

# CYTONN MONEY MARKET FUND (CMMF)



**AUGUST 2021** 

## 1. FUND PERFOMANCE

AVERAGE	2020	AUGUST 2021 (ANNUALIZED RETURN)	*PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (01-NOVEMBER-2017)
Cytonn Money Market Fund (KES)	10.8%	10.6%	10.9%
Benchmark ( Average 91 day T- Bill + 1.0% point)	7.9%	7.6%	8.4%

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

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

#### **Fund Objective**

The Cytonn Money Market Fund is a low-risk fund that seeks to obtain a high level of current income while protecting investor's capital and liquidity.

#### **Portfolio Strategy**

The portfolio objective will be to outperform the income yield available on money market call accounts and fixed deposit accounts by investing in interest-bearing securities and other short-term money market instruments. These securities are usually available to the wholesale or institutional clients. The Fund will also be managed conservatively with active management of duration, credit and liquidity risks.

#### **Portfolio Performance**

The Cytonn Money Market Fund successfully delivered above-market returns in August 2021, averaging 10.6% p.a. The Fund outperformed the industry average and its benchmark of 91-day T-Bill+1% points at 7.6%.

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

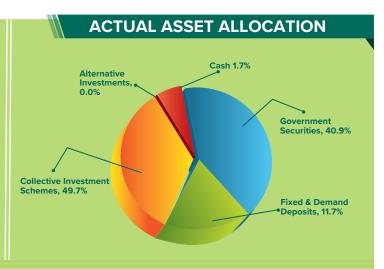
According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), the Kenyan economy recorded a 1.1% contraction in Q3'2020 down from a growth of 5.8% recorded in a similar period in 2019. This was the second consecutive contraction, after the 5.7% contraction recorded in Q2'2020, pointing to an economic recession. Kenya's economy is expected to rebound in 2021, with the National Treasury projecting a GDP growth of 6.6%, attributable to an upturn in economic activity following the reopening of the economy. The growth will largely be supported by the gradual recovery of the business environment more so in sectors such as trade, tourism and education which were the worst hit by the pandemic in 2020. During the month, the yields on the government securities in the secondary market remained relatively stable, which saw the FTSE NSE Kenya Government Bond Index increase marginally by 0.1%, taking the YTD performance to a 1.5% decline. Yields on the shorter dated papers increased, with the 364-day, 182-day and 91-day papers all increasing by 0.2% points to 7.6%, 7.2% and 6.7%, respectively. During the month, the Kenya Shilling depreciated by 1.2% against the US Dollar to close the month at Kshs 109.9, from Kshs 108.6 recorded at the end of July 2021, mostly attributable to increased dollar demand from general importers.

Going forward, Cytonn Asset Managers Limited (CAML) expects the Cytonn Money Market Fund (CMMF) to continue to deliver above-average returns leveraging on optimal asset allocation in line with the Fund's Investment Policy Statement.

As of 30th August 2021, cash, bank deposits and government securities constituted 54.3% of the portfolio

#### **FUND PROFILE**

- Fund Manager: Cytonn Asset Managers Limited
- Risk Profile: Low
- Minimum Initial Investment: Kshs. 1,000
- Minimum Additional Investment: Kshs. 100
- Annual Management Fee: 1.5%
- Initial Fee: Nil
- Trustee: Goal Advisory
- Custodian: KCB Bank Kenya Ltd
- Benchmark: Average 91-day T-Bill + 1.0% point



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