



MONTHLY MUTUAL FUNDS FACT SHEET

December 2023

Market Commentary

Money Market

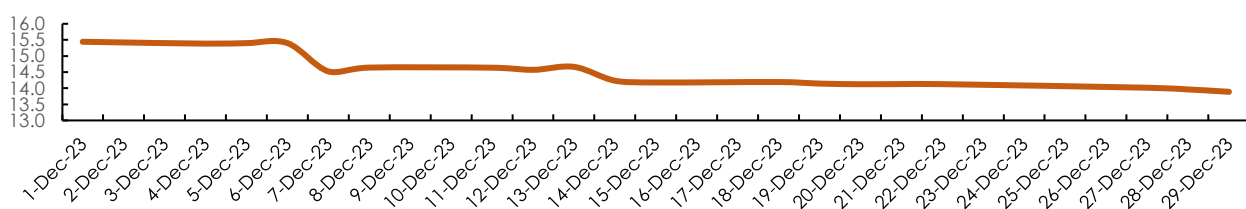
Liquidity in the Banking system improved marginally in the month under review, averaging c.+N73.9bn in December 2023 compared with a negative average balance of -N86.2bn recorded in the previous month. The improved system liquidity was largely driven by inflows from NTB maturities and FGN bond coupon payments which amounted to N104.4bn and N76.8bn respectively. The Open Policy Rate (OPR) and Overnight rate (O/N) closed at 15.06% and 15.47% compared with 14.84% and 15.54% recorded in the previous month.

The CBN conducted three Nigerian Treasury Bill (NTB) Auctions in December 2023. They issued c. N1.2trn across all tenors. Average stop rates declined across the three tenors; 91-day: 7.4% (previously 7.5%), 182-day: 11.3% (previously 11.5%), 364-day: 13.8% (previously 16.75%). The demand at these auctions primarily reflects improved system liquidity and end year rebalancing and portfolio build up by fund managers.

Fixed Income

The Nigerian fixed-income market witnessed bullish trading sentiments in December 2023, as the average yield in the secondary market for FGN Bonds declined by -159bps to close at 14.1% compared with 15.7% recorded in the previous month. The bullish stance is reflective of relatively buoyant system liquidity as well as increased demand for fixed income instruments. Furthermore, the moderation in both the FGN Bond and NTB stop rates in December 2023 also drove investor sentiments. At the latest auction, the Debt Management Office (DMO) offered N360.0bn but allotted N273.6bn through the re-openings of the 14.55% FGN APR 2029, 14.70% FGN JUN 2023, 15.45% FGN JUN 2038 and the 15.70% APR 2053 FGN bonds. The bids were allotted at the marginal rates of 15.50%, 16.00%, 16.50%, and 17.15% respectively. Bid to cover ratio stood at 3.24x. On a m/m basis, demand improved by 99.1% to N886.4bn compared with N445.3bn recorded in November 2023 (marking the highest increase recorded since July 2023).

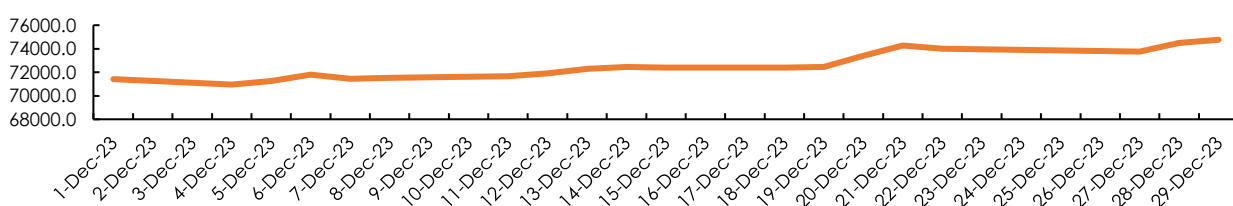
FGN Bond yield Trend



Equities

The Nigerian equities market closed the year on a bullish run, with the NGX All Share Index gaining +4.8% m/m to close at 74,773.77 points; with a YTD performance of 45.90%. The NGX Banking and Insurance recorded positive performances, growing by +19.9% (897.2 points) and +6.2% (321.6 points) m/m respectively. Meanwhile, the NGX Oil and gas, Industrial goods and Consumer goods recorded negative performances of -0.3% (1043.1 points), -2.5% (2712.3 points) and -1.8% (1121.3 points) respectively.

