



MONTHLY MUTUAL FUNDS FACT SHEET

March 2023

Market Commentary

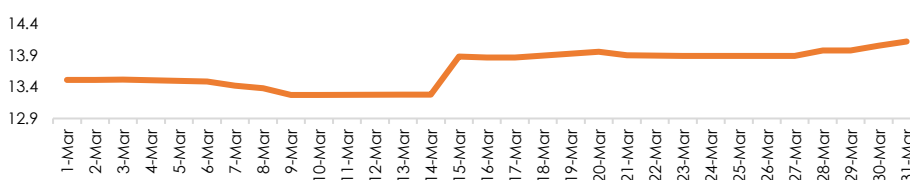
Money Market

While less sizeable than previous month, the banking system liquidity was positive in March, averaging c. N166.97 billion vs c. N347.42 billion recorded in February. This comes despite improved inflows from OMO maturities and bond coupon payments in the month at c. N453.30 vs c. N251.92 billion in February 2023. Consequently, the average Open Policy Rate (OPR) and Overnight Rate (O/N) rose to 13.75% and 14.15% from 12.13% and 12.52% month-on-month, respectively. The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) conducted three Primary Market Auctions during the month and issued N631.84 billion across all tenors. Average stop rates for the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day papers rose to 3.33%, 6.33% and 11.41% from 1.55%, 1.77% and 6.07% respectively.

Fixed Income

The Nigerian fixed income market experienced bearish sentiments in the month leading to a rise of +0.53% in the average yield levels month-on-month. This can be attributed to reduced demand due to less liquidity in the banking system. The Debt Management Office (DMO) offered the February 2028, April 2032, April 2037 and April 2049 maturities at the monthly Primary Market Auction (PMA), offering N360 billion across the tenors. The auction attracted a total bid of N808.61 billion. However, N563.36 billion was allotted. The marginal stop rates for the 2028, 2032 2037 and 2049 maturities closed at 14.00%, 14.75%, 15.20% and 15.75% from 13.99%, 14.90%, 15.90% and 16.00% respectively, the previous month.

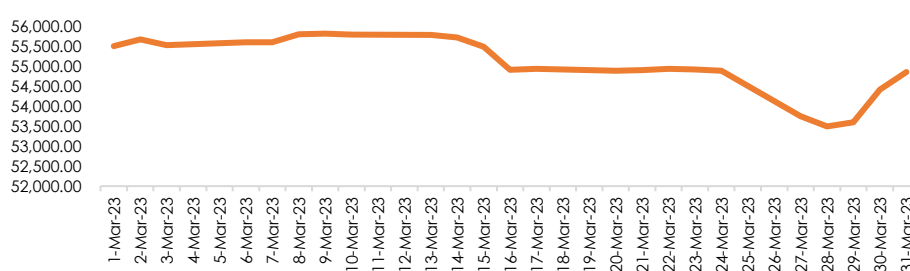
FGN Bond Yield Trend



Equities

The Nigerian equities market saw negative performance in the third month of the year, as a result, the NGX All Share Index lost -2.82% in March to close at 54,232.34 points, with year-to-date performance standing at +5.82%. The NGX Consumer Goods index reported a positive performance, growing +4.36% (702.74 points), while the NGX Oil and Gas, Banking, Industrial Goods and Insurance indices posted negative performances and lost -9.65% (510.83 points), -2.95% (452.97 points), -2.44% (2,456.45 points) and -1.14% (177.51 points).

NGX-ASI Share Price Trend



Market Outlook

The month of March 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 sentiments 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 April, with only c. N259.86 billion expected to impact the banking system from OMO maturities and bonds coupon payments.

Macroeconomic Indicators	Inflation (%) February 2023	MPR (%)	CRR (%)	Brent Crude Price US\$/bbl	External Reserve (US\$'billion)	GDP %
	21.91% (+0.57 ytd)	18.00 (-7%/+1% around mid-point)	32.50	79.77	35.53 (-3.95% ytd)	+3.10 (FY'22)
Source: NBS, CBN, CNBC						

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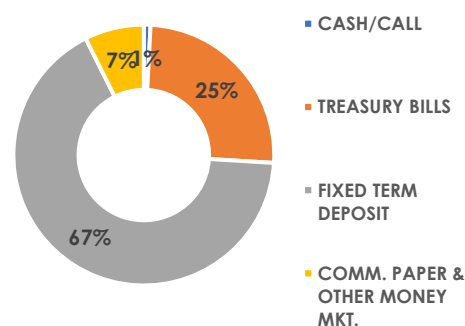
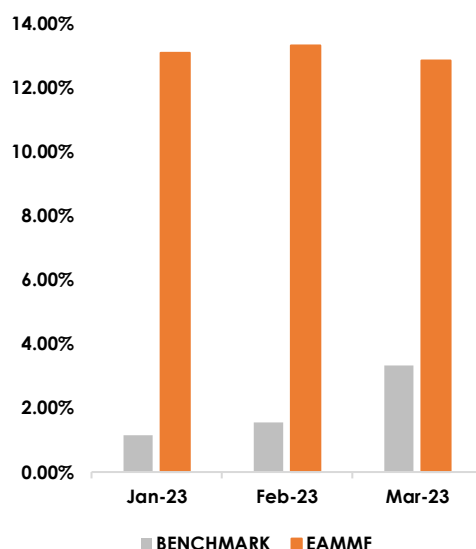
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EMERGING AFRICA MONEY MARKET FUND

