

## Global Economic Review

### Sustained Economic Growth Driven by Enhanced Household Spending

The global economy experienced consistent growth in Q4-2024, supported by easing inflationary pressures and strengthened household consumption. Advanced economies exhibited mixed performances, while Emerging Market and Developing Economies (EMDEs) maintained robust momentum. In advanced economies, the US recorded its slowest growth in seven quarters, with GDP expanding by 2.5% year-on-year in Q4-2024, down from 2.7% in the previous quarter. Conversely, GDP growth in the United Kingdom and the Eurozone rose to 1.4% (Q3-2024: 1.0%) and 1.2% (Q3-2024: 1.0%) respectively. In EMDEs, China's economy grew by 5.4% year-on-year in Q4-2024 (Q3-2024: 4.6%), fueled by stimulus measures aimed at recovery and boosting confidence. Similarly, real GDP in India and Argentina increased by 6.2% (Q3-2024: 5.6%) and 2.1% (Q3-2024: -2.1%) respectively, driven by stronger consumption.

### Central Banks Ease Further in Q1-2025

- The US Federal Reserve kept the federal funds rate steady within the range of 4.25%-4.5% in Q1-2025, despite a decline in the inflation rate during the period.
- The Bank of England (BOE) reduced its policy rate by 25bps to 4.50% in Q1-2025 (Q4-2024: 4.75%) to keep supporting fragile economic growth.
- The European Central Bank (ECB) also lowered its key interest rate by 50bps to 2.65% in Q1-2025 (Q4-2024: 3.15%) as inflation continued to slow down.
- The People's Bank of China held its key lending rates steady in Q1-2025: 1-year and 5-year loan prime rate (LPR) were held at 3.1% and 3.6% respectively.

### Crude Oil Price Rises on OPEC Production Cuts

The quarterly average prices of Brent crude oil and WTI increased by 1.31% and 1.56%, reaching \$74.99 and \$71.42 per barrel, respectively, in Q1-2025 (quarter-on-quarter). This growth was primarily attributed to the extension of production cuts by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Furthermore, a series of stimulus measures that spurred demand in China, the world's largest oil importer, along with geopolitical tensions, also played a significant role in driving up crude oil prices during the period.

### Inflation Moderates in Q1-2025

The Global Consumer Price Index continued to reflect the impact of previous tight monetary policies and high base effects, as inflation eased in most countries despite a slight increase in energy prices during the period. In advanced economies, the U.S. inflation rate slowed to 2.8% in Q1-2025, down from 2.9% in Q4-2024, driven primarily by declining prices for energy, transportation, and used vehicles. Similarly, inflation in the Eurozone fell by 10bps to 2.3% in Q1-2025 (Q4-2024: 2.4%), largely due to high base effects and a slowdown in food prices. Conversely, inflation in the United Kingdom rose by 30bps to 2.8% in Q1-2025, fueled by higher costs of transportation, food, and non-alcoholic beverages. In Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs), inflation remained elevated but showed signs of deceleration in some countries. For instance, inflation in China, Argentina, and Ghana declined to -0.7% (Q4-2024: 0.1%), 66.9% (Q4-2024: 117.8%), and 23.1% (Q4-2024: 23.8%) respectively in Q1-2025, driven by weaker demand, effective monetary and fiscal policies, and lower energy prices. However, inflation increased in South Africa, Russia, and Brazil, rising to 3.2% (Q4-2024: 3.0%), 10.1% (Q4-2024: 9.5%), and 5.1% (Q4-2024: 4.8%) respectively, with Brazil experiencing a rebound in housing and utility costs, while rising food prices contributed to inflation in Russia.

## Domestic Economic Review

### Nigeria's GDP Grows by 3.84% in Q4-2024

- Nigeria sustained its positive growth trajectory as the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expanded by 3.84% year-on-year in real terms in Q4-2024. According to the data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the growth rate recorded in Q4-2024 is 38 basis points (bps) higher than the 3.46% recorded in Q3-2024 and Q4-2023 respectively. On a year-on-year basis, the growth in the country's GDP in Q4-2024 was driven by the non-oil sector which grew by 3.96% (Q4-2023: 3.1%). However, the growth in the Oil sector stood at 1.48% in Q4-2024 (Q4-2023: 12.1%). In real terms, the non-oil sector contributed 95.40% to the nation's GDP in Q4-2024. In line with our expectation, the annual real GDP remained unwavering as it stood at 3.4% in 2024 (vs. 2.74% in 2023) - highest rate recorded since 2021. The aggregate GDP at basic price, in nominal terms, stood at ₦78.37 trillion (Q4-2023: ₦65.91 trillion) and ₦269.29 trillion (FY-2023: ₦229.91 trillion) in Q4-2024 and FY-2024 respectively.

