

MACROECONOMIC REVIEW

US Federal Reserve Board (“US Fed”) held rates steady at 2.25% - 2.50% p.a. in its last meeting held in January 2019. This decision reflected the Fed’s assessment of sustained expansion of economic activity, strong labour market conditions, and inflation near its target of 2%.

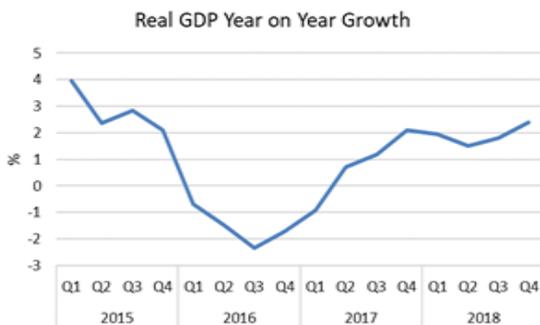
UK’s exit (“Brexit”) from the European Union (“EU”) remains inconclusive with several experts cautioning on the adverse effect of an exit without a transition agreement (“Hard Brexit”) on the UK. The persisting uncertainty in the Brexit negotiations has kept the British Pound relatively unstable and made a number of corporations consider relocating their Head offices to other countries. As such, economic activities remained fragile in the UK.

Crude Oil prices which opened the year at \$54.91 per barrel rose to close the quarter at \$68.39 per barrel as Saudi Arabia continues to push for compliance with supply cut agreements to attain a target price of \$80 - \$85, which is required to balance its 2019 budget.

Following the re-election of the current All Progressive Congress (“APC”) administration for a second 4-year term, expectations of significant shifts in the macroeconomic policies and management of the Nigerian economy are minimal.

The Nigerian Bureau of Statistics (NBS) reported that the economy grew by 1.93% for FY 2018, higher than the 0.82% growth recorded for FY 2017. The fourth quarter of 2018 also recorded a higher growth rate of 2.38% compared to 1.81% in the preceding quarter (Q3 2018).

Real GDP Growth



Source: Nigerian Bureau of Statistics

The NBS also reported a marginal decline of 0.06% in Consumer Price Index (CPI), from 11.37% year-on-year in January to 11.31% year-on-year in February 2019. The decline reflected a positive signal as prices rose at a slower pace for all categories including food, despite the expectations of higher inflation due to elections’ spending.

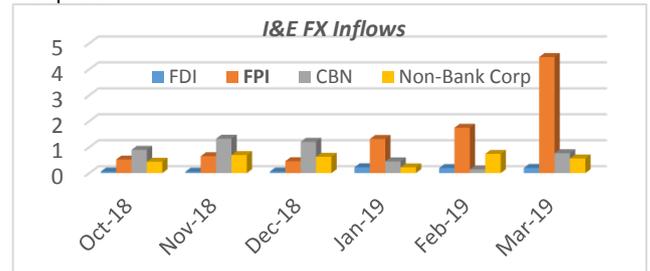
Furthermore, Nigeria’s Foreign Exchange (“FX”) Reserves hit a six-month high to close Q1 2019 at \$44.34 billion. This was buoyed by increased foreign portfolio investments (“FPIs”) and stability in both crude oil prices and production levels.

FINANCIAL MARKET REVIEW

The Nigerian Stock Exchange All Share index (“NSE ASI”) sustained the negative trend from 2018, recording a depreciation of 1.24% for the period (Q1 2019). It is however pertinent to note that the Banking Index was the best performing sectorial index with an appreciation of 1.26% while the Consumer Goods Index was the worst performing sectorial index as it recorded a depreciation of 5.01% for the period..

Foreign investors’ sentiments towards Nigeria’s fixed income market and the carry trade opportunity turned positive and more pronounced with the expectation of a relatively smooth elections. As such, investment flows into the market increased significantly pre and post elections which led to a sharp decline in yields due to increased liquidity

pressures. As such, inflows from FPIs went as high as \$4.47 billion in the quarter.