FUND OBJECTIVE

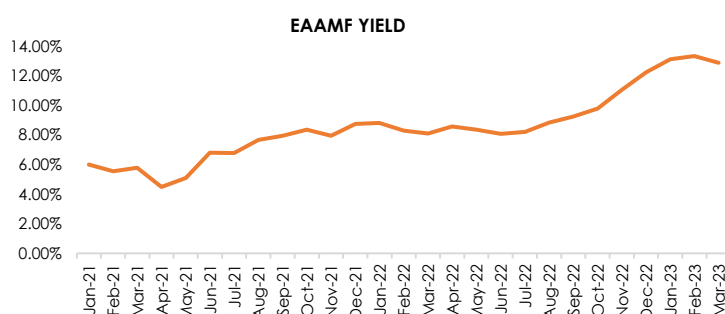
The objective of the Emerging Africa Money Market Fund is capital preservation and steady income.

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	12.86%
Minimum Investment	₦5,000.00
Current Fund Size	₦1,381,440,284.57



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 12.86% in March, significantly higher than its benchmark, 91-days T-Bill which averaged 3.33% and slightly lower than February's average yield of 13.32%. 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 on expectation of higher yield environment.

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

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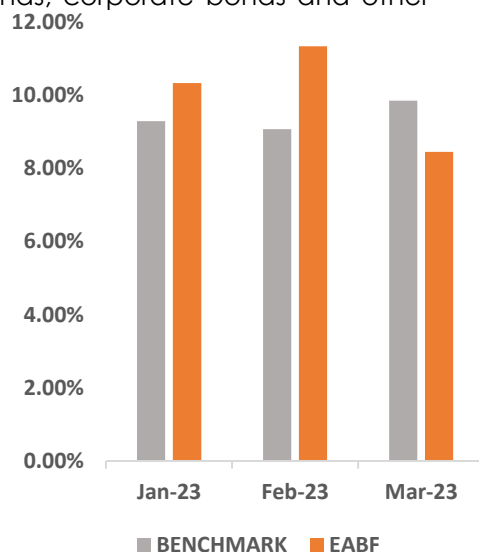
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EMERGING AFRICA BOND FUND

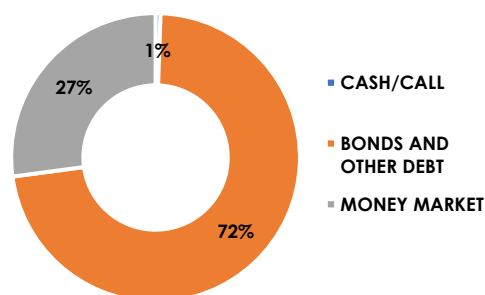
FUND OBJECTIVE

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	₦1.09
Minimum Investment	₦10,000.00
Current Fund Size	₦695,563,931.83

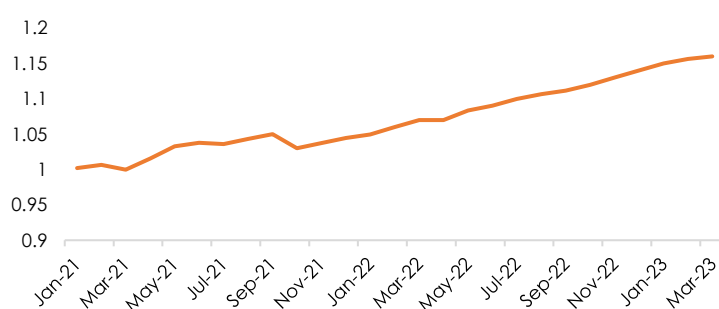


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Asset Allocation	Range
Cash/Call	0 - 5%
Bonds and Other Debt Instruments	70% - 80%
Other Money Market Instruments	15% - 30%

EABF PRICE (Dividend Adjusted)



PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The price of the EABF increased by ₦0.01 in the month under consideration to ₦1.095, representing an annualized return of 8.45%. 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 March 31, 2023



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EMERGING AFRICA BALANCED DIVERSITY FUND

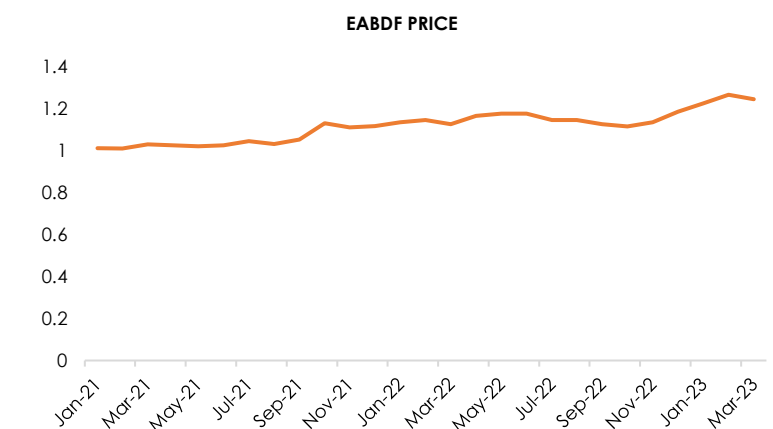
FUND OBJECTIVE

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	₦1.14
Minimum Investment	₦10,000.00
Current Fund Size	₦233,052,381.20