### Nigeria's Inflation Drops to 23.18% in Q1-2025 after Rebasing

- Nigeria's headline inflation rate saw a substantial drop to 23.18% year-on-year in Q1-2025, compared to 34.80% in Q4-2024. This decrease followed the rebasing of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) to align with shifts in consumption patterns. It is important to note that the sharp reduction in headline inflation does not necessarily indicate a widespread decrease in price levels. Instead, it primarily reflects adjustments such as the adoption of a new base year (from 2009 to 2024), changes in weights, and the inclusion of additional product varieties (increased from 740 to 934).
- After the rebasing, food inflation stood at 23.51% year-on-year in Q1-2025, significantly lower than the 39.84% recorded in Q4-2024. Similarly, core inflation (excluding farm produce and energy) declined to 23.01% year-on-year in Q1-2025, down from 29.28% in Q4-2024. On a state-by-state basis, headline inflation was highest in Edo (33.59%), followed by Enugu (30.72%) and Sokoto (30.19%). Conversely, the slowest increases in headline inflation were observed in Kaduna (15.45%), Akwa Ibom (15.53%), and Plateau (15.74%) during Q1-2025.

### Monetary Policy Committee Holds all Policy Parameters Constant

- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) held one meeting in Q1-2025 where it held Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) constant at 27.50%, despite the decline in inflation. The Committee also retained the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) at 50% and 16% for commercial and merchant banks respectively in Q1-2025 while Liquidity Ratio (LR) was retained at 30.0% during the period. In addition, the Committee left the Asymmetric Corridor unchanged at +500/-100 bps around the MPR in Q1-2025 as the Apex Bank continued to mop up excess liquidity in the system. The decision of the apex bank to hold all monetary policy parameters constant was to observe trend of inflation, following the rebasing of CPI.

### Naira Remains Relatively Stable at the Official Markets

- On a quarter-on-quarter basis, naira remained relatively stable against the US dollar at the official NFEM (CBN) as it closed at ₦1,537.00 in Q1-2025 (Q4-2024: ₦1,535), mainly driven by the constant intervention by CBN, low speculation and improved transparency of Bloomberg BMatch trading platform. Meanwhile, the naira depreciated slightly by 0.76% at the parallel market to close at ₦1,550.00 in Q1-2025 (Q4-2024: ₦1,538.24) due to increased demand and weak supply of the greenback during the period.
- Nigeria's foreign exchange reserves fell by 6.2% or \$2.54 billion to \$38.33 billion in Q1-2025 (vs. \$40.88 billion in Q4-2024) due to debt servicing, heightened demand for foreign exchange and constant intervention by the CBN at the foreign exchange market.

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## Q2 2025 Outlook

### Global Economy

- Global economic growth is projected to decelerate in Q2-2025, primarily due to the negative effects of tariff wars on economic output. The risks associated with economic policy changes and geopolitical tensions could escalate, potentially triggering fresh spikes in commodity prices. For example, U.S. trade policies, particularly the imposition of higher tariffs on certain goods from countries such as China, Canada, Mexico, and the European Union, along with retaliatory measures, may contribute to higher inflation and reduced global economic output in Q2-2025. Furthermore, persistent geopolitical tensions, particularly in the Middle East, could further hinder global GDP growth during the quarter.
- Global inflation is anticipated to rise modestly in Q2-2025 as the effects of high interest rates and tariff hikes are expected to outweigh a potential decline in energy prices during the period. For example, increased tariffs on certain imported commodities in Advanced Economies, particularly in the United States, along with retaliatory measures from other countries, may drive up inflation. As a result, most Advanced Economies are unlikely to meet their 2% inflation targets in Q2-2025. In Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs), inflation is projected to ease slightly due to anticipated lower energy prices and weak demand, particularly in China. However, despite the expected moderation in the Consumer Price Index in EMDEs, inflation is likely to remain elevated and exceed the targets of most countries in Q2-2025, driven by the effects of geopolitical tensions and weakened local currencies.
- Although a slight increase in global inflation is anticipated, we do not foresee a policy rate hike in Q2-2025 due to fragile economic growth in many nations. In Advanced Economies, we expect accommodative monetary policies to persist, with a likely extension of rate cuts in the Eurozone and a rate pause in the United States during the quarter. Similarly, most Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs) are projected to maintain steady policy rates in Q2-2025, aiming to attract foreign portfolio investments and bolster local currencies.
- Despite the decision of the OPEC+ to extend oil production cut to 2025, we anticipate a slowdown in crude oil prices in Q2-2025 due to the slow demand in China, expectation of improved crude oil production from non-OPEC members and possible lifting of sanction on Russian crude oil after the first phase of peace talks between the country and Ukraine. Nevertheless, geopolitical tensions in the Middle East pose a significant downside risk to this outlook.

