

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

The Nigerian equity market recorded a strong In March 2026, the Nigerian equity market recorded a modestly strong performance with investors gaining approximately N5.45trillion compared to the N17.61trillion gain recorded in February as market capitalization appreciated.

The overall market gain in March was driven majorly by sharp advances in the Industrial Goods and Oil and Gas sectors. The financial sector however, sustained a loss with the Banking Index posting a month-on-month (m/m) depreciation amid selloffs in select banking stocks during the month.

Notably, the major stocks that lifted the market higher month on month include BUACEMENT (+49.18%), GUINNESS (+20.91%), ARADEL (+16.24%), WAPCO (+9.95%), ZENITHBANK (+5.27%). As a result, the Nigerian Exchange All Share Index (NGX-ASI) gained 4.39% m/m to close at 201,287.78 points. Consequently, year to date stood at 29.35% while market capitalisation closed the month at N129.21 trillion.

The financial system opened in March 2026 with a surplus balance of N3.75 trillion. March 2026 was defined by deliberate Central Bank of Nigeria (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.

At the treasury bill market, the CBN conducted four auctions in the month. The first auction had an offer size of N1.05tn worth of bills across the 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day tenors. Stop rates on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills closed at 16.61%, 18.15% and 20.09% respectively.

The second auction had an offer size of N850bn worth of bills across the 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day tenors. Following the auction, stop rates on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills closed at

16.61%, 18.15% and 20.08% respectively.

The third auction had an offer size of N1.05tn worth of bills across the 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day tenors. Stop rates on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills closed at 15.95%, 16.62% and 16.63% respectively.

The fourth auction had an offer size of N400bn worth of bills across the 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day tenors. Stop rates on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills closed at 15.95%, 16.42% and 16.43% respectively

The Debt Management Office conducted the March 2026 bond auction with a total offer size of N750bn, split across the reopened 2030 ("5-year"), 2032 ("7-year"), and 2033 ("9-year") bond papers. Investor demand was solid, with total subscriptions reaching N931.50bn. Despite the healthy demand, the Debt Management Office (DMO) under-allotted, allotting a total of N485.50bn.

In the secondary bond market, we observed negative sentiments as the bears dominated. Thus, the monthly average yields on the 2032 and 2034 bonds rose by 0.54% and 0.69% in March to close at 16.22% and 16.13% respectively.

Similarly, we observed bearish movements in corporate bonds, as average yields in March-2026 rose by 0.52% m/m to close at 18.78% (previously, 18.26% in Feb-2026).

Similarly, the FGN Sukuk bonds market closed bearish as average yields on Sukuk bonds climbed by 0.89% to close at 16.66% in Mar - 2026 compared to the previous month's close of 15.77%.

Looking ahead into April 2026, we expect the equity market to sustain its bullish momentum through April 2026, supported by improving domestic fundamentals and favourable global developments. A major catalyst is FTSE Russell's reclassification of Nigeria to Frontier Market status (effective September 2026), which is expected to drive foreign inflows via tracker funds into large-cap names such as MTNN, Dangote Cement, and tier-1 banks.

The Nigeria Treasury Bills market is expected to sustain strong demand, with investors continuing to favour the 364-day tenor amid recent yield compression. The sharp decline in stop rates alongside consistent oversubscription levels reflects robust system liquidity, while the Central Bank of Nigeria's mixed allotment strategy will remain a key driver of rate direction.

The Nigeria fixed income market is expected to remain bearish, with yields staying elevated across the curve, reflecting the broad-based sell-off in March across FGN, corporate, and Sukuk bonds amid tight monetary policy and persistent inflation. Despite under-allotment by the Debt Management Office, elevated marginal rates signal continued investor demand for higher risk premiums, while globally, delayed rate cuts in the United States reduce the likelihood of strong foreign inflows.

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FUND FEATURES

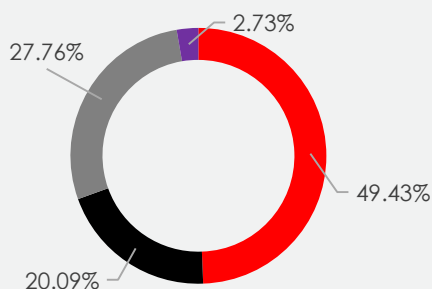
Fund Manager	United Capital Asset Management Ltd
Investment Manager Rating	A+(IM)
Base Currency/Start Year	Naira/2006
Fund Size (₦)	5.9bn
NAV Per Share (₦)	2.7348
Minimum Entry (₦)	10,000
Additional Investment (₦)	5,000
Structure	Open Ended
Entry/Exit Charges	Nil
Management Fee	1.5%
Total Expense Ratio*	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	19.56%
31-60days	8.64%
61-90days	0.00%
91-180days	0.00%
180-365 days	40.73%
>1 year	31.07%

Current Portfolio Holdings

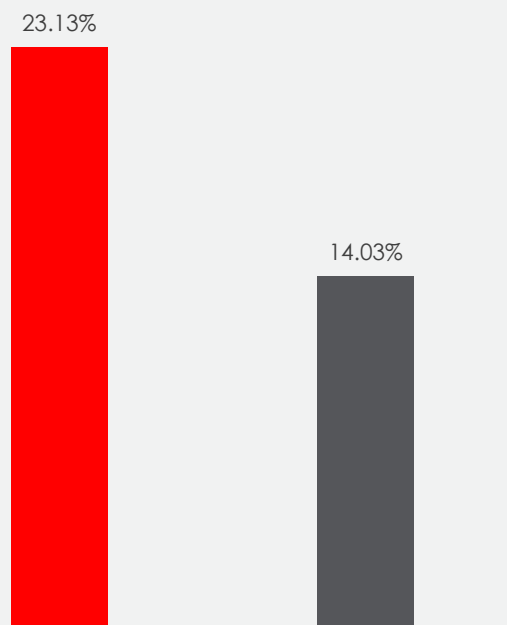


■ Equities ■ Bonds ■ Money Market Instruments ■ Cash

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)



Balanced Fund Return (YTD) Composite Benchmark

RETURN HISTORY

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 YTD
UCAP Bal. Fund	6.19%	4.89%	42.23%	30.41%	32.38%	23.13%
Composite Benchmark	5.56%	12.82%	19.97%	26.62%	30.24%	14.03%

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

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The United Capital Balanced Fund returned 23.13% for the month of March 2026 as against the composite benchmark of 14.03% posted 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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