

United Capital Balanced Fund

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FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the United Capital Balanced Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation and income distribution through investment in a portfolio of securities and instruments as specified in the Trust Deed. The Fund is targeted at investors who seek a blend of safety and regular income. The Fund holds equities and fixed income assets in a blended proportion. The securities are held in relatively small proportions to diversify unsystematic risk in the portfolio.

The Fund aims to balance risk and return. The risk profile is structured to be lower than that of a pure equity investment. With assets tactically allocated between fixed income and equity investments, the Fund is structured for investors seeking a blend of safety, income and modest capital appreciation.

The equity portion of the Fund has exposures to mid-cap and large-cap stocks with significant diversification across sectors of the Nigerian economy. Investment decisions are driven by rigorous research in line with carefully designed Enterprise Risk Management framework.

MARKET REVIEW, OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

In February 2026, the Nigerian equity market recorded a strong performance with investors gaining approximately N17.61trillion compared to the N6.78trillion gain recorded in January as market capitalization appreciated sharply.

The overall market gain in February was driven majorly by sharp advances in the Oil and Gas and Industrial Goods sectors. The financial sector also contributed to the improvement, with the Banking Index posting a month-on-month (m/m) appreciation amid sustained buy interest in major bank stocks during the month.

Notably, the major stocks that lifted the market higher month on month include ARDEL (+38.94%), SEPLAT (+35.82%), MTNN (+32.87%), DANGSUGAR (+27.62%), WAPCO (+27.39%). As a result, the Nigerian Exchange All Share Index (NGX-ASI) gained 16.60% m/m to close at 192,826.75 points. Consequently, year to date stood at 23.91% while market capitalization closed the month at N123.76 trillion.

In the secondary money market, the financial system opened in February 2026 with a surplus balance of N1.87 trillion. February 2026 was defined by deliberate CBN liquidity tightening, heavy reliance on OMO and NTB mop-up operations, and constrained banking-sector lending.

However, inflows from Federation Account Allocation Committee (FAAC) helped support liquidity. Consequently, the financial system closed the month with a surplus balance of N3.75 trillion. Due to the rise in liquidity, the monthly average Open Repo Rate (OPR) and Overnight Rate (O/N) declined by 4.07% and 4.19% to close at 22.00% and 22.17%, respectively.

In the secondary bond market, we observed positive sentiments as the bulls dominated. Thus, the monthly average yields on the 2032

and 2034 bonds fell by 1.01% and 0.43% in February to close at 15.68% and 15.44% respectively. Similarly, we observed bearish movements in corporate bonds, as average yields in Jan-2025 rose by 3.97% m/m to close at 18.26% (previously, 14.29% in Jan-2026).

Nevertheless, the FGN Sukuk bonds market closed bullish as average yields on Sukuk bonds reduced by 4.20% to close at 15.77% in Feb - 2026 compared to the previous month's close of 19.97%.

Looking ahead into March 2026, we expect the Nigerian equity market to maintain a constructive but measured tone, supported by strong year-to-date momentum, improved macroeconomic conditions, and elevated oil prices. The 4.07% Q4 2025 GDP growth, rising external reserves, and the recent monetary policy easing to 26.50% by the Central Bank of Nigeria collectively provide a supportive backdrop for risk assets.

While the NGX All-Share Index may experience intermittent profit-taking following its strong rally in the first two months of the year, underlying liquidity conditions and improving fiscal dynamics should sustain investor interest, particularly in fundamentally strong and dividend-paying stocks. However, FX pressures, global risk sentiment, and oil price volatility remain key variables that could shape market direction and drive sector rotation throughout the month.

We expect the fixed income market to retain a constructive bias, supported by stable macro conditions supported by improving macro conditions and intermittent liquidity inflows, despite ongoing CBN sterilization. With inflation gradually moderating and the exchange rate relatively steady, investor confidence in fixed income should remain firm. FGN Bonds are likely to see sustained demand as investors lock in attractive yields ahead of potential rate moderation later in the year.

This could keep secondary market yields on a mild downward trend. Corporate bonds may experience selective demand, with some investors tilting toward sovereign instruments for liquidity and safety. Overall, the market tone is expected to remain cautiously bullish, favoring high quality sovereign exposure.