### Domestic Economy

- We project sustained growth in Nigeria's GDP for Q2-2025, driven by the rebasing exercise and anticipated advancements in both the non-oil and oil sectors. The non-oil sector is expected to benefit significantly from the government's inward-looking policies and the multiplier effect of additional capital raised by banks. Furthermore, the Federal Government of Nigeria's decision to increase the crude oil production target to approximately 2.06 million barrels per day in 2025 is likely to positively impact the oil sector in Q2-2025.
- The announcement by Dangote Petroleum Refinery to sell petroleum products in dollars to local marketers may lead to increased demand for foreign exchange and higher PMS prices in Q2-2025. As a result, inflation is expected to rise during this period, driven by the pass-through effects of a weak naira and elevated PMS prices on goods and services. However, due to the contractionary monetary policies implemented by the CBN, a significant surge in inflation is unlikely in Q2-2025. Meanwhile, the potential resumption of the naira-for-crude arrangement between NNPC and domestic refiners presents an upside to our inflation outlook for the quarter.
- Anticipating a slight uptick in inflation, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is likely to maintain the monetary policy rate at its current level in Q2-2025, while potentially adjusting other policy parameters. This approach would allow the apex bank to continue combating high inflation effectively and create an environment conducive to attracting foreign portfolio investments.
- The local currency may experience depreciation in the foreign exchange market in Q2-2025, driven by anticipated higher FX demand, particularly from petroleum marketers. However, significant depreciation is unlikely, given the enhanced transparency of the BMatch trading platform and expected consistent interventions by the CBN.

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# MONEY MARKET FUND



Guaranty Trust Fund Managers Ltd  
RC 60028

## Fund Overview

The Money Market Fund is an open-ended Fund authorized and registered by the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 28, 1990. Its diversified portfolio consists of quality money market instruments including short-term government securities, commercial papers and bank placements.

The Fund is most suitable for Investors with a short-term investment horizon and offers an alternative to short-term deposits and savings accounts with the added benefit of enjoying decent returns from the professional management of the Fund's assets.

## Fund Manager's Remark

The Fund's asset size increased during the quarter under review due to more subscriptions and the AuM grew by 62.01% from N47.89Billion to close at N77.58Billion. The net return for the Fund closed at 21.42% at the end of Q1'2025.

We witnessed yields trend downward during the quarter mainly driven by the decline in inflation rate. The average stop rate of treasury bills in the primary market fell by 80 bps to close at 18.58% in Q1-2025 (vs. 19.39% average stop rate of the auction results for Q4-2024).

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) held one meeting in Q1-2025 where it held Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) constant at 27.50%, despite the decline in inflation. The Committee also retained the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) at 50% and 16% for commercial and merchant banks respectively in Q1-2025 while Liquidity Ratio (LR) was retained at 30.0% during the period. In addition, the Committee left the Asymmetric Corridor unchanged at +500/-100 bps around the MPR in Q1-2025 as the Apex Bank continued to mop up excess liquidity from the system. The decision of the apex bank to hold all monetary policy parameters constant was to observe the trend of inflation, following the rebasing of CPI.

## Q2' 25 Outlook

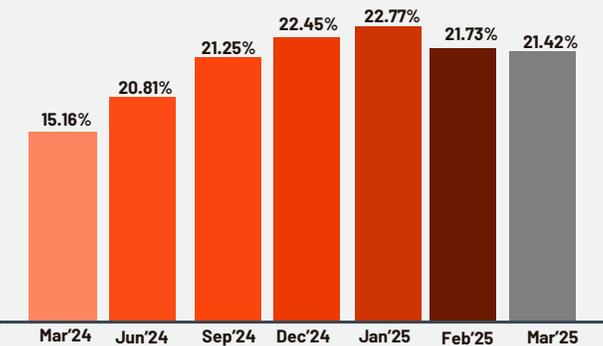
We expect rates to remain high, at around current levels, in the money market due to the anticipation of a policy rate pause in the next MPC meeting and the decision of the apex bank to keep attracting foreign portfolio investments. Consequently, we expect the Money Market Fund to keep benefitting from the high interest rates in the money market in Q2-2025.