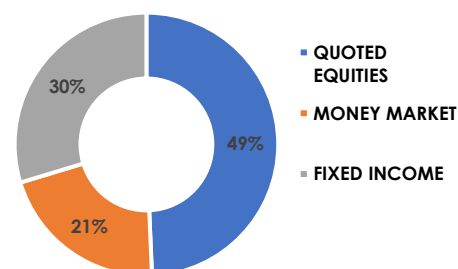
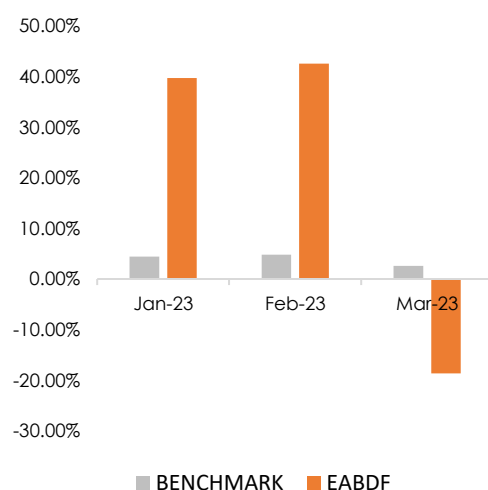
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PERFORMANCE REVIEW

In March, the price of the EABDF closed at ₦1.14, leading to the fund's month-on-month return of -1.58%, and an annualized return of -18.61%. This comes off the back of the negative performance of the Nigerian equity market, with the NGX-ASI losing -2.82% month-on-month. We expect to see an improvement in the fund's performance in the near term on expectation of improved performance in the Nigerian Equities market as companies release their year end financial results.

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

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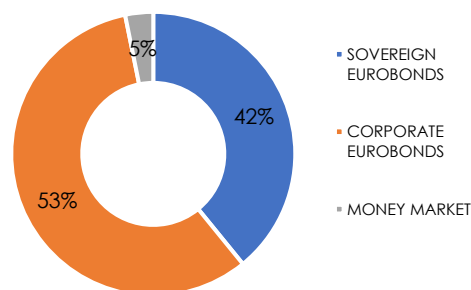
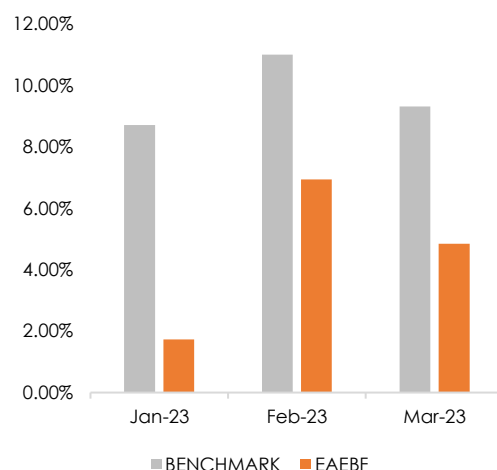
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EMERGING AFRICA EUROBOND FUND

FUND OBJECTIVE

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

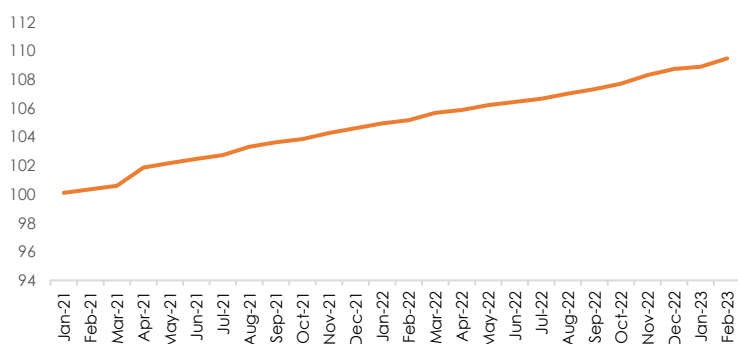
Fund Type	Open-ended
Category	Bond Fund
Risk Profile	Moderately Conservative
Launch Date	15-Oct-20
Fund Manager	Emerging Africa Asset Mgt. Ltd.
Custodian	Rand Merchant Bank Ltd.
Trustees	FBNQuest Trustees Ltd.
Auditor	ProEdge Partners
Mgt. Fee	1.50%
Benchmark	70% of 3 year FGN Eurobond & 30% of 3/6 months US T-Bill
Dividend Frequency	Annual
*Price	US\$105.72
Minimum Investment	US\$500.00
Current Fund Size	US\$2,185,140.52



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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 0.41% month-on-month as the year-to-date return closed at 4.84% 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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