The fixed income market reflected high levels of subscription at the Treasury Bill and Bond Auctions particularly around the elections period. The 364-day bill at the Open Market Operation (“OMO”) auction, which held the week after the election, was oversubscribed by 487% (₦1.2 trillion) with ₦250 billion offered but ₦927.75 billion sold. The FGN 2028, offered at the monthly bond auction, which held a few days to the presidential election, was oversubscribed by 392% with a stop rate of 14.94%p.a. The renewed interest in the Bond and T-Bills market during the quarter therefore put a downward pressure on yields across the different maturities.

In response to the declining market yields, slowing trend of inflation and strengthening FX reserves, the Monetary Policy Committee (“MPC”) of the CBN reduced the Monetary Policy Rate (“MPR”) from 14%p.a. to 13.50%p.a. for the first time since July 2016, while maintaining the other policy levers such as the asymmetric corridor of +200/-500 basis points around the MPR; the Cash Reserve Ratio at 22.5% and the Liquidity Ratio at 30%.

The Investors & Exporters (I&E) FX Window closed at ₦355.78/\$ from ₦358.31/\$, while the spread between the rates at the I&E Window and the parallel market also contracted to ₦0.48/\$ from ₦1.41/\$ recorded at the start of Q1 2019. Similarly, the parallel market which opened the year at N363/\$, going as high as N364/\$ and low of N359/\$ eventually closed the quarter at N360/\$.

OUTLOOK

According to the World Bank, global growth is expected to moderate at 2.9% with more accommodative monetary policies in advanced economies such as the US and Europe. However, global trade is expected to gradually slow should the trade impasse between the US and China continue to linger. In addition, crude oil prices are expected to remain stable between \$60 - \$70 per barrel in Q2 2019 on the back of the supply cuts from oil producers and US sanctions on both Iran and Venezuela.

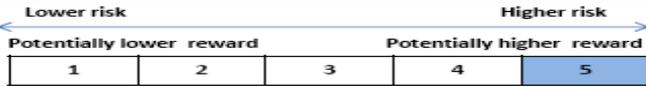
On the local scene, the re-election of the incumbent government has largely dissipated the risks of major policy changes. The economic growth trajectory, which reached a three-year high in the final quarter of 2018 is expected to gain more momentum. However, growth will remain fragile by historical standards as the passage of 2019 budget is expected to provide a marginal boost to economic activities. We therefore expect economic growth to remain flat and within 2 – 3% band in line with analysts consensus.

We also expect stable oil prices and production levels to continue supporting FX reserves accretion, which should result in increases in FAAC disbursements.

We expect investors to maintain a cautious approach to the equity market in Q2 2019, with speculation and careful selection of undervalued companies likely to dominate investing activities and decisions. We however expect interest rates to remain relatively stable as the CBN remains focused on protecting the currency from depreciation and curtailing inflationary pressures.

Stanbic IBTC Nigerian Equity Fund

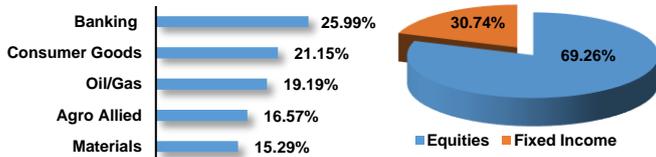
FUND OBJECTIVE: The Stanbic IBTC Nigerian Equity Fund aims to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing a minimum of 60% of the portfolio in listed equities and a maximum of 40% in high quality fixed income securities including bonds and treasury bills.



