

United Capital Wealth For Women Fund

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FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the United Capital Wealth for Women Fund is to promote the financial inclusion of the female gender by increasing their access to financial investment products and addressing the current imbalance of most investment products being skewed towards the male gender.

The Fund Manager seeks to maintain a balance between realized income and capital growth to ensure regular distribution payments and continuous appreciation in asset values while ensuring optimal safety of assets and adequate liquidity to meet the Fund's obligations as they fall due. The Fund invests in money markets and equities. The equity portfolio is tilted towards companies with significant female representation on their boards and management teams.

MARKET REVIEW, OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

In May 2025, the Nigerian equities market experienced a surge with investors gaining approximately N3.96tn as the market capitalisation grew recording a weekly gain of N1.51tn. Despite intermittent sell-off pressures, the bulls-maintained control of the market during the month as we observed bargain-hunting activities across some fundamentally strong stocks, especially in sectors perceived as hedges against inflation and naira volatility as investors look to position themselves and take advantage of low prices. However, investor caution persisted, following the Monetary Policy Committee's (MPC) decision to keep the benchmark interest rate unchanged at 27.50%. Notably, a standout performer was AIRTELAF, which climbed by 10.00% m/m. Additionally, gains in large cap stocks, MTNN (+12.04% m/m), BUAFOODS (+5.26% m/m), and NESTLE (+44.29% m/m) lifted the local bourse northwards. As a result, the benchmark NGX-All Share Index (NGX-ASI) improved by 562bps to close at 111,742.01 points. Consequently, YTD return strengthened to 8.56% from March's print of 2.79%, with market capitalisation settling at N70.46tn from April's Print of N66.50tn.

On a sectoral level, market activity was bullish, with Four (4) of the Five (5) sectors under our coverage closed in the green. The Consumer Goods sector (+18.71% m/m) led the gainers due to bargain hunting activities in BUAFOODS (+5.26% m/m) and NESTLE (+44.59% m/m). Following was the Industrial goods sector (+2.39% m/m) following share price appreciations in DANGCEM (+1.85% m/m), WAPCO (+8.37% m/m), and BETAGLAS (+133.00% m/m). This was followed by the Banking sector (+1.86% m/m) on account of gains in ETI (+9.55% m/m), ZENITHBIA (+2.51% m/m) and STERLING (+4.63% m/m). The Insurance sector (+1.60% m/m) followed on the back of buy-interests in CORNERST (+6.84% m/m) and SUNUASSU (+12.73% m/m). Lastly, on the other side of the coin, the Oil and Gas sector (-1.17% w/w) was the sole laggard on account of losses in SEPLAT (-9.70% m/m) and CONOIL (-9.99% m/m).

In the secondary Money Market, we observed mixed sentiments

among investors due to robust liquidity in the financial system, declining stop rates at primary market auctions, and the rate decision by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). As a result, the average NT-bills yield was relatively quiet, rising marginally by 1bp m/m to close the month of May-2025 at 20.74% (previously 20.73% in Apr-2025). Meanwhile, the average yield on OMO bills declined by 128bps, settling at 25.70% in May-2025 from 26.98% in the prior month.

Looking ahead into June 2025, we expect investors to start positioning themselves for the Q2 earnings season, favoring corporates with FX gains, cost control, clear growth trajectory, and potential for quality interim dividend payments. We maintain our positive outlook for the domestic equities market, supported by the earnings season. However, investors will continue bargain-hunting stocks with strong fundamentals. Overall, while the positive momentum from May is expected to continue, investors may adopt a more cautious approach amid global uncertainties.

We anticipate a marginally lower liquidity inflows into the financial system, driven by expected total inflows of N1.70tn from coupon payments (N216.76bn), NT-bill maturities (N259.76bn), and OMO maturities (N1.23tn). Although this marks a 13.22% decline from May's inflows of N1.96tn, we expect the financial system to remain awash with excess liquidity. Overall, FTD and money market rates are likely to stay at current levels, with a potential to edge lower in June 2025. Hence, fund managers should lock in these current yields for the medium to long term, barring any major market shock. Meanwhile, bullish sentiments are expected to persist in the secondary market as investors continue to take positions given the dovish outlook for rates.

