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United Capital Equity Fund

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FUND OBJECTIVE

The United Capital Equity Fund invests in quoted equities that are traded on the Floor of the Nigerian Exchange ("NGX"). The objective of the Fund is to achieve high returns over a medium to long-term period. The Fund is suited for investors who have a long-term outlook and have funds that can be set aside for investments extending for a period of more than one year. The Fund is impacted by fluctuations in stock prices.

The Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation and income distribution through investment in fundamentally strong companies. As such, the Fund targets investors who seek significant capital appreciation in the long-term and can tolerate the volatility in the stock market.

MARKET REVIEW, OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

In July 2025, the Nigerian equities market sustained its bullish momentum, delivering another month of strong gains. Investors gained approximately N12.47tn compared to N5.49tn in June as market capitalisation grew, recording an average weekly gain of 2.03%, driven by strong earnings releases and renewed investor confidence. Despite intermittent sell-off pressures, the bulls maintained control of the market as investors bargain hunt fundamentally strong stocks. Notably, standout performers which lifted the local bourse include MTNN (+32.03% m/m), DANGCEM (+20.07% m/m), BUACEMEN (+44.62% m/m), and WAPCO (+65.74% m/m). As a result, the benchmark NGX-All Share Index (NGX-ASI) improved by 16.56% m/m to close at 139,863.52 points. Year to date returns strengthened to 35.89% from June's print of 16.57%, with market capitalisation settling at N88.42tn from June's Print of N75.95tn.

On a sectoral level, market activity was bullish, as all Five (5) of the Five (5) sectors under our coverage closed in the green. The Industrial Goods sector (+33.72% m/m) led the gainers due to bargain hunting activities in BUACEMEN (+44.62% m/m) and DANGCEM (+20.07% m/m). Following was the Banking sector (+24.42% m/m) following share price appreciations in ZENITHBA (+31.90% m/m), UBA (+40.31% m/m), and ACCESSCO (+26.24% m/m). This was followed by the Insurance sector (+18.55% m/m) on account of gains in NEM (+34.08% m/m) and MANSARD (+22.51% m/m). The Consumer Goods sector (+12.02% m/m) followed on the back of buy-interests in NESTLE (+30.34% m/m) and DANGSUGA (+54.25% m/m). Lastly, was the Oil and Gas sector (+1.43% w/w).

In terms of corporate disclosures, we saw a spree of earnings announcement from some of our coverage companies with the HY1-2025 earning season starting off. In the Banking sector, United Bank for Africa Plc has commenced their Rights Issue of 3,156,869,665 ordinary shares of 50 Kobo each at N50.00 per share and is scheduled to close on Friday, 05 September 2025.

Ecobank Transnational Incorporated Plc (ETI) released its HY1-2025 Unaudited Financial Statements declaring a Profit Before Tax (PBT) of N620.23bn and Profit After Tax (PAT) of N433.88bn. First Holdco Plc released its HY1-2025 Unaudited Financial Statements declaring a Profit Before Tax (PBT) of N356.15bn and PAT of N283.77bn. FCMB Group Plc released its HY1-2025 Unaudited Financial Statements declaring a PBT of N79.12bn and PAT of N73.42bn. In the Consumer Goods Sector, Bua Foods Plc released its HY1-2025 Unaudited Financial Statements declaring a PBT of N276.10bn and PAT of N260.07bn. Nestle Plc also released its HY1-2025 Unaudited Financial Statements declaring a PBT of N88.39bn and PAT of N50.57bn.

In the Industrial Goods Sector, Bua Cement Plc released its HY1-2025 Audited Financial Statements declaring a PBT as N115.06bn and PAT as N99.77bn. In the Energy Sector, Seplat Energy Plc released its HY1- 2025 Audited Financial Statement declaring a PBT of N454.11bn and PAT of N42.52bn. As a result, they declared an interim dividend of $4.6 cents, with a Qualification Date of 13 August 2025, Closure of Register on 14 August 2025 and Payment Date would be disclosed later.

Similarly, Transcorp Power Plc released its HY1- 2025 Audited Financial Statement declaring a PBT of N15.44bn and PAT of N11.58bn. As a result, they declared an interim dividend of N1.50k, with a Qualification Date of 08 August 2025, Closure of Register on 11 August 2025 to 14 August 2025, and a Payment Date of 18 August 2025.

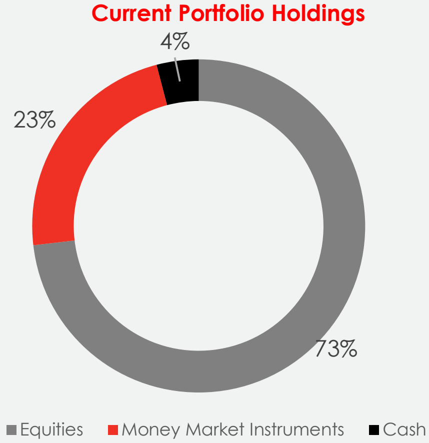
Looking ahead into August 2025, we expect a relatively cautious but stable performance in the Nigerian equities market. Investor attention will be shaped largely by the ongoing release of HY1-2025 corporate earnings, with a focus on names in the banking, industrials, and telecoms space. We believe strong results from any of the large caps could spark renewed interest, particularly in stocks already trading at attractive valuations. We maintain our positive outlook for the domestic equities market, supported by the earnings season. Investors will continue bargain-hunting stocks with strong fundamentals. Macro pressures remain in play, FX volatility, inflation concerns, and a still-uncertain policy environment could keep some investors on the sidelines. Nonetheless, we anticipate that bargain-hunting will persist in fundamentally strong counters, especially those with consistent earnings and dividend track records. While risks remain, we retain a neutral-to-positive outlook on the market, with opportunities likely to emerge in sectors seen as resilient to macro headwinds. Overall, we expect August to be a modestly positive month, driven by strong HY1 results, dividend optimism, and ongoing foreign interest.

