a. and 6.88%p.a. respectively as at 30 September 2020.

Our expectation for November is that returns on both conventional and Non-Interest bearing instruments will remain low as market participants continue to aggressively compete for the limited investment outlets following the maturity of all OMO bills held by local participants. The appetite for Shariah Compliant fixed income instruments should also remain strong with the growth in funds that track such instruments, and continuous search for higher yields by investors.

ASSET ALLOCATION Sukuks -76.16% Shariah Compliant Investments - 23.84%



FUND FACTS Base Currency Naira Launch Date Aug-2019 Status of Fund Open Ended Nature of Fund Fixed Income Biased Initial Investment N5,000 Additional Investment N5.000 Fund Size N7.66 billion Management Fee 1.5% p.a. Handling Charge None NAV Per Unit N110.24



MARKET INDICATORS



Inflation -13.71%*

Annual headline inflation reached an

over 2-year high in September 2020

FX Reserve - \$35.68bn**

FX reserves declined by 7.54% Year-to-Date as at 28 October 2020 driven by decline in crude oil prices.



Monetary Policy Rate - 11.5%**

The Monetary Policy Committee cut the MPR by 100bps from 12.50% to 11.50%



Nigeria's real GDP recorded an annual growth rate of -6.10% for Q2 2020

*National Bureau of Statistics ** CBN

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