FUND FACTS

Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Feb-97
Status of Fund	Open Ended
NAV per Unit	₦8,601.83
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Initial Investment	₦5,000
Additional Investment	₦5,000
Distribution Frequency	Yearly
Bloomberg Ticker	<STANNEQ NL>
Handling Charge	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91 days

Equity Sectorial and Asset Allocation

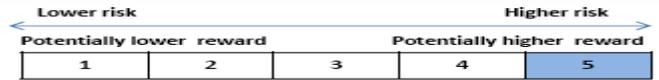


FUND PERFORMANCE

Period	Q1 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	3 years	5 years	10 years	15 years	20 years
SINEF Return	(0.48%)	(12.24%)	27.46%	17.91%	(28.29%)	12.23%	235.24%	886.00%
Fund Index	0.33%	(6.32%)	30.75%	21.24%	12.64%	59.42%	178.70%	345.89%
ASI	(1.24%)	(17.81%)	42.30%	9.74%	(23.95%)	(0.06%)	81.97%	454.02%

Stanbic IBTC Ethical Fund

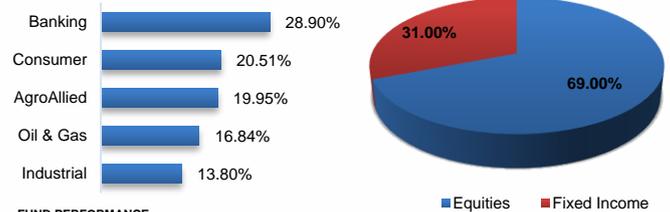
FUND OBJECTIVE: The Stanbic IBTC Ethical Fund aims to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing a minimum of 60% of the portfolio in listed equities of socially responsible companies and a maximum of 40% in high quality fixed income securities.



FUND FACTS

Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Jan-06
Status of Fund	Open Ended
NAV per Unit	₦ 0.98
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Initial Investment	₦5,000
Additional Investment	₦5,000
Distribution Frequency	Yearly
Bloomberg Ticker	<STANETH NL>
Handling Charge	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91 days

Equity Sectorial and Asset Allocation

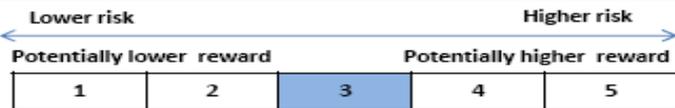


FUND PERFORMANCE

Period	Q1 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	3 years	5 years	10 years
SITEF Return	1.03%	-4.90%	30.77%	27.63%	-18.28%	-8.17%
Fund Index	0.33%	-6.32%	30.75%	21.24%	12.64%	59.42%

Stanbic IBTC Balanced Fund

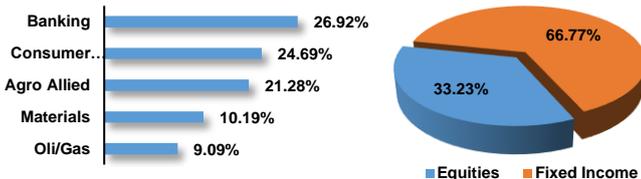
FUND OBJECTIVE: The Stanbic IBTC Balanced Fund aims to provide stable capital appreciation by investing a maximum of 60% of the portfolio in both listed and un-listed equities with up to 15% in alternative investments such as Private EPquity, Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs"), Mortgaged Backed Securities ("MBS") e.t.c and a minimum of 40% in high quality fixed income securities.



FUND FACTS

Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Jan-12
Status of Fund	Open Ended
NAV per Unit	₦2,398.73
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Initial Investment	₦5,000
Additional Investment	₦5,000
Distribution Frequency	Yearly
Bloomberg Ticker	<STANBAL NL>
Handling Charge	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91 days

Equity Sectorial and Asset Allocation



FUND PERFORMANCE

Period	Q1 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	3 years	5 years	10 years
SIBAL Return	2.73%	2.98%	22.61%	38.69%	33.06%	143.95%
FUND Index	0.33%	(6.32%)	22.29%	21.24%	12.64%	59.42%

Stanbic IBTC Guaranteed Investment Fund

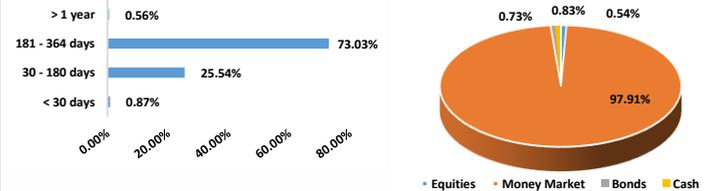
FUND OBJECTIVE: The Stanbic IBTC Guaranteed Investment Fund aims to achieve both capital preservation and growth by investing a minimum of 75% of the portfolio in high quality fixed income securities while a maximum of 25% can be invested in listed equities. The Fund guarantees principal amount against diminution in value provided the investment is held for a minimum period of three months.



