

Fund Objective

- Balanced Fund (BAF) is a moderately aggressive fund.
- The fund aims to deliver medium to long term capital growth with lower volatility relative to an equity fund.

Fund Strategy

- The fund invests across a broad set of asset classes. Typically, this fund will hold a relatively larger weighting in NSE shares with a maximum equity exposure of 45%.
- Other assets classes would include money market instruments, bonds, listed property and up to 15% in offshore assets. The fund's risk is lower than that of a pure equity fund but higher than a Dividend Fund.

Why choose this fund?

- By investing in CHAMA+ which diversifies across all major asset classes, you 'outsource' the difficult decision of how much and when to invest in various asset classes.
- The fund gives you equity exposure to underlying valued companies, higher yielding bonds and money market instruments.

Fund Information

Classification	Balanced Fund
Risk profile	Aggressive
Benchmark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-month average 182 - day T- bill (money market, 5%) FTSE Government Bond Index (fixed income, 55%); NASI+ 2.0% p.a (equity 40%)
Portfolio launch date	18 th November 2014
Minimum investment	KES 2,500
Portfolio size	KES 19 million
Last two distributions	No Distribution
Income decl. dates	No Distribution
Income price dates	Daily excl. holidays & weekends
Valuation time of fund	15h00
Trading closing Time	15h00

Fees (Incl. VAT)

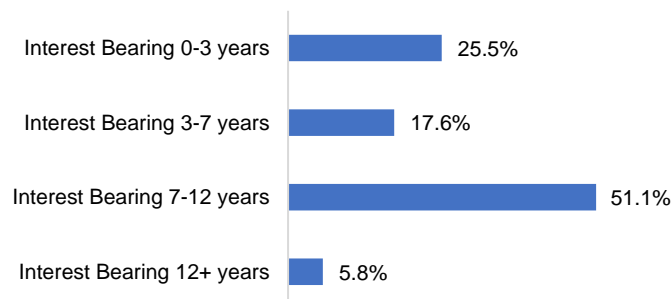
	Retail Class (%)
Advice initial fee	3.0
Manager annual fee	2.0

Fees are calculated as a percentage of the asset value.

Performance (Annualised)

Retail Class	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
1 year	0.2	2.3
3 Years	11.6	11.5
Since Inception	11.7	8.2

- Annualised return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.
- Return is gross of fees charged.

Asset Allocation (%)
Maturity Profile

Portfolio Manager's Monthly Comment

The 12 months return for the fund as at 31st January 2019 was up 0.2%. The fixed income performance contributed to the fund's positive performance. Nonetheless, this was largely watered down by the negative performance of the local equities.

The high liquidity saw yields on Kenya government bonds decline during the month. Investors bid a record Ksh 100Bn in the two bonds offered by the government that was only looking for Ksh 40 Bn. Kenya's Monetary Policy committee maintained the Central Bank rate at 9.0% citing a stable macroeconomic environment.

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) registered a 7.1% growth in January triggered by a positive change in investor sentiment on consumer, banking and telco stocks. Better than expected results from EABL further boosted the NSE gains. NIC bank and CBA announced a merger that will see the merged entity become the third largest Bank in Kenya by total assets. The Bank will remain listed under the NIC Group. Since the announcement of the merger the NIC Bank stock has risen by 35%.

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