NGX ASI



Market Outlook

Despite the negative macroeconomic environment, the local bourse maintained its positive run as investors sentiments remained strong on the back of expected gains from the recent policy reforms by the government, robust Q3 -23 corporate releases. Over the next one month, we expect to still see cautious trading in the market largely due to macro-economic fundamentals, also as investors take position for the year.

Macroeconomic Indicators	Inflation (%)	MPR (%)	CRR (%)	Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	External Reserve (US\$'billion)	GDP %
	November 2023	28.20(+6.86 ytd)	18.75 (-3%/+1% around mid-point)	32.50	77.04	32.9 (-11.3% ytd)

Source: NBS, CBN, CNBC



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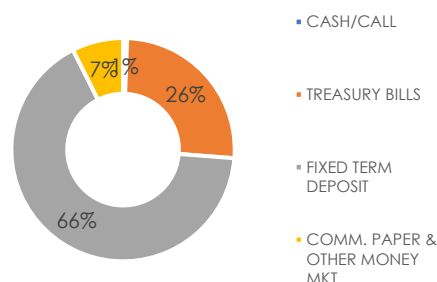
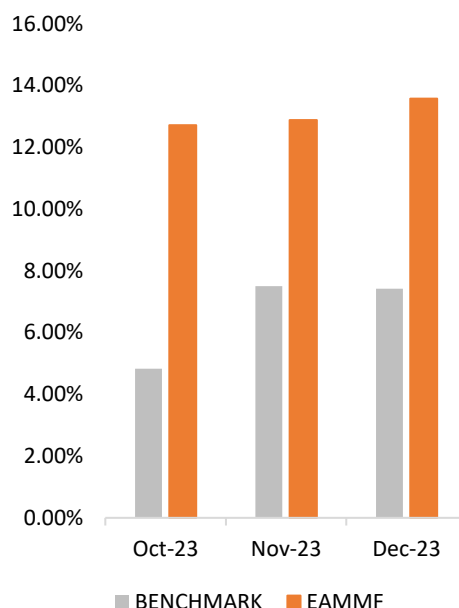
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EMERGING AFRICA MONEY MARKET FUND

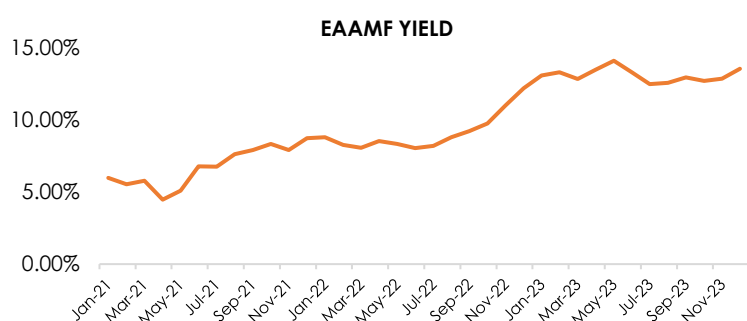
FUND OBJECTIVE

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	13.58%
Minimum Investment	₦5,000.00
Current Fund Size	₦3,507,655,813.51



INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	
Dr. Adedipe Abiodun	Chairman/Independent Member
Ada Ijara	Member, Fund Manager
Collins Olise	Member, Fund Manager
Solomon Igberaese	Member, Trustees
Olumide Oyefodunrin	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 13.58% in December, significantly higher than its benchmark, 91-days T-Bill, which averaged 7.42% and higher than November's average yield of 12.88%. This positive performance (relative to the benchmark) was largely supported by investments in high yielding CPs, fixed term deposits, and higher T-Bill reinvestment yields. In the near term, we expect positive growth in the net yield, on expectation of a rise in current fixed income security yields.

