



MONTHLY MUTUAL FUNDS FACT SHEET

December 2022

Market Commentary

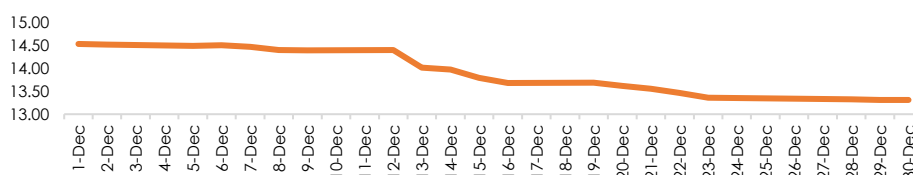
Money Market

Inter-bank system liquidity was largely buoyant in the month under consideration, averaging c. N266.49 billion in December vs c. N4.05 billion in November. This comes despite reduced inflows from OMO maturities and bond coupon payments in the month at c. N48.78 vs c. N122.22 billion in November 2022 and can be attributed to increased deposits following the Apex bank's plans to redesign the 200, 500 and 1,000 Naira notes. Consequently, the average Open Policy Rate (OPR) and Overnight Rate (O/N) dropped to 11.33% and 11.92% from 12.36% and 12.71% month-on-month, respectively. The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) conducted three Primary Market Auctions during the month and issued N185.38 billion across all tenors. Average stop rates for the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day papers dropped to 4.91%, 7.48% and 10.48% from 6.50%, 8.05% and 14.42% respectively.

Fixed Income

Bullish sentiments played out in the fixed income market during the month leading to a decline of 0.80% in the average yield levels month-on-month. This came off the back of significant demand for fixed income securities due to sizeable liquidity in the banking system. The bullish sentiment was also largely supported by the drop in stop rates at both the bond and NTB Primary market auctions conducted in the month. The Debt Management Office (DMO) offered the April 2029, April 2032 and April 2037 maturities at the monthly Primary Market Auction (PMA), offering N225 billion across the tenors. The auction attracted a total bid of N532.20 billion. However, N264.52 billion was allotted. The marginal stop rates for the 2029, 2032 and 2037 maturities dropped to 14.60%, 14.75% and 15.80% from 14.75%, 15.20% and 16.20% respectively.

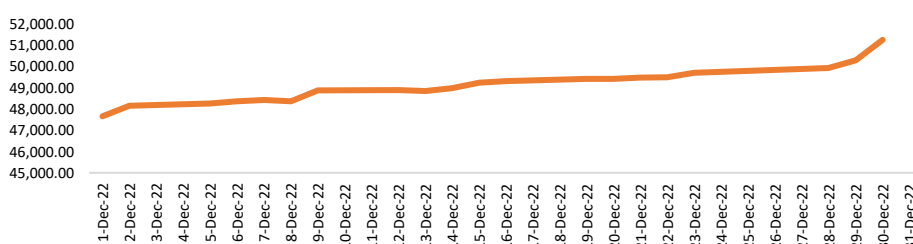
FGN Bond Yield Trend



Equities

The Nigerian equities market sustained its positive performance in the month as the market witnessed notable demands. This performance was also supported by the santa-rally witnessed towards the end of the month. As a result, the NGX All Share Index gained 7.53% in December to close at 51,251.06 points, with year-to-date performance standing at +19.98%. The NGX Industrial Goods, Consumer Goods, Insurance, Banking and Oil and Gas indices reported positive performance, growing +12.45% (2,403.24 points), +8.66% (588.93 points), 5.97% (174.36 points), 5.24% (417.50 points) and +4.36% (462.68 points) respectively.

NGX-ASI Share Price Trend



Market Outlook

The month under review saw bullish activities play out in the Nigerian stock market. We expect mixed sentiments in the near future as investors position themselves for the year, barring any changes to the directions of fiscal and monetary policy.

Likewise, we expect the fixed income space to experience mixed sentiments in the first month of the year 2023, as investors take position on securities for the year.

