

United Capital Sukuk Fund

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FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to provide investors with a low-risk investment with stable and competitive returns through investments in short, medium and long-term Sharia-Compliant securities and investment products, whilst ensuring the preservation of capital and maintaining a reasonable degree of liquidity.

The Fund aims to provide its Unitholders with halal profits on the growth of their capital over the long-term in accordance with the principles of Islamic finance.

MARKET REVIEW, OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Last month, the Debt Management Office (DMO) conducted its FGN bond Auction for Nov-2023, with N360.0bn worth of papers on offer across the following tenors: APR 2029, JUN 2033, JUN 2038, and JUN 2053. During the auction, investors demonstrated robust demand, buoyed by ample liquidity in the system. The preference was notably tilted towards instruments with longer tenures. For instance, investors' interest was majorly skewed towards the 2053s, which accounted for 74.17% of subscriptions. Thus, the auction was oversubscribed, with total subscription printing at N445.3bn. Notably, the DMO oversold the auction, allotting a total of N434.5bn vs 360.0bn on offer signaling the government's strong reliance on the domestic debt market. This indicates a bid-to-cover ratio of 1.0x. Consequently, the marginal rate on the 2029s, 2033, 2038s and 2053s papers climbed by 110bps, 125bps, 170bps and 140bps to settle at 16.00%, 17.00%, 17.50% and 18.00%, respectively.

In the secondary market, we observed sell pressures dominate the market as investors' sentiments were mainly bearish. This is due to investors desire to drive secondary bond yields higher. Additionally, the activities in the primary market and the CBN's deployment of orthodox methods supported the move. Thus, average yields on sovereign bonds climbed higher to print at 15.72% in Nov-2023, a 39bps m/m increase from 15.33% print in Oct-2023.

On the other hand, we observed buy pressures in corporate bonds, as average yields at the end of Nov-2023 fell by 7bps m/m to close at 16.41% (previously 16.48%). Similarly, the FGN Sukuk bonds closed bullish as average yields on Sukuk bonds declined by 14bps m/m to close at 14.83% compared to the previous month's close of 14.97%.

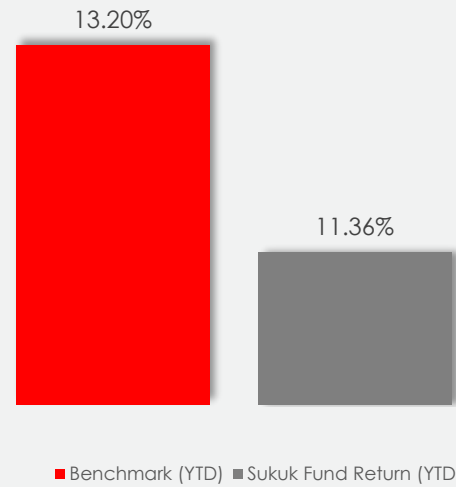
Looking ahead, we maintain our expectations of continued reliance on the domestic debt market by the Federal Government (FG), as evidenced by the dwindling government revenue. This will drive the supply of bonds in the primary market as the FG sought capital expenditure financing. In line with the climb in rates at recent auctions, we expect marginal rates to trend higher as the CBN aims to drive rates higher. In the secondary market, we anticipate an overall bearish sentiment to dominate the market. However, we may see pockets of buy-interests as investors may want to take position given the high yields in the market.

FUND FEATURES

Fund Manager	United Capital Asset Management Ltd
Base Currency/Start Year	Naira/2020
Fund Size (₦)	5.1bn
NAV Per Share (₦)	1.1797
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%
Benchmark	3-Yr FGN Sovereign Sukuk Yield
Risk Profile	Medium
Investment Style	Income Oriented

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

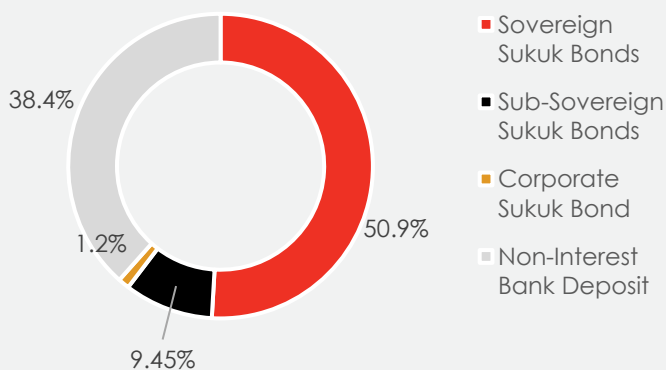
Sukuk Fund Return Vs Benchmark (YTD)



MATURITY PROFILE OF ASSETS

<1yr	38.43%
3-5yr	8.25%
5-10yr	53.32%
>10yr	0.00%

Current Portfolio Holdings



Governance Asset Allocation Ranges:

Non-Interest Bank Deposit (20%-40%); Sukuk Bond: (60%-80%)

RETURN HISTORY

	2021	2022	2023
United Capital Sukuk Fund	7.32%	7.23%	11.36%
Benchmark	9.88%	12.92%	13.20%

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

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The United Capital Sukuk Fund returned 0.74% for the month of December 2023 and a full year 2023 return of 11.36%, relative to the return of 13.20% posted by the benchmark for the same period.

Due to the recent attraction to Sukuk funds, we expect more issuances to take place in the coming months. We would continue to watch out for attractive sukuk offers to boost return.

The Fund maintains sufficient exposure to FGN Sukuk, money market instruments and sub-sovereign and corporate Sukuk with significantly higher yields. We will maintain current allocation to enhance returns for the Fund.

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WHY CHOOSE THE FUND?

- Not exposed to equities market volatility
- Seamless entry and exit
- Low entry threshold
- Professional management with robust risk framework
- Long term capital preservation and growth

INVESTMENT RISK

- Market Risks
- Macroeconomic instability
- Interest Rate Risk

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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