*Average Yield of the Fund in the month of December 2023

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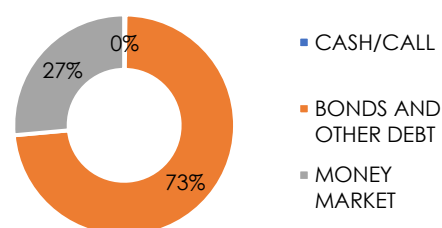
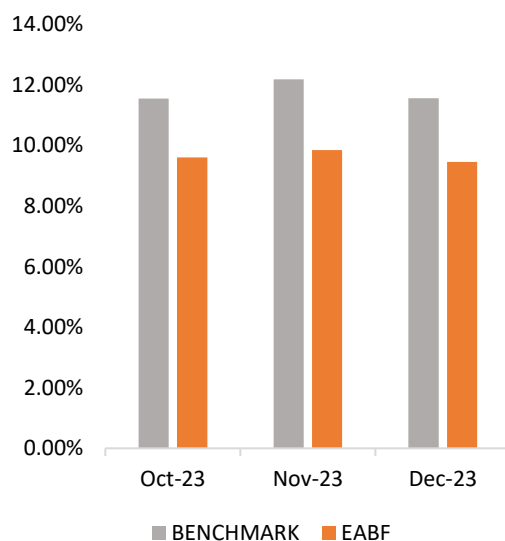
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EMERGING AFRICA BOND FUND

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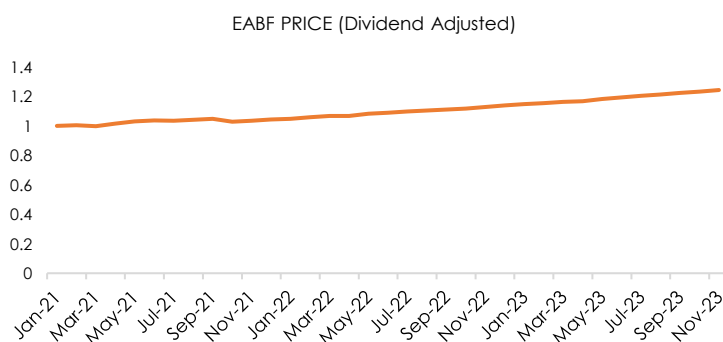
The primary objective of the Emerging Africa Bond Fund is income generation by investing in a diversified portfolio of high-quality bonds of government, supranational corporate issuers, including Federal Government bonds, state government bonds, corporate bonds and other fixed income securities.

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	₦1.11
Minimum Investment	₦10,000.00
Current Fund Size	₦753,222,127.63



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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 rose to ₦1.11, yielding an annualized return of 9.46%. This can be attributed to the drop in money market rates in the month. We project sustained positive performance in the fund on expectation of decreasing fixed income market yields.

*Price as at December 31, 2023

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EMERGING AFRICA BALANCED DIVERSITY FUND

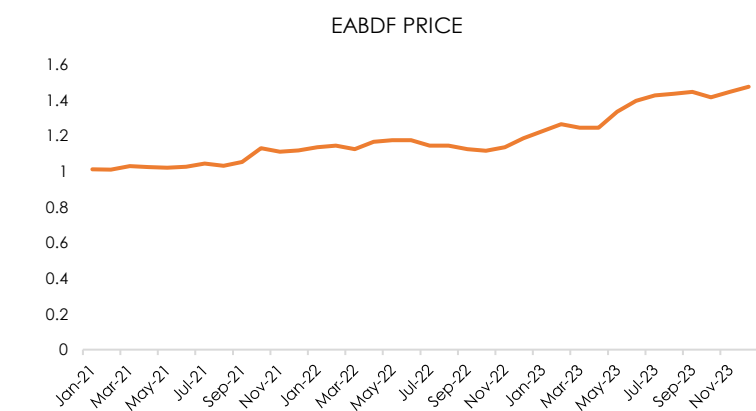
FUND OBJECTIVE

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	₦1.30
Minimum Investment	₦10,000.00
Current Fund Size	₦475,022,644.44