## Fund Composition and Performance

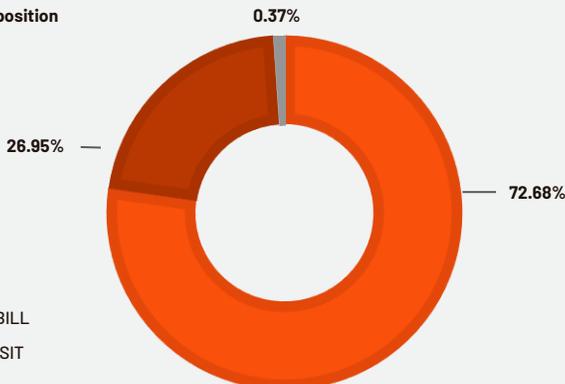
### 91 days Tbilis Benchmark



### Fund Performance



### Fund Composition



## Fund Features

<b>Launch Date</b>	1990
<b>Net Assets</b>	₦77.58billion
<b>Domiciliary</b>	Nigeria
<b>Currency</b>	NG Naira
<b>Objective</b>	Interest Income Capital Preservation
<b>Financial Year End</b>	December
<b>Minimum Initial Investment</b>	₦1,000
<b>Fund Rating</b>	Aa-(f)
<b>Rating Agency</b>	Agusto & Co.
<b>Management Fee</b>	1% of Net Asset Value (NAV)
<b>Incentive Fee</b>	20% of Excess Return above Benchmark
<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	Low
<b>Permissible Asset Class</b>	Bank Placement (15% - 75%) Short Term Govt. Instr. (25% - 85%) Others* (0% - 60%)
<b>Composite Benchmark</b>	91D Treasury Bill
<b>Fund Price (28-Mar-25)</b>	Bid/Offer: N100/N100
<b>Custodian</b>	Citibank Nigeria Ltd
<b>Trustee</b>	United Capital Trustees Limited

\*Other refers to money market investments such as commercial papers, banker's acceptances, certificates of deposits, collateralized repurchase agreements

## Who Should Invest?

- Individuals in Nigeria (including Children) and the diaspora
- Pension Fund Administrators
- Insurance firms
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# FIXED INCOME FUND



Guaranty Trust Fund Managers Ltd  
RC 000008

## Fund Overview

The Fixed Income Fund was launched on June 13, 2007 and is licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The fund is designed to provide a return on investment by virtue of its market value. It was initially a principal-guaranteed fund that delivered a return equivalent to the Standing Deposit Facility rate (SDF).

This fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing a minimum of 70% in Fixed Income instruments, maximum of 30% in money market instruments and up to 10% in fundamentally sound stock of blue-chip organizations.

## Fund Manager's Remark

The Fund's Asset under Management (AuM) improved by 2.50% to close at ₦12.14Billion at the end of Q1'2025 from ₦11.84Billion in Q4'2024.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) held one meeting in Q1-2025 where it held Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) constant at 27.50%, despite the decline in inflation. The Committee also retained the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) at 50% and 16% for commercial and merchant banks respectively in Q1-2025 while Liquidity Ratio (LR) was retained at 30.0% during the period. In addition, the Committee left the Asymmetric Corridor unchanged at +500/-100 bps around the MPR in Q1-2025, as the Apex Bank continued to mop up excess liquidity from the system. The decision of the apex bank to hold all monetary policy parameters constant was to observe trend of inflation, following the rebasing of CPI.

## Q2' 25 Outlook

We maintain that rates of money market instruments will remain high, around current levels in Q2-2025, but we may see a slight reduction in bonds yields due to the government's desire to reduce borrowing cost for long-term instruments. Overall, we expect the Fixed Income Fund to benefit from relatively high yields in Q2-2025.

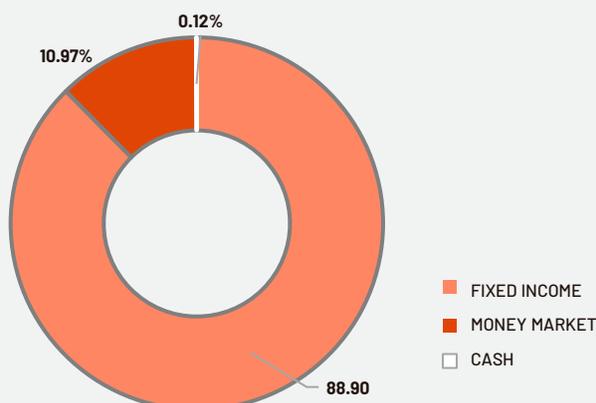
## Fund Composition and Performance

DATE	GUARANTEED RETURN (P.A.)	ADDITIONAL YIELD (PAID AT FYE)
Apr - Jun 2022	4.50%	N/A
Jul - Sep 2022	6.00%	N/A
Oct- Dec 2022	6.00%	N/A
Jan- Mar 2023	6.00%	N/A
Apr-Jun 2023	6.00%	N/A
Jul-Sep 2023	6.00%	N/A
Oct-Dec 2023	6.00%	N/A
Jan - Mar 2024	6.00%	N/A
Apr- Jun 2024	6.00%	N/A
Jul - Sep 2024	6.00%	N/A
Oct - Dec 2024	6.00%	N/A
Jan - Mar 2025	6.00%	N/A