FUND FACTS

Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Dec-07
Status of Fund	Open Ended
NAV per Unit	₦254.42
Nature of Fund	Fixed Income Biased
Initial Investment	₦5,000
Additional Investment	₦5,000
Distribution Frequency	Yearly
Bloomberg Ticker	<STANGIN NL>
Handling Charge	No principal guarantee for withdrawals under 3 months.

Maturity profile and Asset Allocation



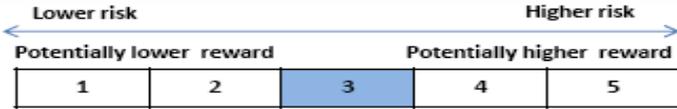
FUND PERFORMANCE

Period	Q1 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	3 years	5 years	Inception to 31 Dec 2019
SIGIF Return	2.91%	14.41%	19.03%	49.94%	75.98%	201.49%
Fund Index	1.70%	3.74%	20.65%	31.29%	44.68%	100.03%

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Stanbic IBTC Bond Fund

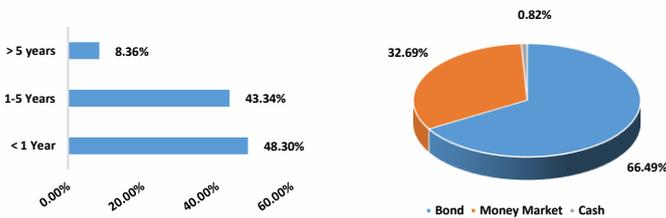
FUND OBJECTIVE: The Stanbic IBTC Bond Fund aims to achieve competitive returns on investments with moderate risk by investing a minimum of 65% of its portfolio in high quality bonds, while a maximum of 35% of its assets are invested in quality money market instruments including treasury bills.



FUND FACTS

Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Feb-10
Status of Fund	Open Ended
NAV per Unit	₦197.64
Nature of Fund	Fixed Income Biased
Initial Investment	₦5,000
Additional Investment	₦5,000
Distribution Frequency	Yearly
Bloomberg Ticker	<STANIBF NL>
Handling Charge	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 91 days

Maturity profile and Asset Allocation



FUND PERFORMANCE

Period	Q1 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	3 years	5 years	Inception to 31 Dec 2018
SIBOND Return	5.26%	10.79%	17.94%	40.92%	77.14%	155.72%
Fund Index	3.40%	12.96%	15.10%	45.71%	82.30%	142.94%

Stanbic IBTC Money Market Fund

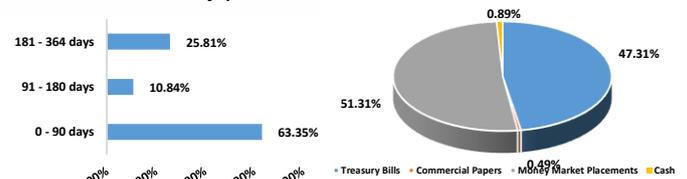
FUND OBJECTIVE: The Stanbic IBTC Money Market Fund aims to achieve both stable income generation and capital preservation by investing 100% of the portfolio assets in high quality short-term securities such as Treasury Bills, Commercial Papers, Bankers Acceptance and Fixed Deposits that are rated not less than "BBB".



