United Capital Wealth For Women Fund | Monthly Fact Sheet



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

The domestic equity market was broadly bullish in June-2023. This was due to the depressed fixed-income environment, which drove bargain-hunting activity. Notably, buy-interest in AIRTELAFRI (14.6% m/m) and MTNN (8.9% m/m) led the rally. Therefore, the benchmark NGX-AII Share Index (NGX-ASI) declined by 9.3% m/m to close at 60,968.27 points. Consequently, YTD return strengthened to 19.0%, with market capitalisation rising to N33.2tm from May's print of N28.5tm.

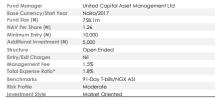
In the month under review, there were three (3) NT-bills auctions conducted at the primary market. The CBN rolled over a total of N404.5bn worth of bills across the 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day bills. The auction was met with strong investors' demand owing to the buoyant liquidity in the system, with total subscriptions printing at N1.9th, implying a bid-to-cover ratio of 4.6x. The liquid financial system was a strong driver of rates at the different auctions, influencing the direction of rates. There was strong interest from the mid-long end of the curve. Thus, stop rates on the 182-day and 364-day tapered by 62bps m/m and 176bps m/m to print at 4.4% and 6.2%, respectively (previously 4.99% and 7.99%). However, stop rates on the 91-day bill nudged higher by 58bps m/m to close at 2.9% (previously 2.29%). This came on the back of investors' demand for higher rates prior to the heavy inflow from CRR refunds and FAAC.

In the primary market, the Debt Management Office (DMO) conducted the Jun-2023 FGN bond auction with a total offer size of N360.0bn across the re-issued 2029s and the newly issued 2033s, 2038s and 2053s paper. At the auction, investors' demand was strong, supported by the liquidity in the financial system, with total subscription printing at N635.1bn, implying a bid-to-cover ratio of 1.8x. Notably, the DMO oversold the auction, allotting a total of N427.2bn. The marginal rates on the 2029s, 2033s, 2038s and 2053s papers settled at 13,90%, 14,70%, 15,45% and 15,70% respectively.

Looking ahead, we retain our positive outlook for Nigerian equities, supported by depressed yields in the money market space and buoyant system liquidity. We expect increased bargain-hunting activities to continue across stocks with strong fundamentals. In the fixed-income market, we expect system liquidity to remain the key driver of rates in the market. Other factors that will support liquidity include the new administration's drive to usher in a lower interest rate regime, FAAC inflow, and less aggressive CRR debits. Overall, we expect FTD and money market rates to hover around current levels, with a strong likelihood of tapering further until a bottom is reached. The downside risk to our expectations is the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) opting to HIKE the benchmark interest rate. However, we believe that this is unlikely, and we envisage that members of the MPC would elect to a HOLD decision at its next meeting of 24 to 25 July 2023.

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Governance Asset Allocation Ranges:

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

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

How to Participate

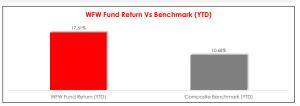
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 Click on "Wealth for Women Fund"
 Click on "Open and account" and complete the online form
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The United Capital Wealth For Women Fund returned 17.51% on a year to date ("YTD") basis as at the end of June, compared to the composite benchmark (91-day 1-bills and the ASI) return of 10.68% for the same period.

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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.



- Market risk of equity exposure
- · Macroeconomic instability

Return History					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD
United Capital Wealth for Women Fund	7.79%	3.12%	6.60%	12.33%	17.51%
Benchmark Return	1.12%	25.16%	5.56%	2.10%	10.68%

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