

General Fund Information

Fund Structure	CIS
Region	Kenya
Currency	KES
Asset Class	Balanced
Portfolio Manager	AA Kenya Investment Team
Headline Fee	1.00%
TER (includes Headline Fee)	0.03%
Initial Fee	2.0%
Distribution Frequency	Semi-annually
Launch Date	May 30, 2007
Financial Year End	December
Minimum Lump Sum Investment	100,000.00
Risk Rating	Medium
Net Asset Value (NAV)	18.04
Assets Under Management (AUM)	547,849,520.00

Fund Objective

The primary objective of this Fund is to seek long-term capital growth consistent with higher than moderate investment risk and a reasonable level of current income.

Risk Rating



Gross Performance (%)

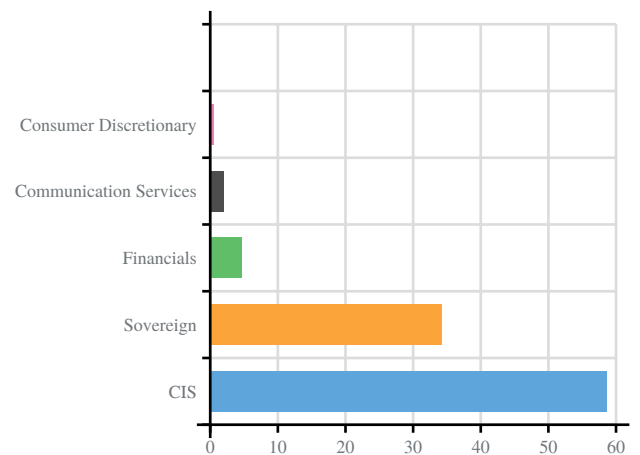
	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years*	3 Years*	5 Years*
Fund	0.60	4.71	9.35	12.21	6.85	4.51	6.43
Benchmark**	0.60	2.88	7.14	10.88	6.76	4.07	6.11
Value Add	0.00	1.83	2.21	1.33	0.09	0.44	0.32

*Annualised
**91.00-day T-Bill (60.00%), NSE All Share (25.00%), MSCI World (9.75%), Citi WGBI (3.75%), USD LIBID (1.50%)

Issuer Exposure (%)

CIS	58.6
Central Bank of Kenya	34.3
The Co-operative Bank of Kenya	2.2
Safaricom Ltd	2.0
Kenya Commercial Bank	1.5
Stanbic Bank	0.6
East African Breweries Limited	0.5
Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company	0.3

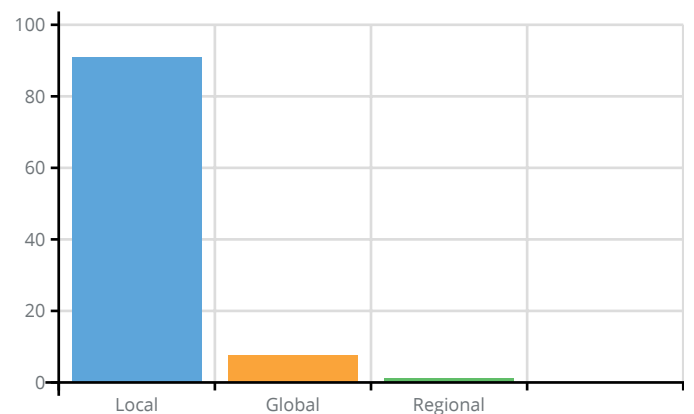
Sector Allocations (%)



Asset Class Breakdown (%)



Region Breakdown (%)



Portfolio Manager Commentary

The y/y inflation in July 2024 decreased by 0.3% points to 4.3%, from the 4.6% recorded in June 2024. The headline inflation was majorly driven by increases in prices of commodities in the following categories; Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Transport and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & other fuels by 5.6%, 4.0% and 3.9% respectively. The overall inflation has remained within the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) target range of 2.5% to 7.5%. The decrease in headline inflation in July 2024 comes amid the decline in the prices for Super Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene by Kshs 1.0, Kshs 1.5, and Kshs 1.3 each respectively, and will retail at Kshs 188.9, Kshs 171.6, and Kshs 161.8 per litre respectively for the period between 15th July 2024 to 14th August 2024. We expect inflation to remain within the CBK's preferred range of 2.5% to 7.5%, mainly on the back of a strengthened currency, tight monetary policy, and reducing fuel prices.

During the month, the Kenya Shilling depreciated by 0.3% against the US Dollar, to close the month at Kshs 129.9, from Kshs 129.5 recorded at the end of June 2024. During the previous week, the Kenya Shilling gained by 2.0% against the US Dollar to close at Kshs 129.9 from the Kshs 132.6 recorded the previous week. On a year-to-date basis, the shilling has appreciated by 17.2% against the US Dollar.

The yields on the government papers were on a downward trajectory, with the yields on the 91-day paper decreasing the most by 1.2 bps to 15.99% from the 16.00% recorded the previous week, while the yields on the 364-day and 182-day papers decreased marginally by 0.1 bps and 0.04 bps to remain relatively unchanged from the 16.92% and 16.85% respectively recorded the previous week. Investors' preference for the shorter 91-day paper persisted, with the paper receiving bids worth Kshs 14.9 bn against the offered Kshs 4.0 bn.

The yields on the government securities were on an upward trajectory during the month compared to the same period in 2023. We observe a humped yield curve for the medium-term bonds in the 2 to 5 year maturity range, an indication of the prevailing uncertainty in the market regarding both medium term interest rates and inflation. Investors are demanding higher yields for bonds in the 2 to 5 year maturity range to compensate for the perceived risks as they anticipate potential fluctuations in economic conditions in the Kenyan market on the back of the government's debt sustainability concerns.

In the primary bond market, the government is looking to raise Kshs 50.0 bn through the reopened infrastructure bonds IFB1/2023/6.5 with a tenor to maturity of 5.8 years and IFB1/2023/17 with a tenor to maturity of 15.7 years. The bonds will be offered at fixed coupon rates of 17.9% and 14.4% for the IFB1/2023/6.5 and IFB1/2023/17 respectively.

During the month of July 2024, the equities market was on a downward trajectory, with NSE 10 declining the most by 1.7%, while NSE 25, NSE 20, and NASI declined by 1.6%, 1.3%, and 0.8% respectively.

We remain neutral on the Equities markets in the short term due to the current tough operating environment and huge foreign investor outflows. With the market currently being undervalued we believe that investors should reposition towards value stocks with strong earnings growth as we expect the current high foreign investors' sell-offs to continue weighing down the equities outlook in the short term.

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