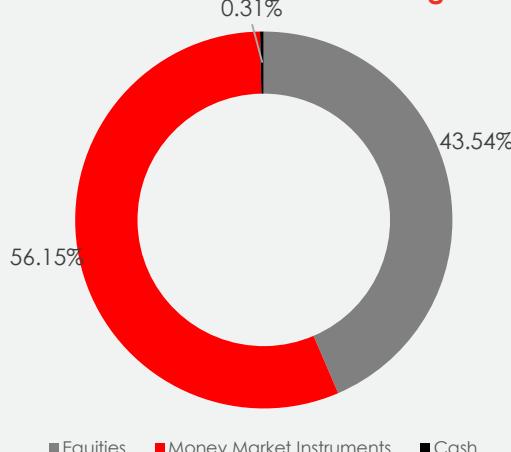
FUND FEATURES

Fund Manager	United Capital Asset Management Ltd
Base Currency/Start Year	Naira/2017
Fund Size (₦)	1.4bn
NAV Per Share (₦)	1.7013
Minimum Entry (₦)	10,000
Additional Investment (₦)	5,000
Structure	Open Ended
Minimum Holding Period	90 days
Management Fee	1.5%
Total Expense Ratio*	1.8%
Benchmarks	91-Day T-bills/NGX ASI
Risk Profile	Moderate
Investment Style	Market Oriented

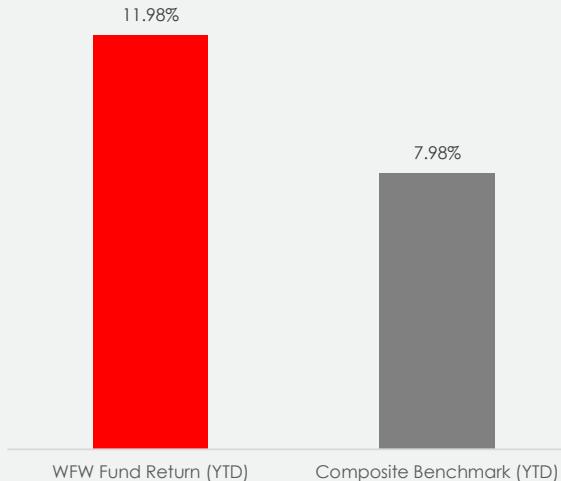
* Inclusive of management fee; Returns are net of all fees

MATURITY PROFILE OF ASSETS

0-30days	18.81%
31-60days	13.62%
61-90days	54.49%
91-180days	0.00%
181-365days	13.07%

Current Portfolio Holdings**Governance Asset Allocation Ranges:**

Equities (10%-80%), Money Market Instruments (20% -90%)

WFW Fund Return Vs Benchmark (YTD)**RETURN HISTORY**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
UCAP WFW	3.12%	6.60%	12.33%	31.93%	28.11%	11.98%
Benchmark Return	25.16%	5.56%	2.10%	23.99%	28.25%	7.98%

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

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The United Capital Wealth For Women Fund returned 3.90% for the month of May 2025 translating to a YTD return of 11.98% compared to the composite benchmark (91-day T-bills and the ASI) return of 7.98% for the same period.

The Nigerian stock market continued its bullish run in May as the benchmark index gained 5.62% on a MoM basis translating to a YTD return of 8.56%. Following the MPC decision during the month to hold rate at 27.50%, there was minimal reaction in the equities market. The strong performance was attributable to bargain hunting activities by investors amid the release of Q1 2025 earning by few corporates and dividend payments.

Looking ahead for June 2025, we expect that market performance will continue to improve as investors will begin to take position ahead of the release of H1 earnings report. We also expect profit taking activities to continue as prices reach all-time high. The fund manager will continue to take position in tickers with good fundamentals and ensure a mix with money market instruments to take advantage of the current attractive yield environment.

We remain conservative in line with the investment policy objectives, as our selection of fundamentally strong stocks and high yielding money market instruments should further enhance the returns of the Fund going forward.

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

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Log in to our online platform www.investnow.ng
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