Macroeconomic Indicators	Inflation (%)	MPR (%)	CRR (%)	Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	External Reserve (US\$'billion)	GDP %
	November 2022	21.47% (+5.84 ytd)	16.50 (-7%/+1% around mid-point)	32.50	85.91	37.08 (-8.48% ytd)

Source: NBS, CBN, CNBC



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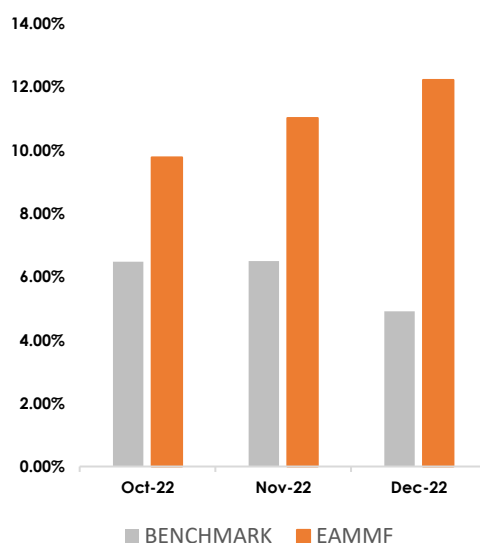
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EMERGING AFRICA MONEY MARKET FUND

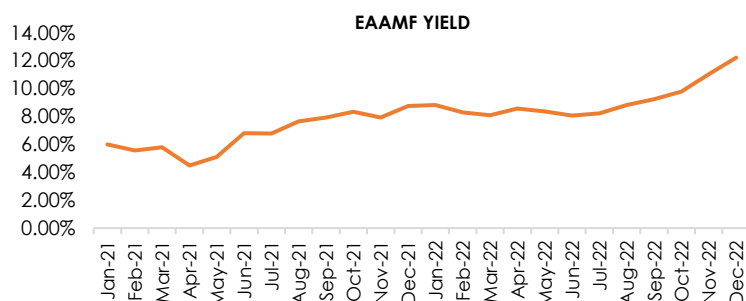
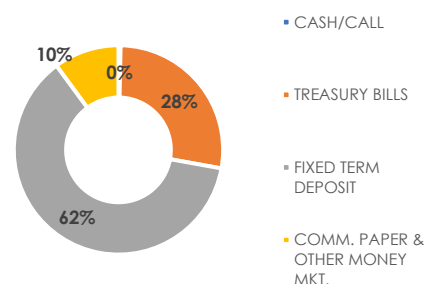
FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Emerging Africa Money Market Fund is capital preservation and steady income.

Fund Type	Open-ended
Category	Money Market
Risk Profile	Low
Launch Date	7-Dec-20
Fund Manager	Emerging Africa Asset Mgt. Ltd.
Custodian	Rand Merchant Bank Ltd.
Trustees	United Capital Trustees Ltd.
Auditor	ProEdge Partners
Rating	Af (DataPro)
Mgt. Fee	1.50%
Benchmark	91-day Tbill
Dividend Frequency	Quarterly
Price/Unit	₦1.00
*Month Average Yield	12.22%
Minimum Investment	₦5,000.00
Current Fund Size	₦1,024,493,603.86



INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	
Dr. Adedipe Abiodun	Chairman/Independent Member
Ada Ijara	Member, Fund Manager
Dipo Ashaolu	Member, Fund Manager
Solomon Igberaese	Member, Trustees
Segun Aremu	Member, Trustees



Asset Allocation	Range
Cash/Call	0% - 5%
Treasury Bills	25% - 80%
Fixed Term Deposit	0% - 70%
Comm. Paper & Other Money Mkt Instr.	0% - 70%

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The EAMMF returned an average of 12.22% in December, significantly higher than its benchmark, 91-days T-Bill which averaged 4.91% and 120bps higher than November's average yield. This positive performance was largely supported by investments in high yielding CPs, fixed term deposits, and higher T-Bill reinvestment yields. In the near term, we expect mild growth in the net yield due to bullish sentiments in the money market, on the back of buoyant banking system liquidity in January 2023.

*Average Yield of the Fund in the month of December 2022

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Please note that historical performance does not guaranty future returns. Also, investors' returns may differ based on the duration of their investments.



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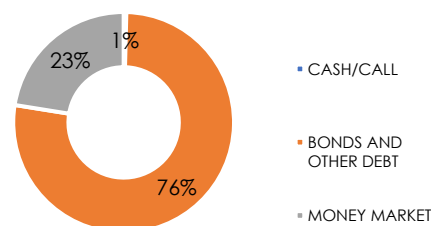
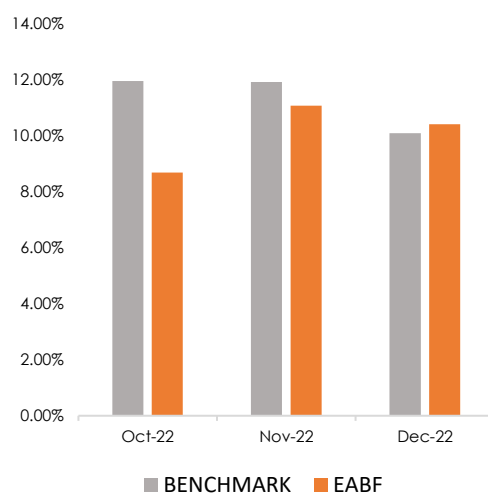
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EMERGING AFRICA BOND FUND

FUND OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the Emerging Africa Bond Fund is income generation by investing in a diversified portfolio of high-quality bonds of government, supranational corporate issuers, including Federal Government bonds, state government bonds, corporate bonds and other fixed income securities.

