

# **CYTONN MONEY MARKET FUND (CMMF) USD**



# **FEBRUARY 2025**

## 1. FUND PERFOMANCE

AVERAGE	2024	FEBRUARY 2025 (ANNUALIZED RETURN)	*PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (19-FEB-2020)
Cytonn Money Market Fund (USD)	6.8%	6.9%	4.9%
Benchmark (USD LIBOR+ 2.0% Points)	7.2%	6.3%	4.7%

<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 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) Q3'2024 Quarterly Gross Domestic Product Report, the Kenyan economy recorded a 4.0% growth in Q3'2024, slower than the 6.0% growth recorded in Q3'2023. The main contributor to Kenyan GDP remains to be the Agriculture, fishing and forestry sector which grew by 4.2% in Q3'2024, lower than the 5.1% expansion recorded in Q3'2023. All sectors in Q3'2024, except Mining and Quarrying and Construction recorded positive growths, with varying magnitudes across activities. Most sectors recorded declining growth rates compared to Q3'2023 with Accommodation and Food Services, Mining & Darrying and Financial & amp; Insurance Sectors recording the highest declines of 20.8%, 11.9% and 10.8% points, respectively. Other sectors that recorded a contraction in growth rate, from what was recorded in Q3'2023 were Construction, Electricity and Water Supply and Real Estate of 6.0%, 2.4% and 2.2% points respectively.

During the month, yields on the government papers were on a downward trajectory, with the 91-day, 182- day and 364-day paper yields decreasing by 48.8 bps, 46.0 bps and 52.8 bps to 9.1%, 9.6% and 10.8% respectively, from 9.6%, 10.0% and 11.3% recorded the previous month. Additionally, the Kenya Shilling depreciated marginally by 0.5 bps against the US Dollar, to close the month at Kshs 129.2, remaining relatively unchanged from end of January.

The February 2025 y/y inflation rate increased by 0.2% points to 3.5%, from the 3.3% recorded in January 2025. Notably, inflation has remained within the CBK target range of 2.5%-7.5% for the past twenty months.

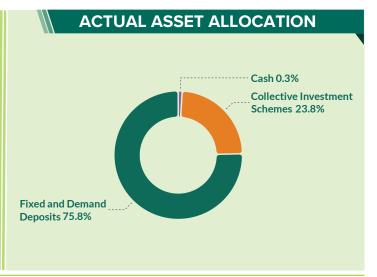
#### **Portfolio Performance**

The Cytonn Money Market Fund USD continued to provide stable returns and acts as a hedge against the Kenyan shilling depreciation, delivering returns averaging 6.9% p.a. in the month of February 2025. 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.