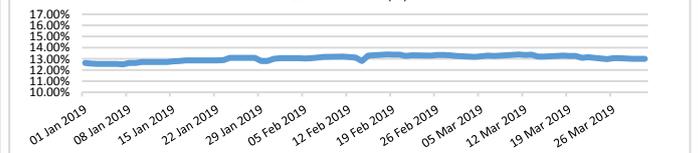
FUND FACTS

Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Feb-10
Status of Fund	Open Ended
Fund Rating	Aa (f) by Agosto & Co
Nature of Fund	Fixed Income Biased
Initial Investment	₦5,000
Additional Investment	₦5,000
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly
Bloomberg Ticker	<STANIMM NL>
Handling Charge	20% on income earned for withdrawals under 30 days

Maturity profile and Asset Allocation

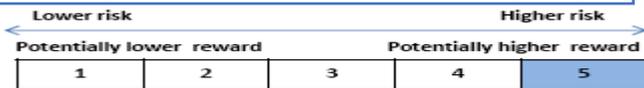


Effective Yield (%)



Stanbic IBTC Imaan Fund

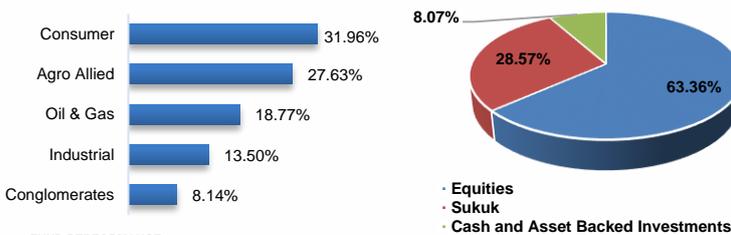
FUND OBJECTIVE: The primary objective of the Stanbic IBTC Imaan Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing a minimum of 60% of the Fund's assets in Shariah compliant equity securities as approved by the Advisory Committee of Experts (ACE) from time to time and a maximum of 40% in Shariah compliant asset backed investments (SUKUK) and cash.



FUND FACTS

Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Oct-13
Status of Fund	Open Ended
NAV per Unit	₦168.74
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Initial Investment	₦5,000
Additional Investment	₦5,000
Distribution Frequency	N/A
Bloomberg Ticker	<STANIMF NL>
Handling Charge	N/A

Maturity profile and Asset Allocation

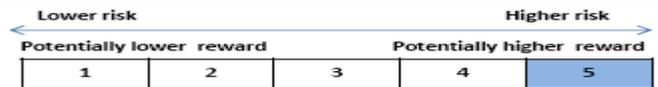


FUND PERFORMANCE

Period	Q1 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016	3 years	5 years
SIMAAAN Return	1.70%	-9.07%	37.83%	-3.96%	20.31%	-10.49%
Fund Index (ASI)	-1.24%	-17.81%	42.30%	-6.17%	9.74%	-23.95%

Stanbic IBTC ETF 30

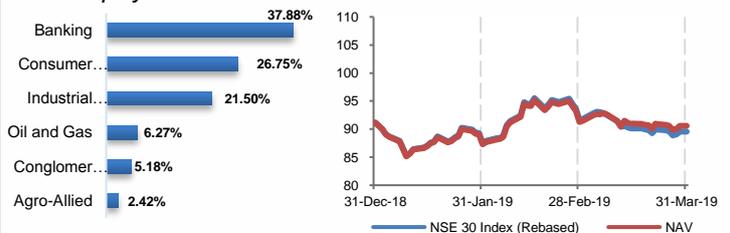
FUND OBJECTIVE: The Stanbic IBTC ETF 30 aims to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of The Nigerian Stock Exchange 30 Index ("NSE 30 Index" or "Index") in terms of price performance as well as income from the underlying securities of the index.



FUND FACTS

Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Jan-15
Status of Fund	Open Ended
NAV per Unit	₦90.56
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Benchmark	NSE 30 Index
Replication method	Physical- Full replication
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly (Indicative)
Bloomberg Ticker	<STANBICE NL Equity>
Handling Charge	N/A

Equity Sectorial Allocation and Fund Price Performance



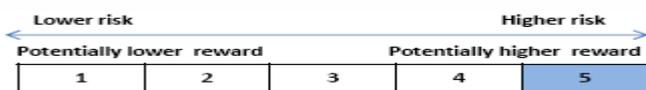
FUND PERFORMANCE

Period	Q1 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016	Inception to 31 Dec 2018
NAV Return*	-0.67%	-18.86%	44.19%	-8.97%	
NSE 30 Index	-1.73%	-18.87%	46.14%	-7.18%	10.06%

*The NAV return is based on the return of the underlying securities. NAV per unit may differ from the market price per unit as displayed on the regulators website or any other media.