## Fund Features

Launch Date	2007
Net Assets	₦12.14Billion
Domiciliary	Nigeria
Currency	NG Naira
Objective	Interest Income Capital Appreciation
Financial Year End	December
Minimum Initial Investment	50,000 Units
Income Distribution	Bi-Annual
Current Return	6.00% p.a.
Management Fee	50% of Excess Return above SDF
Revenue Reserve	50% of Excess Return above SDF
Risk Tolerance	Moderate
Permissible Asset Class	Fixed Income (70% - 100%) Equities (0% - 10%) Money Market (0%-30%)
Composite Benchmark	Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)
Fund Price (28-Mar-25)	₦1.00
Custodian	Citibank Nigeria Ltd
Trustee	FBN Quest Trustees Limited

### Fund Composition



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## Fund Overview

The Equity Income Fund is a registered open-ended Unit Trust Scheme that was launched in 2018 and is licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Its objective is to provide regular income and long-term capital appreciation from investments in dividend knights and high-quality equity instruments quoted on the NGX, where the issuers have an investment grade rating from a credit rating agency registered by SEC.

## Fund Manager's Remark

The asset size for the period under review improved by 23.62% to close at N764.52 million from N617.98 million in the previous quarter. The Fund has invested 82.48% in equities, 17.05% in money market instruments while 0.47% remained as cash.

The Nigerian equities market appreciated, with the All-Share Index (ASI) growing by 2.66% in Q1-25 as investors took advantage of cheap stocks and positioned for dividend payments. The NGX All-Share Index and Market Capitalization increased to close at 105,660.64pts and N66.28 Trillion respectively as at 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

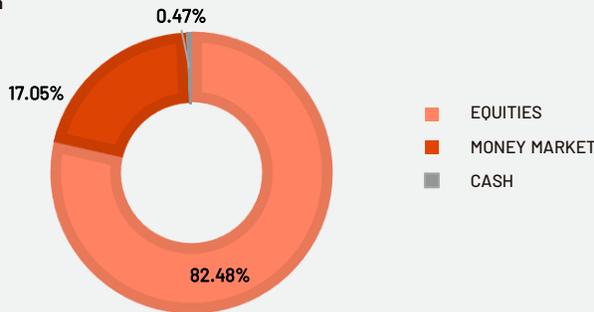
## Q2'25 Outlook

We expect bullish sentiments in Nigeria's equities market to persist into Q2-2025, as seen in Q1-2025. This optimism will likely be driven by investors capitalizing on undervalued stocks, particularly in the consumer goods and banking sectors, while positioning themselves for final dividend payments. As a result, the Equity Income Fund is projected to deliver good performance in Q2-2025.

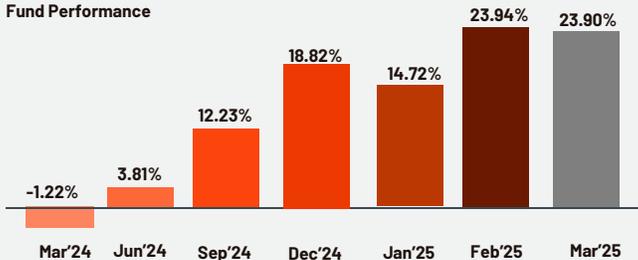
## Fund Composition and Performance

EQUITY SECTORAL ALLOCATION	
Sector	Exposure
Agriculture	38.62%
Banking	34.39%
FMCG	19.14%
Industrial	4.33%
Oil & Gas	3.51%

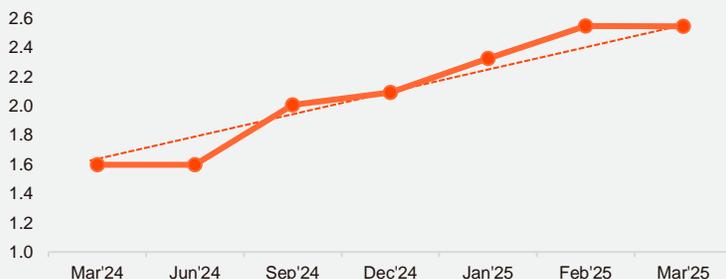
### Fund Composition



### Fund Performance



### EIF HISTORICAL UNIT PRICE



## Fund Features

Launch Date	2018
Net Assets	N764.52million
Domiciliary	Nigeria
Currency	NG Naira
Objective	Dividend Income Growth Stock
Financial Year End	December
Minimum Initial Investment	N5,000
Subsequent	Multiples of N1,000
Management Fee	1.5% of Net Asset Value (NAV)
Risk Tolerance	High
Permissible Asset Class	Equities (70% - 95%) Money Market (5% - 30%) Cash (0% - 5%)
Composite Benchmark	Equities (ASI) - 70% Fixed Income - 30%
Fund Price (28-Mar-25)	Bid: 2.5441 Offer: 2.5709
Custodian	Citibank Nigeria Ltd
Trustee	FBN Quest Trustees Limited

