

# CYTONN MONEY MARKET FUND (CMMF) USD



**AUGUST 2024** 

## 1. FUND PERFOMANCE

AVERAGE	2023	AUGUST 2024 (ANNUALIZED RETURN)	*PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (19-FEB-2020)
Cytonn Money Market Fund (USD)	5.3%	7.6%	4.6%
Benchmark (USD LIBOR+ 2.0% Points)	7.2%	7.3%	4.5%

<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 (USD) 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 the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) Q1'2024 Quarterly Gross Domestic Product Report, the Kenyan economy recorded a 5.0% expansion in Q1'2024, slower than the 5.5% growth recorded in Q1'2023. The main contributor to Kenyan GDP remains to be the Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry sector which grew by 6.1% in Q1'2024, more similar to a vibrant growth of 6.4% recorded in Q1'2023, owing to the favorable weather conditions, that supported crop and livestock production. All sectors in Q1'2024, except Mining and Quarrying, recorded positive growths, with varying magnitudes across activities. Most sectors recorded declining growth rates compared to Q1'2023 with Accommodation and Food Services, Mining & Quarrying, and Construction Sectors recording the highest growth rate declines of 19.1%, 3.8%, and 2.9% points, respectively. The biggest gainer in terms of sectoral contribution to GDP was the Accommodation and Food Services sector, increasing by 0.3% points to 1.5% in Q1'2024 from 1.2% in Q1'2023, while the Manufacturing sector was the biggest loser, declining by 0.3% points to 7.8% in Q1'2024, from 8.1% in Q1'2023.

During the month, yields on the government papers recorded mixed performances during the month, with the 91-day and 182-day papers yields decreasing by 14.4 bps and 8.1 bps to 15.9% and 16.7% respectively from 16.0% and 16.8% recorded the previous month, while the yields on the 364-day paper increased marginally by 2.7 bps to remain relatively unchanged at 16.9% recorded the previous month.

The August 2024 inflation rate increased by 0.1% points to 4.4%, from the 4.3% recorded in July 2024. Notably, inflation has remained within the CBK target range of 2.5%-7.5% for the past fourteen months.

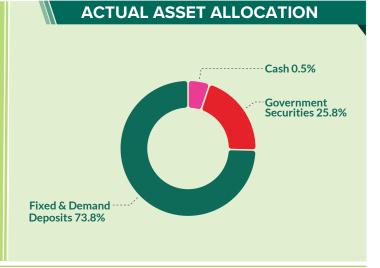
#### **Portfolio Performance**

The Cytonn Money Market Fund USD continued to provide stable returns and acts as a hedge against the Kenyan shilling depreciation, delivering returns averaging 6.8% p.a. in the month of July 2024. Going forward, Cytonn Asset Managers Limited (CAML) expects the Cytonn Money Market Fund USD (CMMF- USD) to deliver above-average returns leveraging on optimal asset allocation in line with the Fund's Investment Policy Statement.

#### **FUND PROFILE**

- Fund Manager: Cytonn Asset Managers Limited
- Currency Exposure: USD
- Risk Profile: Low
- Minimum Initial Investment: USD. 1,000
- Minimum Additional Investment: USD. 10
- Annual Management Fee: 1.0%
- Initial Fee: Nil
- Inception Date: February 2020
- Trustee: Goal Advisory
- © Custodian: State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Kenya Benchmark: USD London Inter Bank Offer Rate (LIBOR)

+2.0% Points



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