

# CYTONN HIGH YIELD FUND (CHYF)



**MAY 2023** 

## 1. FUND PERFOMANCE

AVERAGE	2022	MAY 2023 (ANNUALIZED RETURN)	*PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION ( 07-OCTOBER-2019)
Cytonn High Yield Fund (CHYF)	13.9%	13.7%	13.8%
Benchmark (182 day T- Bill + 5.0% points)	14.0%	16.1%	13.3%

<sup>\*</sup>Historical Percentage you can expect to earn with the fund during one year of investment on basis of the so far realized monthly returns

### 2. FUND MANAGER'S REPORT AND OUTLOOK

## **Fund Objective**

The Cytonn High Yield Fund is a specialized Collective Investment Scheme with exposure skewed towards investment in real estate assets. The Fund aims at capital preservation while earning high returns and maintaining sufficient liquidity. The Fund aims to achieve above average returns that not only beat inflation but are also better than the yields offered by both government securities and fixed deposits.

#### Portfolio Strategy

The fund will largely be invested in fixed income and real estate related securities. Being a specialized Fund, the Fund can invest up to 80.0% in Real Estate funds, but to ensure sufficient diversification, no single investment should be more than 25.0% of the portfolio unless in special cases.

#### **Economic report and outlook**

According to Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) economic survey 2023, the Kenyan economy recorded a 4.8% expansion in 2022, a 2.8% points decline from 7.6% recorded in 2021. The economic growth recorded in 2022 is an indication of resilience following multiple shocks such as supply chain constrains, soaring global fuel prices, elevated inflationary pressures and currency depreciation. The biggest gainer in terms of sectoral contribution to GDP was Financial and Insurance sector, increasing by 2.1% points to 9.2% from 7.1% in FY'2021, while Agriculture and Forestry was the biggest loser, declining by 5.6% points to 17.0% in FY'2022, from 22.6% in FY'2021. Accommodation and Food Services sector recorded the highest growth rate in FY'2022 growing by 26.2%, though lower than the 52.6%% growth recorded in FY'2021. The Real Estate sector recorded a growth of 4.5% in FY'2022, 2.2% points lower than the 6.7% growth recorded in FY'2021. The decline in performance was mainly attributed to increased cost of construction materials which hampered optimum investments, and reduced investor confidence as most investors, for the most part of the year adopted a 'wait-and-see' approach in anticipation of the August 2022 general elections.

During the month, yields on the shorter dated Government papers were on an upward trajectory with the average yields on the 364-day and 182-day papers increasing by 0.4% points each to 11.3% and 10.8% respectively, while yields on 91-day paper increased by 0.5% points to 10.5%. Additionally, the Kenyan Shilling depreciated by 1.8% against the US Dollar to close the month at Kshs 138.4, from Kshs 135.9 recorded at the end of April 2023, majorly attributable to increased dollar demand from energy and merchandise importers.

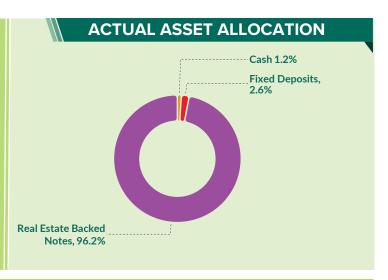
April 2023 inflation rate eased significantly to 7.9%, from 9.2% recorded in March 2023. Despite the decline, the inflation rate still remains above the government target range of 2.5%-7.5%, mainly attributable to the elevated food and fuel prices.

#### **Portfolio Performance**

The Cytonn High Yield Fund delivered an average return of 13.7% p.a. beating the inflation rate of 7.9% in the month of April to deliver positive real returns.

# **FUND PROFILE**

- Fund Manager: Cytonn Asset Managers Limited
- Risk Profile: This is a medium to high risk investment fund
- Minimum Initial Investment: Kshs. 100,000
- Minimum Additional Investment: Kshs. 10,000
- Annual Management Fee: 2.0%
- Initial Fee: Nil
- Trustee: Goal Advisory
- © Custodian: SBM Bank Kenya Ltd
- Benchmark: Average 182-day T-Bill + 5.0% points



Disclaimer: Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance and the value of the fund will fluctuate from time to time.