



# **Market Commentary**

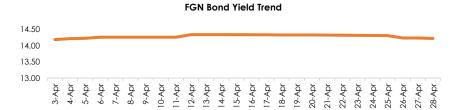
#### **Money Market**

April 2023

The Month of April saw meagre banking system liquidity averaging c. N17.06 billion vs c. N166.97 billion recorded in March. This comes off the back of reduced inflows from OMO maturities and bond coupon payments in the month at c. N259.86 billion vs c. N453.30 billion in March 2023. Consequently, the average Open Policy Rate (OPR) and Overnight Rate (O/N) rose to 16.98% and 17.35% from 13.75% and 14.15% monthon-month, respectively. The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) conducted two Primary Market Auctions during the month and issued N281.10 billion across all tenors. Average stop rates for the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day papers rose to 5.65%, 8.00% and 12.44% from 3.33%, 6.33% and 11.41% respectively, the previous month.

## Fixed Income

The Nigerian fixed income market was largely bearish in the month, attributable to reduced demand for fixed income assets due to reduced liquidity in the banking system, This led to a +0.08% rise in the average yield levels month-on-month. The Debt Management Office (DMO) offered the February 2028, April 2032, January 2042 and March 2050 maturities at the monthly Primary Market Auction (PMA), offering N360 billion across the tenors. The auction attracted a total bid of N444.03 billion. However, N552.47 billion was allotted, including non-competitive allotment. The marginal stop rates for the 2028, 2032 2042 and 2050 maturities closed at 14.00%, 14.80%, 15.40% and 15.80% respectively.



## **Equities**

The Nigerian equities market sustained its negative performance in the month, as a result, the NGX All Share Index lost -3.37% in April to close at 52,403.51 points, with year-to-date performance standing at +2.25%. The NGX Consumer Goods and Insurance index reported positive performances, growing +4.75% (736.14 points) and 3.87% (184.38 points), while the NGX Banking, Oil and Gas and Industrial Goods indices posted negative performances and lost -3.29% (438.07 points), -1.68% (502.24 points) and -0.38% (2,447.13 points), respectively.



## **Market Outlook**

The month of April saw bearish sentiments play out in the Nigerian stock market. We expect to see this sentiment improve in the coming month on expectation of risk-on sentients as companies publish their financial statements.

Also, we expect the fixed income space to sustain its bearish sentiment in the near term on expectation of depressed banking system liquidity in May, with only c. N75.01 billion expected to impact the banking system from OMO maturities and bonds coupon payments.

	Inflation (%) March 2023	MPR (%)	CRR (%)	Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	External Reserve (US\$'billion)	GDP %
indicators	22.04 (+0.70 ytd)	18.00 (-7%/+1% around mid-point)	32.50	79.54	35.25 (-4.72% ytd)	+3.10 (FY'22)
	Source: NBS, CBN,	CNBC				



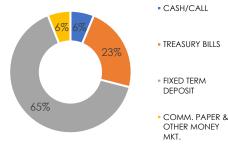
## **EMERGING AFRICA MONEY MARKET FUND**

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

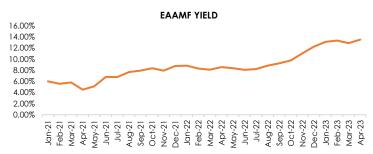
The objective of the Emerging Africa Money Market Fund is capital preservation and steady income.

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	<b>₩</b> 1.00		
*Month Average Yield	13.51%		
Minimum Investment	<b>₩</b> 5,000.00		
Current Fund Size	<b>₩</b> 1,685,855,844.66		

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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 13.51% in April, significantly higher than its benchmark, 91-days T-Bill which averaged 5.65% and higher than March's average yield of 12.86%. 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.

\*Average Yield of the Fund in the month of April 2023



## **EMERGING AFRICA BOND FUND**

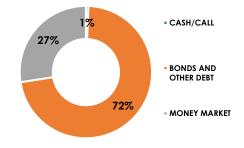
#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

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%	
	70% 2/3/5/10-year FGN Bond & 30%	
Benchmark	of 91-days Average T-Bill	
Dividend Frequency	Semi Annually	
*Price	<b>₩</b> 1.10	
Minimum Investment	<b>₩</b> 10,000.00	
<b>Current Fund Size</b>	<b>₦</b> 701,485,546.23	

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EABF PRICE (Dividend Adjusted)

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

# PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The price of the EABF increased by \$0.01 in the month under consideration to \$1.10, representing an annualized return of 5.75%. 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 April 30, 2023



## **EMERGING AFRICA BALANCED DIVERSITY FUND**

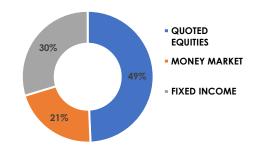
#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

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		
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Benchmark	40% NSE ASI; 20% of 2/3/5-year Sovereign Bond & 40% of 91-days Average T-Bill		
Benchmark Dividend Frequency	40% NSE ASI; 20% of 2/3/5-year Sovereign Bond & 40% of 91-days Average T-Bill Annual		

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

## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

\*Price as at April 30, 2023



## **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%
	70% of 3 year FGN Eurobond
Benchmark	& 30% of 3/6 months US T-Bill
Dividend Frequency	Annual
*Price	US\$106.63
Minimum Investment	US\$500.00
Current Fund Size	US\$2,195,266.86

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\* SOVEREIGN EUROBONDS

42%

\* CORPORATE EUROBONDS

\* MONEY MARKET

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

# **PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

The Fund's price appreciated by 0.42% month-on-month as the year-to-date return closed at 5.09% 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.

\*Price as at April 30, 2023