SIAML PENSION ETF 40

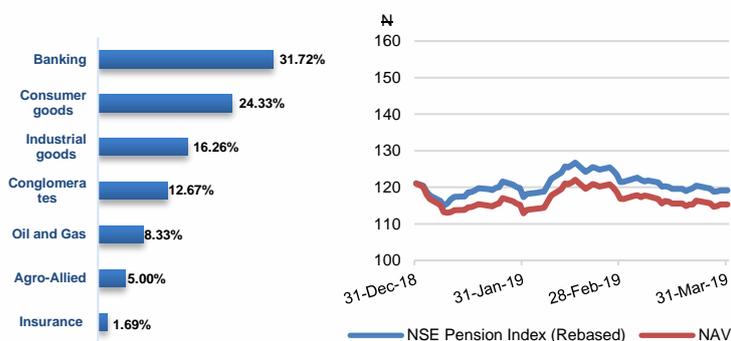
FUND OBJECTIVE: The SIAML Pension ETF 40 aims to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the total return of The Nigerian Stock Exchange Pension Index (“NSE Pension Index” or “Index”) in terms of price performance as well as income from the underlying securities of the index.



FUND FACTS

Base Currency	Naira
Launch Date	Jan-17
Status of Fund	Open Ended
NAV per Unit	₦ 115.33
Nature of Fund	Equity Biased
Benchmark	NSE Pension Index
Replication method	Physical- Full replication
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly (Indicative)
Bloomberg Ticker	<STANBICE NL Equity>
Handling Charge	N/A

Equity Sectorial Allocation and Fund Price Performance



PERFORMANCE (%)

Period	Q1 2019	Q4 2018	FY 2018	Inception to 31 Dec 2018
NAV Return*	-4.74%	-1.41%	-15.48%	24.79%
NSE Pension Index	-1.61%	-1.53%	-12.49%	47.45%

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Stanbic IBTC Dollar Fund

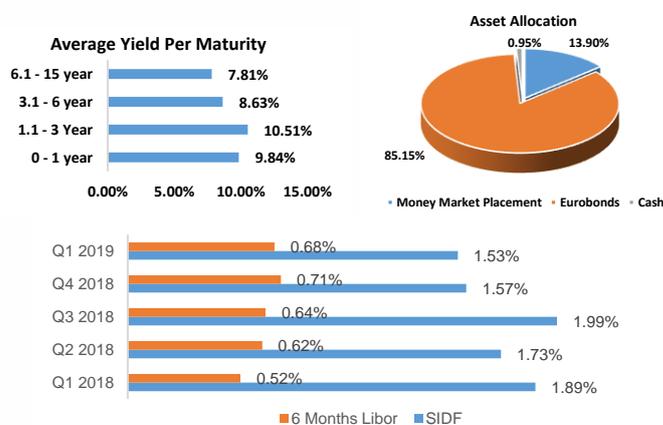
FUND OBJECTIVE: Stanbic IBTC Dollar Fund aims to provide currency diversification, income generation and capital growth in USD. It also seeks to optimize dollar returns of clients by investing a minimum of 75% of the portfolio in high quality Eurobonds, maximum of 25% in short term USD deposits and a maximum of 10% in USD equities approved and registered by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Nigeria.



FUND FACTS

Base Currency	USD
Launch Date	Jan-17
Status of Fund	Open Ended
Nature of Fund	Fixed Income Biased
Initial Investment	\$1,000.00
Additional Investment	\$500.00
Distribution Frequency	Yearly
Handling Charge	20% on interest accrued for withdrawals under 6 months

Maturity profile and Asset Allocation



PERFORMANCE (%)

Period	Q1 2019	FY 2017	FY 2018	Inception to 31 Dec 2018
NAV Return	1.53%	6.26%	7.33%	13.77%
6 Months LIBOR	0.68%	1.48%	2.48%	4.00%

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