## Who Should Invest?

- Individuals in Nigeria (including Children) and the diaspora
- Insurance firms
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- Religious Organizations
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# BALANCED FUND



Guaranty Trust Fund Managers Ltd  
RC 000000

## Fund Overview

The Guaranty Trust Balanced Fund was launched in 2002 and is a fund licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). It is focused on long term capital appreciation, which is achieved by maintaining a flexible diversified portfolio of equities, fixed income securities and money market instruments.

Funds are deployed into quality equity instruments quoted on the NGX, while the bond issuers have an investment grade rating from a credit rating agency registered by SEC.

## Fund Manager's Remark

The Nigerian equities market appreciated, with the All-Share Index (ASI) growing by 2.66% in Q1-25 as investors took advantage of cheap stocks and positioned for dividend payments. The NGX All-Share Index and Market Capitalization increased to close at 105,660.64pts and N66.28 Trillion respectively as at 28th March 2025. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) held one meeting in Q1-2025 where it held Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) constant at 27.50%, despite the decline in inflation. The Committee also retained the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) at 50% and 16% for commercial and merchant banks respectively in Q1-2025 while Liquidity Ratio (LR) was retained at 30.0% during the period.

At the end of the period under review, the fund's Asset under Management (AuM) closed at N3.39Billion in Q1' 2025 improving from N3.11Billion in Q4'2024.

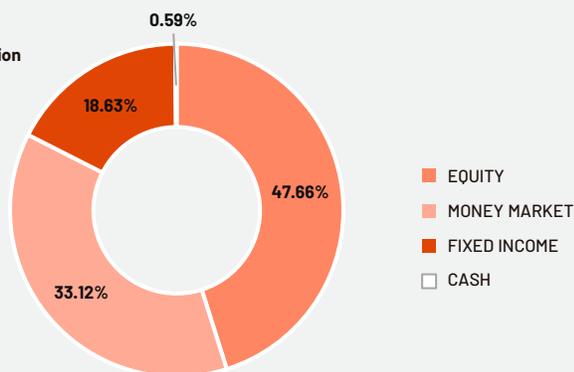
## Q2'25 Outlook

We project growth for the Balanced Fund in Q2-2025 due to the expectation of impressive performance in both the equities and fixed-income market during the period. Anticipation of relatively high rates in the money market and bullish trend in the Nigerian equities market will support growth in Balanced Fund this quarter.

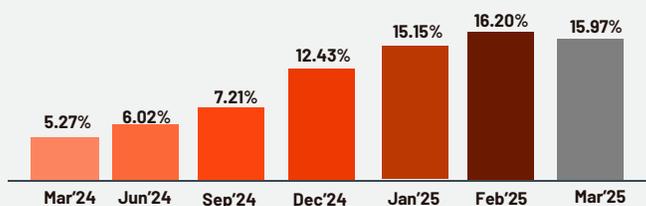
## Fund Composition and Performance

EQUITY SECTORAL ALLOCATION	
Sector	Exposure
Banking	56.60%
Agriculture	20.57%
FMCG	16.56%
Industrial	6.27%

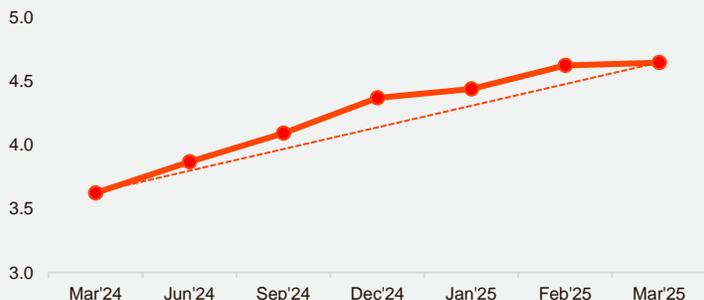
### Fund Composition



### Fund Performance



### BF HISTORICAL UNIT PRICE



## Fund Features

Launch Date	2002
Net Assets	₦3.39billion
Domiciliary	Nigeria
Currency	NG Naira
Objective	Interest Income Capital Appreciation
Financial Year End	December
Minimum Initial Investment	N10, 000
Subsequent	Multiples of ₦1,000
Management Fee	2.0% of Net Asset Value (NAV)
Incentive Fee	15% of Excess Return above 10%
Risk Tolerance	Moderate
Permissible Asset Class	Fixed Income (20% - 60%) Equity (40% - 60%) Money Market (0% - 40%) Cash (0% - 5%)
Composite Benchmark	Equities (ASI) - 50% Fixed Income - 50%
Fund Price (28-Mar-25)	Bid: 4.6454 Offer: 4.7729
Custodian	Citibank Nigeria Ltd
Trustee	FBN Quest Trustees Limited

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## Fund Overview

The Dollar Fund is a SEC registered open-ended Unit Trust Scheme that was launched in 2018.

