

United Capital Sukuk Fund | Monthly Fact Sheet



October-21

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

At the October bond auction, the Debt Management Office (DMO) conducted a bond auction selling a total of N192.8bn worth of bonds as against N150.0bn on offer. The auction was met with decent demand, albeit weaker than the past four auctions, with bid-to-cover ratio printing at 1.7x, following total bids of N250.7bn. Expectedly, marginal rates were hiked across the offerings, closing at 11.65% (up 5bps, previously 11.60%), 12.95% (up 20bps, previously 12.75%) and 13.20% (up 20bps, previously 13.00%) on the 2026s, 2037s and 2050s respectively.

In the secondary market, market proceedings were tight through the month with the bond auction spooking bearish sentiments at the end of the month. For the month, average yield rose by 8bps m/m to 11.28% from 11.20% in the previous month, halting the bullish run. In the corporate segment, average yield simultaneously rose, up by 37bps m/m to 11.83% from 11.46%.

In the Sukuk segment of the bonds market, proceedings followed the bearish posture of the broad fixed income market as average yield on FGN Sukuk instruments rose 74bps m/m to close at 10.92% at the end of October.

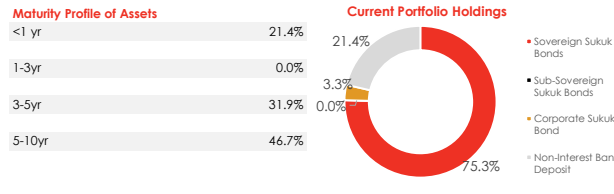
In the coming month, we expect the bearish sentiments in the bonds market to prevail. Investors appear to continue to take a measured approach towards investing at the long end of the curve amidst aggressive government borrowings. Consequently, this should sustain tight movements at the long end of the yield curve with a bearish bias.

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Fund Manager	United Capital Asset Management Ltd
Base Currency/Start Year	Naira/2020
Fund Size (M)	1.9bn
NAV Per Share (N)	1.0669
Minimum Entry (N)	10,000
Additional Investment (N)	5,000
Structure	Open Ended
Minimum Holding Period	90 days
Management Fee	1.5%
Total Expense Ratio*	1.6%
Benchmark	3-Yr FGN Sovereign Sukuk Yield
Risk Profile	Medium
Investment Style	Income Oriented



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

Governance Asset Allocation Ranges:

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

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

How to participate

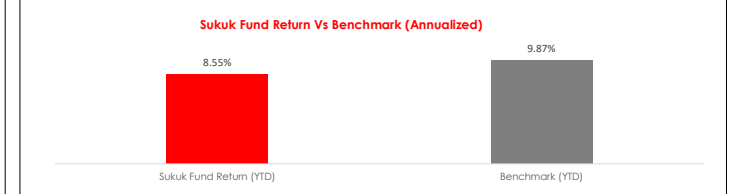
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PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The United Capital Sukuk Fund returned 0.27% for the month of October and an annualised return of 8.55%, relative to the annualized return of 9.87% posted by the benchmark for the same period.

The Treasury Bonds secondary market traded with mixed sentiments, albeit with bullish bias, as inflows from bond coupon payments supported demand levels in addition to expectation of lower yields in the FI space following the outcome of the NTB. We maintain our expectations of lower average yields in the face of limited supply and deliberate effort by the DMO to reduce government's domestic borrowing cost in the short term as investors are likely to continue cherry picking attractive instruments across the curve.

The portfolio remains invested in FGN Sukuk Bonds with significantly higher yields. We will maintain current allocation to enhance yield income for the Fund.



Investment Risks

- Market risk
- Macroeconomic instability
- Interest Rate Risk

Return History

	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
United Capital Sukuk Fund	5.65%	5.32%	13.72%	16.71%	11.74%	10.91%	9.90%	9.14%	8.55%
Benchmark	6.79%	8.26%	11.23%	12.19%	11.62%	11.12%	10.05%	9.24%	9.87%

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

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