FUND FEATURES

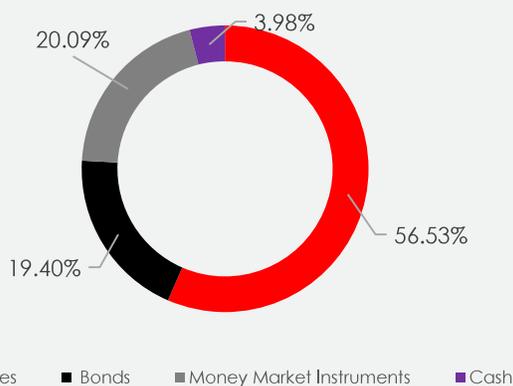
Fund Manager	United Capital Asset Management Ltd
Investment Manager Rating	A+(IM)
Base Currency/Start Year	Naira/2006
Fund Size (₦)	5.1bn
NAV Per Share (₦)	2.7287
Minimum Entry (₦)	10,000
Additional Investment (₦)	5,000
Structure	Open Ended
Entry/Exit Charges	Nil
Management Fee	1.5%
Total Expense Ratio*	1.8%
Benchmarks	91-Day T-bills/NGX ASI/3-year FGN Bond
Risk Profile	Moderate
Investment Style	Market Oriented

* Inclusive of management fee; Returns are net of all fees

MATURITY PROFILE OF ASSETS

0-30days	9.15%
31-60days	17.24%
61-90days	10.71%
91-180days	0.00%
180-365 days	21.56%
>1 year	41.33%

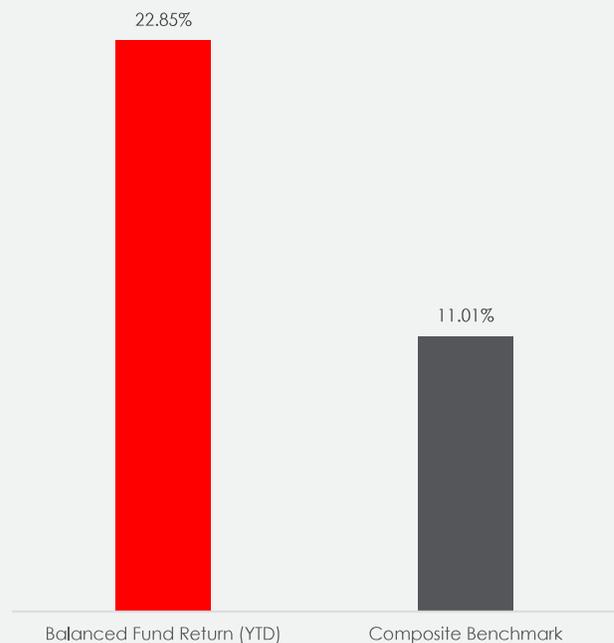
Current Portfolio Holdings



Governance Asset Allocation Ranges:

Quoted Equities (40%-60%), Money Market and Fixed Income Instruments (40%-60%), Alternative investments (0%-10%)

Balanced Fund Return Vs Benchmark (YTD)



RETURN HISTORY

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 YTD
UCAP Bal. Fund	6.19%	4.89%	42.23%	30.41%	32.38%	22.85%
Composite Benchmark	5.56%	12.82%	19.97%	26.62%	30.24%	11.01%

*Represents the Fund's Absolute Return vs the Benchmark's Absolute Return

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The United Capital Balanced Fund returned 6.08% for the month of January 2026 translating to a YTD return of 6.08% compared to 3.27% posted by the composite benchmark during the same period.

The Nigerian equities market started the year strong amidst fears of the new CGT regime. The month of march saw performance spurred by several earning report across sectors, including corporate actions from notable companies like Ecobank Transnational Corporation Plc, Nigerian Breweries and Seplat among others driving market sentiments and activities. All sectors we currently cover for the fund closed in green which spurred the current portfolio return.

The money market space was also vibrant with the fund taking position at the long end of the curve. The fund still intends to take advantage of current rates and take position in current instruments with good pricing to optimize overall performance.

Looking ahead, we expect that market outlook will be shaped by the release of other FY 2025 earnings as well as corporate actions announcements. The fund manger will continue to take position in tickers with good fundamentals as the opportunity presents and ensure a mix with money market instruments to take advantage of the attractive yield environment.

We will maintain our allocation in line with the investment policy objectives and the Trust Deed.

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WHY CHOOSE THE FUND?

- Low volatility of Investment returns
- Well diversified portfolio
- Seamless entry and exit
- Professional management with robust risk framework
- Automatic rebalancing in times of rising or falling markets
- Ability to enjoy long term capital growth as well as safety

INVESTMENT RISK

- Market risk of equity exposure
- Macroeconomic instability

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