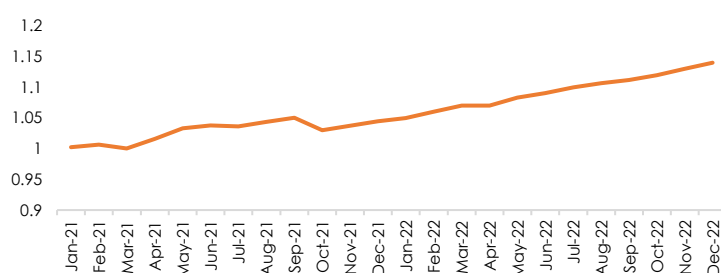
Fund Type	Open-ended
Category	Bond Fund
Risk Profile	Moderately Conservative
Launch Date	3-Dec-20
Fund Manager	Emerging Africa Asset Mgt. Ltd.
Custodian	Rand Merchant Bank Ltd.
Trustees	United Capital Trustees Ltd.
Auditor	ProEdge Partners
Mgt. Fee	1.50%
Benchmark	70% 2/3/5/10-year FGN Bond & 30% of 91-days Average T-Bill
Dividend Frequency	Semi Annually
*Price	₦1.07
Minimum Investment	₦10,000.00
Current Fund Size	₦675,808,034.47



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Asset Allocation	Range
Cash/Call	0 - 5%
Bonds and Other Debt Instruments	70% - 80%
Other Money Market Instruments	15% - 30%

EABF PRICE (Dividend Adjusted)



PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The price of the EABF increased by ₦0.01 in December to ₦1.07, representing an annualized return of 10.80%. The growth recorded by the fund can be attributed to increasing reinvestment rates on fixed term deposits as well as fixed income securities. We project sustained improvement in the fund's performance on expectation of increasing fixed income market yields.

*Price as at December 31, 2022



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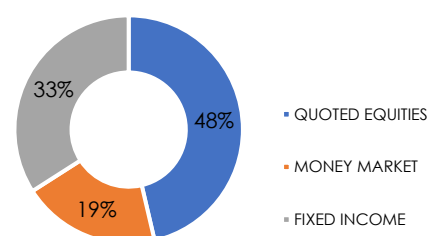
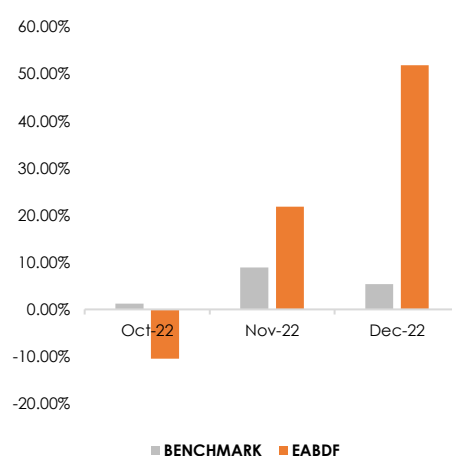
EMERGING AFRICA BALANCED DIVERSITY FUND

FUND OBJECTIVE

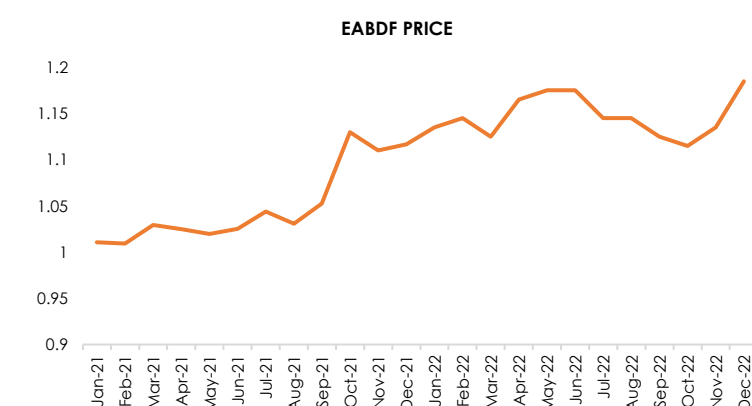
The Fund seeks to enhance and encourage investments in securities of companies with proven commitment to gender diversity through significant representation of women on their boards, management and staff for long-term capital growth and income generation.