The Fund seeks to provide investors with a bias for Dollar denominated investments access to such securities, which ordinarily would be inaccessible to them by virtue of the minimum amount typically required to make such investments.

Funds are primarily deployed in Corporate and Sovereign Eurobonds of entities listed in Nigeria and money market instruments of highly rated financial institutions.

## Fund Manager's Remark

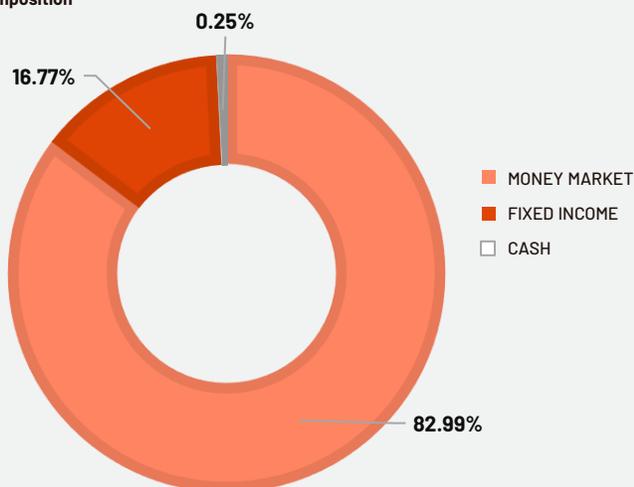
Nigeria's foreign exchange reserves fell by 6.2% (or \$2.54 billion) to 38.33 billion in Q1-2025 (vs. \$40.88 billion in Q4-2024) due to debt servicing, heightened demand for foreign exchange and constant intervention by the CBN at the foreign exchange market. At the end of the period under review, the fund's Asset under Management (AuM) increased by 25.0% to close at \$62.9 million from \$50.34 million in Q4'2024, while return on this fund closed at 6.06% at the end of Q1' 2025. The naira remained relatively stable against the US dollar at the official NFEM (CBN) as it closed at ₦1,537.00 in Q1-2025 (Q4-2024: ₦1,535), mainly driven by the constant intervention by CBN, low speculation and improved transparency of Bloomberg BMatch trading platform. Meanwhile, naira depreciated slightly by 0.76% at the parallel market to close at ₦1,550.00 in Q1-2025 (Q4-2024: ₦1,538.24) due to increased demand and weak supply of greenback during the period.

## Q2'25 Outlook

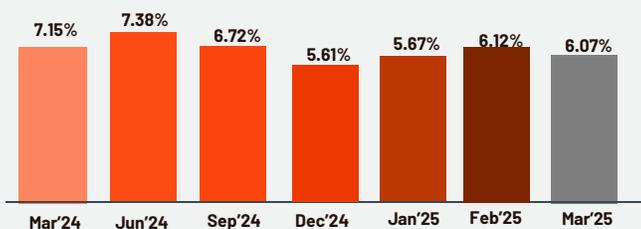
We expect yields of Nigeria's Eurobonds to remain high in Q2-2025, mainly due to the projection of slowdown in capital inflows from Advanced Economies as we anticipate interest rates to remain high, especially in the United States and United Kingdom. In addition, the recent decline in Nigeria's external reserves and projection of lower crude oil price may discourage foreign portfolio investors from picking up Nigeria's international bonds in Q2-2025.

## Fund Composition and Performance

### Fund Composition



### Fund Performance



## Fund Features

<b>Launch Date</b>	2018
<b>Net Assets</b>	\$62.94million
<b>Domiciliary</b>	Nigeria
<b>Currency</b>	US Dollars
<b>Objective</b>	Interest Income Capital Appreciation
<b>Financial Year End</b>	December
<b>Minimum Initial Investment</b>	\$1,000
<b>Management Fee</b>	1% of NAV
<b>Incentive Fee</b>	20% of Excess Return above 10%
<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	Moderate
<b>Permissible Asset Class</b>	Eurobonds (70% - 100%) Money Market (0% - 30%)
<b>Asset Class Rating</b>	Eurobond - A (S&P) Money Market - BBB (Fitch)
<b>Fund Price (28-Mar-25)</b>	Bid: 100 Offer: 100
<b>Custodian</b>	Citibank Nigeria Ltd
<b>Trustee</b>	FBN Quest Trustees Limited

## Who Should Invest?

- Individuals in Nigeria such as employees & SM Entrepreneurs
- Institutional investors
- Contributory schemes
- Funds and Trusts
- Insurance companies
- Government parastatals, etc.