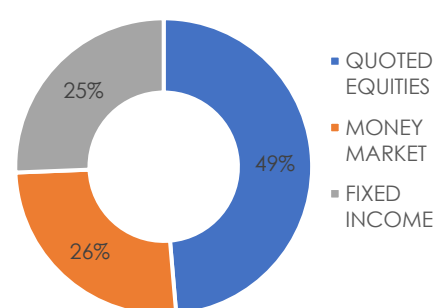
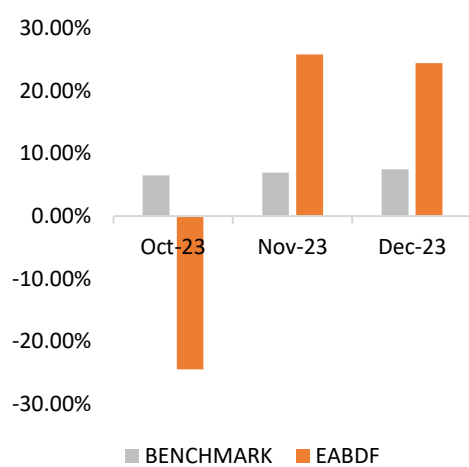
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PERFORMANCE REVIEW

In the month under consideration, the Bid price of the EABDF closed at ₦1.30, yielding an annualized return of +24.44% for the month and comes despite marginal improvement in the Nigerian equity market, with the NGX-ASI gaining 4.78% month-on-month. We expect to see sustained improvement in the fund's performance in the near term on expectation of improved performance in the Nigerian Equities market as well as positive investment actions by the fund manager.

*Price as at December 31, 2023



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

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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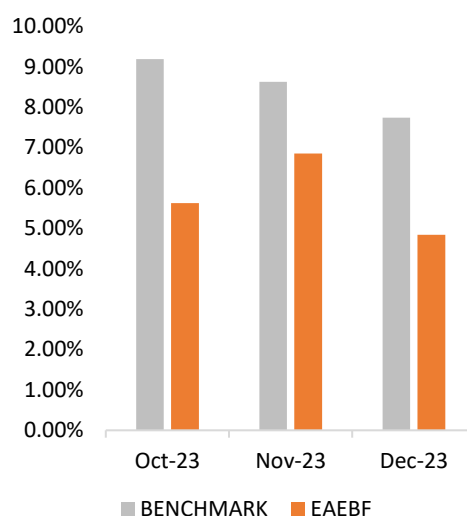
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EMERGING AFRICA EUROBOND FUND

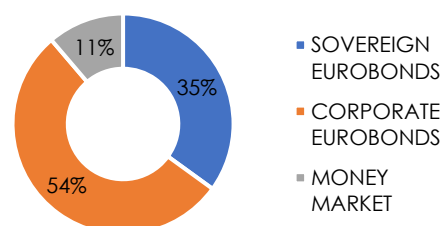
FUND OBJECTIVE

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

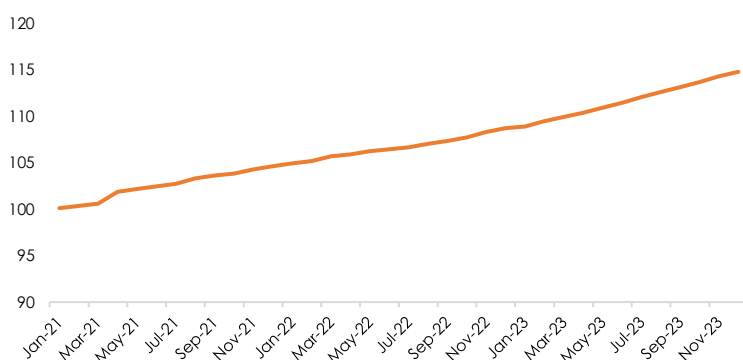
Fund Type	Open-ended
Category	Bond Fund
Risk Profile	Moderately Conservative
Launch Date	15-Oct-20
Fund Manager	Emerging Africa Asset Mgt. Ltd.
Custodian	Rand Merchant Bank Ltd.
Trustees	FBNQuest Trustees Ltd.
Auditor	ProEdge Partners
Mgt. Fee	1.50%
Benchmark	70% of 3 year FGN Eurobond & 30% of 3/6 months US T-Bill
Dividend Frequency	Annual
*Price	US\$107.43
Minimum Investment	US\$500.00
Current Fund Size	US\$2,675,497.90



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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 closed at \$107.43, recording an annualized return of 4.84% per annum in the month. 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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