Fund Type	Open-ended
Category	Balanced Fund
Risk Profile	Moderately Aggressive
Launch Date	20-Oct-20
Fund Manager	Emerging Africa Asset Mgt. Ltd.
Custodian	Rand Merchant Bank Ltd.
Trustees	FBNQuest Trustees Ltd.
Auditor	ProEdge Partners
Mgt. Fee	1.50%

Benchmark	40% NSE ASI; 20% of 2/3/5-year Sovereign Bond & 40% of 91-days Average T-Bill
Dividend Frequency	Annual
*Price	₦1.08
Minimum Investment	₦10,000.00
Current Fund Size	₦215,820,633.20



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Asset Allocation	Range
Quoted Equities	40% - 60%
Money Market	10% - 40%
Fixed Income	20% - 50%

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

In December, the price of the EABDF closed at ₦1.08, leading to the fund's month-on-month return of +4.40%, and an annualized return of +51.86%. This follows a notable uptick in the performance of the Nigerian equity market, with the NGX-ASI rising +7.53% month-on-month. We expect the fund's strong performance to be sustained as investors cherry pick low-priced blue-chip firms ahead of the earnings season. We also expect this anticipated strong performance to be supported by portfolio rebalancing actions at the start of the new year.

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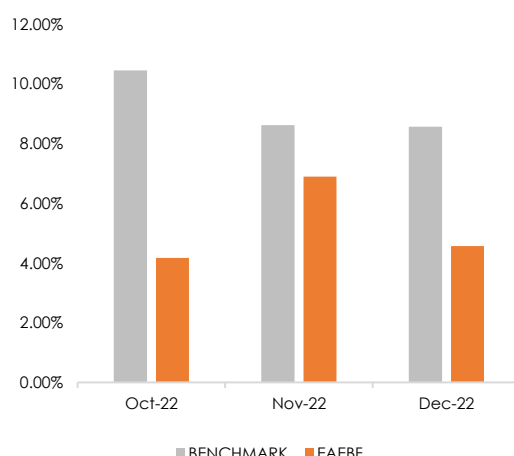
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EMERGING AFRICA EUROBOND FUND

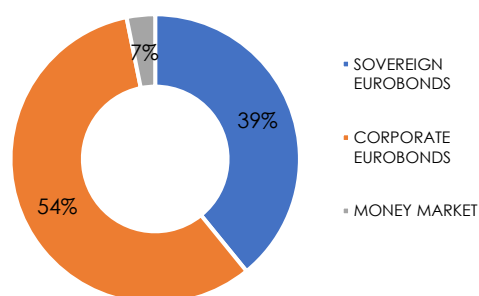
FUND OBJECTIVE

The Emerging Africa Eurobond Fund seeks to achieve regular income and long-term capital appreciation through investment in US\$ denominated securities.

Fund Type	Open-ended
Category	Bond Fund
Risk Profile	Moderately Conservative
Launch Date	15-Oct-20
Fund Manager	Emerging Africa Asset Mgt. Ltd.
Custodian	Rand Merchant Bank Ltd.
Trustees	FBNQuest Trustees Ltd.
Auditor	ProEdge Partners
Mgt. Fee	1.50%



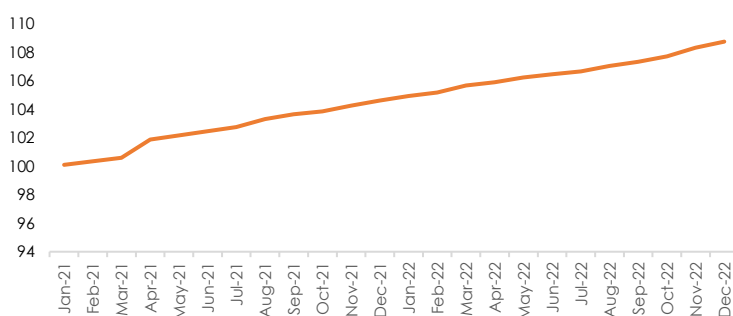
Benchmark	70% of 3 year FGN Eurobond & 30% of 3/6 months US T-Bill
Dividend Frequency	Annual
*Price	US\$104.98
Minimum Investment	US\$500.00
Current Fund Size	US\$2,156,962.56



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EAEBF PRICE



Asset Allocation	Range
Sovereign Eurobonds	30% - 70%
Corporate Eurobonds	30% - 70%
Money Market	0% - 30%

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Fund's price appreciated by 0.39% month-on-month as the year-to-date return closed at 4.57% per annum. This can be attributed to increased fixed term deposit reinvestment rates. The performance of the Fund is expected to maintain a steady growth rate in the near term on expectation of sustained positive reinvestment yields.

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