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## Fund Overview

Guaranty Trust Investment Fund 724 is an open-ended regulated investment scheme that offers returns benchmarked at the preceding month's average 91-day Nigerian Treasury Bill's rate with around the clock (24/7) accessibility on funds up to N200,000.00. Funds in the product will be invested in Money Market Instruments.

The Fund will provide simple investments for every Nigerian. It is a Naira-denominated investment which will be offered to retail customers who seek competitive rates on investment opportunities with the flexibility on subscriptions and redemptions.

## Fund Manager's Remark

The Fund closed with an AuM of N350.29Million from N160.44Million in the previous quarter. The net return for the Fund closed at 20.48% at the end of Q1'2025.

We witnessed yields trend downward during the quarter mainly driven by the decline in inflation rate. The average stop rate of treasury bills in the primary market fell by 80 bps to close at 18.58% in Q1-2025 (vs. 19.39% average stop rate of the auction results for Q4-2024).

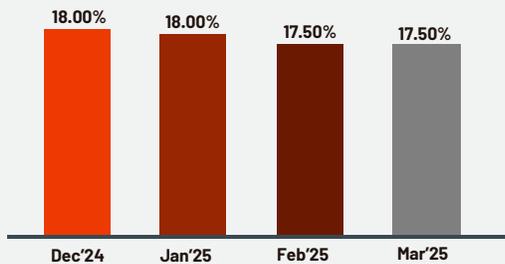
The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) held one meeting in Q1-2025 where it held Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) constant at 27.50%, despite the decline in inflation.

## Q2' 25 Outlook

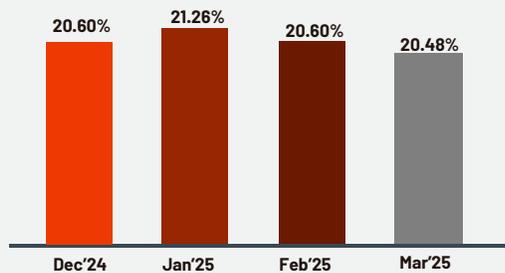
We expect rates to remain high, around current levels, in the money market due to the anticipation of a policy rate pause at the next MPC meeting and decision of the apex bank to keep attracting foreign portfolio inflows. Consequently, we expect Fund 724 to keep benefiting from the high-interest rate environment this quarter.

## Fund Composition and Performance

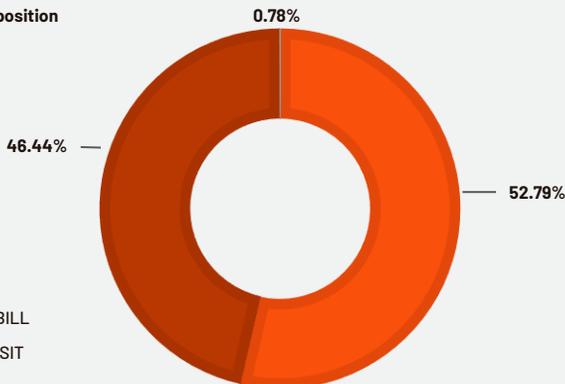
### Average 91 days Tbills Benchmark



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## Fund Features

<b>Launch Date</b>	2024
<b>Net Assets</b>	₦350.29Million
<b>Domiciliary</b>	Nigeria
<b>Currency</b>	NG Naira
<b>Objective</b>	Interest Income Guaranteed Principal
<b>Financial Year End</b>	December
<b>Minimum Initial Investment</b>	₦1,000
<b>Fund Rating</b>	N/A
<b>Rating Agency</b>	N/A
<b>Management Fee</b>	1.5% of Net Asset Value (NAV)
<b>Incentive Fee</b>	20% of Excess Return above Benchmark
<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	Low
<b>Permissible Asset Class</b>	Money Market Instruments (30% - 75%) Short Term Govt. Instr. (25% - 60%) Cash* (0% - 5%)
<b>Composite Benchmark</b>	91D Treasury Bill
<b>Fund Price (28-Mar-25)</b>	Bid/Offer: N100/N100
<b>Custodian</b>	RMB Nominees Ltd
<b>Trustee</b>	STL Trustees Limited

\*Other refers to money market investments such as commercial papers, banker's acceptances, certificates of deposits, collateralized repurchase agreements

## Who Should Invest?

- Individuals in Nigeria (including Children) and the diaspora
- Pension Fund Administrators
- Insurance firms
- Endowment Funds
- Religious Organizations
- Cooperatives, Trusts and Wealth Managers

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