

**JANUARY 2023** 

# 1. FUND PERFOMANCE

AVERAGE	2022	JANUARY 2023 (ANNUALIZED RETURN)	*PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (01-NOVEMBER-2017)
Cytonn Money Market Fund	10.6%	10.8%	10.8%
Benchmark ( Average 91 day T- Bill + 1.0% point)	<b>9.2</b> %	10.5%	8.4%

\*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 wholesale or institutional clients. The Fund will also be managed conservatively with active management of duration, credit and liquidity risks.

## **Economic report and outlook**

According to Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) Quarterly Gross Domestic Product Report Q3'2022, the Kenyan economy recorded a 4.7% growth in Q3'2022, significantly lower than the 9.3% growth recorded in Q3'2021 when most sectors of the economy were recovering from the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic. The biggest gainer in terms of sectoral contribution to GDP was Financial and Insurance sector, increasing by 0.8% points to 8.9% from 8.1% in Q3'2021, while Agriculture and Forestry was the biggest loser, declining for the fourth consecutive quarter, by 1.5% points to 14.8% in Q3'2022, from 16.3% in Q3'2021. Accommodation and Food Services sector recorded the highest growth rate in Q3'2022 growing by 22.9%, though lower than the 127.5% growth recorded in Q3'2021. The Real Estate sector recorded a growth of 5.1% in Q3'2022, 2.0% points lower than the 7.1% growth recorded in Q3'2021. The decline in performance was mainly attributed to increased cost of construction materials on the back of inflationary pressure and prevailing local currency depreciation that hindered optimum investments.

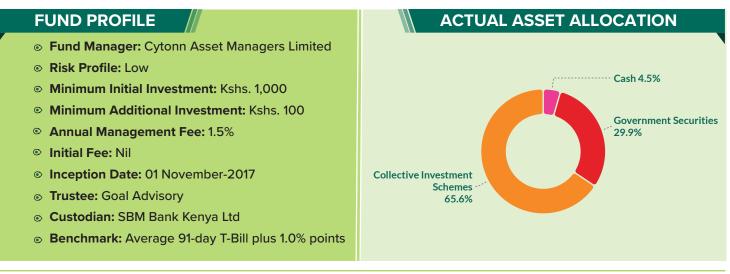
During the month, yields on the shorter dated Government papers were on an upward trajectory with the average yields on the 364-day, 182-day and 91-day papers all increasing by 0.1% points to 10.4%, 9.9% and 9.5%, respectively. Additionally, the Kenyan Shilling depreciated by 0.8% against the US Dollar to close the month at Kshs 124.4, from Kshs 123.4 recorded at the end of December 2022, majorly attributable to increased dollar demand from energy and merchandise importers.

December 2022 inflation rate came in at 9.1%, easing from 9.5% in November 2022. However, the inflation rate remains worryingly above the government target range of 2.5%-7.5%, mainly attributable to the currently high food and fuel prices.

## **Portfolio Performance**

The Cytonn Money Market Fund successfully delivered above-market returns in January 2023, averaging 10.8% p.a. The Fund outperformed the industry average and its benchmark of 91-day T-Bill+1% points at 10.5%.

As at 31st January 2023, Cash, bank deposits and government securities constituted 34.4% of the portfolio.



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