

United Capital Balanced Fund | Monthly Fact Sheet



July-21

FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the United Capital Balanced Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation and income distribution through investment in a portfolio of securities and instruments as specified in the Trust Deed. The Fund is targeted at investors who seek a blend of safety and regular income. The Fund holds equities and fixed income assets in a blended proportion. The securities are held in relatively small proportions to diversify unsystematic risk in the portfolio.

The Fund aims to balance risk and return. The risk profile is structured to be lower than that of a pure equity investment. With assets tactically allocated between fixed income and equity investments, the Fund is structured for investors seeking a blend of safety, income and modest capital appreciation.

The equity portion of the Fund has exposures to mid-cap and large-cap stocks with significant diversification across sectors of the Nigerian economy. Investment decisions are driven by rigorous research in line with carefully designed Enterprise Risk Management framework.

MARKET REVIEW, OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

The local bourse closed on a bullish note for the month of July as positive sentiments from H1-2021 earnings scorecard bolstered buying interest. However, the market also witnessed pockets of profit taking confirming investors remain cautious on holding long term positions. All in, the benchmark NGX All Share Index (ASI) grew 1.7% m/m as YTD loss moderated to 4.3%, while the index printed at 38,547.08 points.

In the NT-bills market, bullish sentiments dominated as average NT-bills yield closed lower by 68bps to close at 5.9% (previously 6.6%). Similarly, in the OMO bills market, average yield fell by 118bps to 8.7% (previously 9.9%). Contrarily, at the secondary bonds market, increased system liquidity in July did little to drive yields lower, as the average yield on Bonds closed at 12.1%, down 1bps from 12.2% at the end of June. Also, in the corporate bond market, the average yield on corporate bonds closed flat at 12.7% in the period under review.

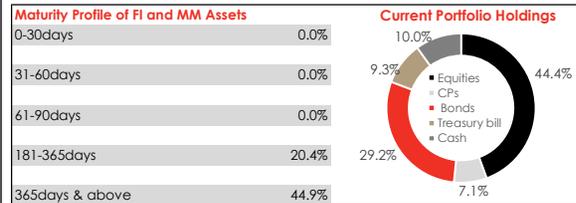
In the coming month, we expect to see reactions to earnings reports released by companies as investors continue to take profits off the table on stocks that deliver solid corporate earnings while others consider decent entry prices into large cap banking stocks yet to publish their H2-2021 scorecards. We expect bullish sentiments to dominate activities in the money market as sovereign debt managers continue to aggressively push rates lower while demand for bills remain high.

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Fund Manager	United Capital Asset Management Ltd
Base Currency/Start Year	Naira/2006
Fund Size (₦)	918.4m
NAV Per Share (₦)	1.2982
Minimum Entry (₦)	10,000
Additional Investment (₦)	5,000
Structure	Open Ended
Entry/Exit Charges	Nil
Management Fee	1.5%
Total Expense Ratio*	1.6%
Benchmarks	91-Day T-bills/NSE ASI
Risk Profile	Moderate
Investment Style	Market Oriented



* Inclusive of management fee; Returns are net of all fees
 FI= Fixed Income, MM=Money Market

Governance Asset Allocation Ranges:

Money Market (40-60%); Fixed Income (Minimum 20%); Equities (40%-60%)

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

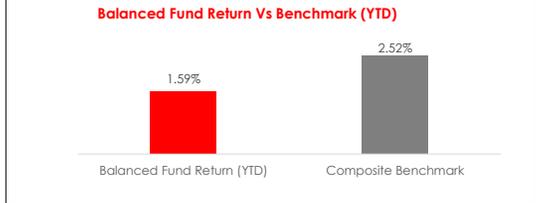
How to participate

1. Log in to our online platform www.investnow.ng
2. Click on "Balanced Fund"
3. Click on "Open and account" and complete the online form
4. Fund your account online with a one-time payment or recurrent payments

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The United Capital Balanced Fund returned 1.59% on a year to date ("YTD") basis, relative to 2.52% posted by the composite benchmark during the same period.

The mixed trend in the equities market impacted positively on the Fund while active trading in short term fixed income instruments helped moderate losses. 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 performance of the Fund going forward.



Investment Risks

- Market risk of equity exposure
- Macroeconomic instability

Return History

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD
United Capital Bal. Fund	8.0%	5.0%	22.4%	1.2%	3.77%	14.35%	1.59%
Composite Benchmark	-1.7%	5.1%	22.7%	1.7%	-1.73%	25.16%	2.52%

*Represents the Fund's Absolute Return vs the Benchmark's Absolute return

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