

United Capital Fixed Income Fund

Mutual Funds Factsheet | September 2024

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FUND OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the Fund is to achieve consistent income streams through investment in select portfolio of securities and investments specified in the Trust Deed. The Fund's assets are invested in Federal Government bonds, Sub-national bonds, corporate bonds and high-quality money market securities. The Fund is not affected by the fluctuations in the equity markets. However, opportunities for capital appreciation are dependent on changes in interest rate.

MARKET REVIEW, OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The Debt Management Office (DMO) conducted the Sept-2024 bond auction with an offer size of N150.0bn across the reopened 2029, 2031, and 2033 bond papers. At the auction, investors' demand was strong, as total subscriptions printed at N414.9bn, indicating an oversubscription rate of 2.8x. The bulk of the bids were skewed towards the longest tenor instrument, "2033", which received total bids of N337.3bn. Notably, the DMO over-allotted the auction, selling a total of N264.5bn worth of bond papers. As a result, the marginal rates on the 2029s, 2031s, and 2033s declined by 130bps, 91bps, and 145bps to settle at 19.00%, 19.99%, and 20.05%, respectively.

In the secondary market, we observed buy interest as investors looked to fulfill their unmet bids following the outcome of September's bond auction. The excess demand at the auction trickled into the secondary market. Consequently, average yields on sovereign bonds declined by 19bps to print at 18.77% (previously 18.96%). In tandem, we observed buy-interest in corporate bonds as average yields at the end of Sept-2024 declined by 19bps m/m to close at 21.66% (previously 21.85%).

Looking ahead into October 2024, we expect bond yields to remain under down-pressure, particularly influenced by weaker supply at the primary market level. However, the +50bps hike will look to fuel mild bearish strides but will be short-lived. Ultimately, the FG's cautious approach toward its cost of funds will look to underpin our prognosis for bond yields in October.

FUND FEATURES

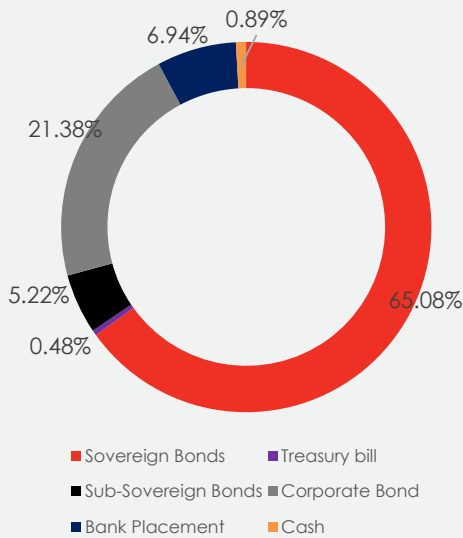
Fund Manager	United Capital Asset Management Ltd
Base Currency/Start Year	Naira/2006
Fund Size (₦)	86.5bn
NAV Per Share (₦)	1.9263
Minimum Entry (₦)	10,000
Additional Investment (₦)	5,000
Structure	Open Ended
Minimum Holding Period	90 days
Management Fee	1.5%
Total Expense Ratio*	1.8%
Benchmark	3-Yr FGN Bond Yield
Risk Profile	Medium
Investment Style	Income Oriented

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

MATURITY PROFILE OF ASSETS

<1yr	8.86%
1-3yr	31.73%
3-5yr	30.38%
5-10yr	18.55%
>10yr	10.48%

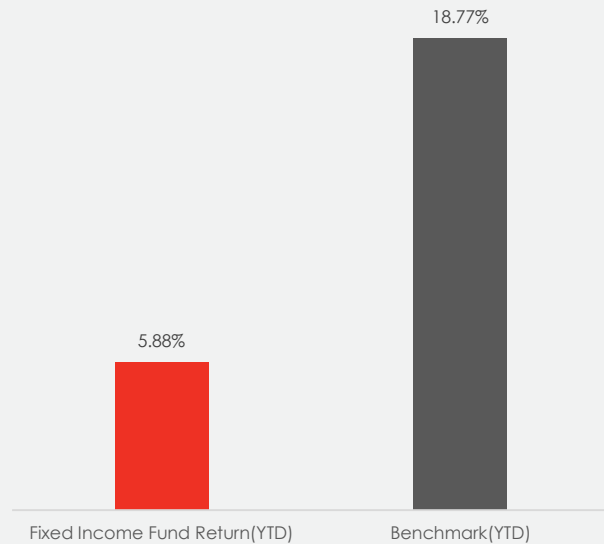
Current Portfolio Holdings



Governance Asset Allocation Ranges:

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

Fixed Income Fund Return vs Benchmark (Annualized)



RETURN HISTORY

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
UC Fixed Income Fund	9.35%	6.40%	6.33%	6.88%	5.88%
Benchmark	3.54%	9.45%	12.83%	13.30%	18.77%

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

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The United Capital Fixed Income Fund annualized return for the month of September 2024 is 8.20% while the annualized YTD return is 5.88% relative to a 18.77% posted by the benchmark for the same period.

The return can be attributed mainly to accrued coupons on bond holdings as well as accrued interest on money market instruments held in the fund during the period.

During the month of September, bullish sentiment persisted driven by a further reduction in the offer amount at the bond auction to ₦ 150bn (August auction: ₦190bn). This was however short-lived following the outcome of the MPC meeting that saw a surprise 50bps hike in MPR

Going into October and the rest of Q4, the major factors that will determine the direction of yields in the market will be offer amount at the bond auction, system liquidity levels (moderate increase in liquidity of 1.38trn vs. 1.32trn in August), inflation data and the response of the apex monetary authority.

The portfolio remains invested in FGN Bonds, money market instruments and sub-sovereign bonds with descent yields. We will maintain current allocation to enhance yield income 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 risk
- Macroeconomic instability
- Interest Rate Risk

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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