FUND FEATURES

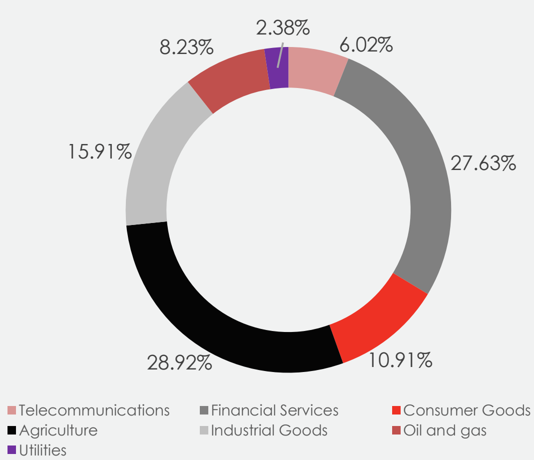
Fund Manager	United Capital Asset Management Ltd
Investment Manager Rating	A+(IM)
Base Currency/Start Year	Naira/2006
Fund Size (₦)	5.8bn
NAV Per Share (₦)	1.8400
Minimum Entry (₦)	10,000
Additional Investment (₦)	5,000
Structure	Open Ended
Entry/Exit Charges	Nil
Management Fee	1.5%
Total Expense Ratio*	1.8%
Benchmark	NGX ASI
Risk Profile	Aggressive
Investment Style	Growth Oriented

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

Current Portfolio Holdings



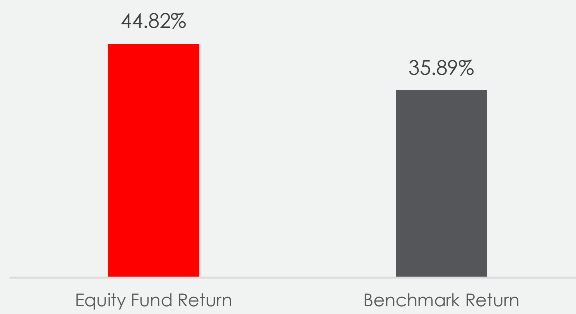
Equity Sectoral Allocation



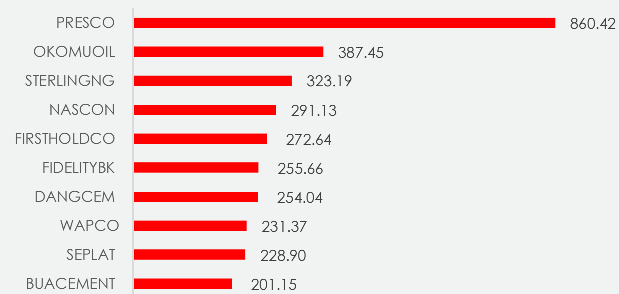
Governance Asset Allocation Ranges:

Money Market(10%-30%); Equities: 70%-90%

Equity Fund Performance Vs Benchmark



Top ten equity exposures (million)



RETURN HISTORY

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
UCAP Equity Fund	22.91%	16.43%	7.55%	48.40%	35.60%	44.82%
Benchmark (ASI)	50.03%	6.07%	19.98%	45.90%	37.65%	35.89%

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

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The United Capital Equity Fund returned 15.94% for the month of July 2025 translating to a YTD return of 44.82%, relative to the return of 35.89% posted by the benchmark for the same period.

The Nigerian stock market posted its strongest monthly gain as the benchmark index gained 16.57% on a MoM basis translating to a YTD return of 35.89%. All sectors under coverage gained month on month with the industrial sector leading the gainers list, gaining 34.28% MoM.

Looking ahead, we expect the bullish trend to persist and market performance to be shaped by the release of H1 earnings report and corporate action announcement particularly from the banking names. Also, the signing of the insurance industry reform act will fuel activities in the sector. 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.

The fund manager will watch activities in the market and continue to take positions in stocks with low prices, solid valuations, and dividend performance in a bid to take advantage of potential market rally. We will maintain our allocation in line with the investment policy objectives and the Trust Deed.

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WHY CHOOSE THE FUND?

- Diversification across sectors
- Seamless Entry and Exit
- Low entry threshold
- Professional management with robust risk framework
- Long term capital growth

INVESTMENT RISK

- Credit Risks
- Macroeconomic instability
- Interest Rate Risk

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Log in to our online platform **www.investnow.ng**
2. Click on **"Equity Fund**"
3. Click on "**Open and account**".
4. Fund your account online with a one-time payment or recurrent payments.