

# Nigeria Energy Sector Fund-MARCH 2025

# NIGERIA ENERGY SECTOR FUND

The Nigeria Energy Sector Fund ("the Fund") is a closed-ended, sector-specific investment vehicle listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange and managed by SCM Capital Asset Management Limited, the Asset Management subsidiary of SCM Capital Limited (formerly Sterling Capital Markets Limited).

## The Fund Manager

SCM Capital Asset Management Limited is the full service Asset Management subsidiary of SCM Capital Limited and is licensed by the Securities & Exchange Commission as a Fund / Partfolio Manager. At SCM Capital Asset Management; we offer cutting edge professional asset management services to our esteemed clients. We manage assets for a broad range of clients which include: corporate institutions, high-net-worth individuals and retail investors. We provide independent advice based on established research methods, and our experts have in-depth knowledge of the financial market.

#### Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve a balance mix of current income and medium to long term capital appreciation through investment in a diversified portfolio of financial assets within the Nigerian energy sector.

#### **Investor Profile**

The Fund may be of interest to the following investors:

- Investors desirous of leveraging on the pool to benefit in big ticket investments.
- Busy executives with very tight schedule
- Nigerians in diaspora and foreign portfolio investors interested in making some investment in Nigeria without having to carry the burden of management.

Benefits of the Fund
Liquidity
Affordability
Professional Management
Performance Monitoring
Accessibility

# MARKET COMMENTARY

# **Equity Market**

The Nigerian equities market closed March on a bearish note, as the NGX All-Share Index declined by 2.00% month-on-month to 105,660.64 points, pressured by profittaking activities and a shift in investor sentiment towards higher-vielding fixed income instruments. Despite support from FY 2024 earnings releases and dividend declarations, sectoral performance was broadly negative.

The Oil & Gas (-4.02%), Industrial Goods (-3.59%), and Insurance (-2.48%) indices led the losers, weighed down by notable sell-offs in OANDO (-16.71%), BUACEMENT (-10.00%), and WAPIC (-16.15%). Similarly, the Consumer Goods and Banking sectors declined by 1.30% and 0.49%, respectively, following weakness in DANGSUGAR (-17.25%) and AC-CESSCORP (-12.70%). Overall, sentiment remained cautious amid increased demand for safer, income-generating assets.

## **Fixed Income Market**

Nigerian Treasury Bills' average yield moderated by 53bps month-on-month to 19.35%, as strong system liquidity spurred demand across tenors. However, the FGN bonds market saw an uptick in average yields, rising by 19bps to 18.54%, with the long end of the curve climbing 59bps to 19.03%.

# Outlook

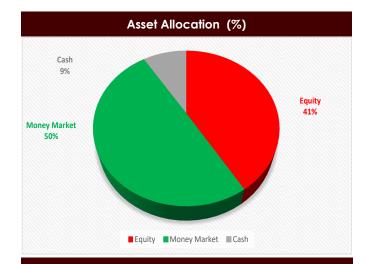
In April, the Nigerian equities market is expected to remain subdued as cautious investor sentiment lingers, following a 2.00% decline in March. Profit-taking and a preference for higher-yielding fixed income assets may continue to pressure stocks, despite support from FY 2024 dividend declarations. Meanwhile, the fixed income market is likely to see sustained interest in Treasury Bills, supported by system liquidity and attractive yields. However, bond yields may remain volatile amid inflation concerns and tight monetary policy, particularly at the long end of the curve. inflation and positive macroeconomic indicators may prompt a shift toward a less restrictive interest rate policy.

	Market Indicators	
•	Foreign Reserve: USD \$38,308,209,720.17	
•	Exchange Rate (USD/NGN): USD 1,535.81 (CBN Closing Price)	
•	Oil Price: USD \$75.90	
•	Inflation Rate: 24.23%	
•	Monetary Policy Rate: 27.50%	

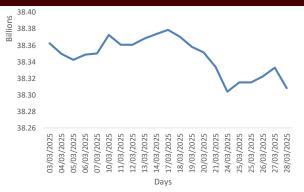
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Fund Manager	SCM Capital Asset Management Limited
Custodian	UBA Global Investors Service Ltd
Trustees	United Capital Trustees Limited
Fund Launch Date	26-October-98
Fund size	₦ 2,180,159,785.49
Fund Yield	-0.68%
Fund Type	Close –end
Market Price	₦ 552.20
Base Currency	Nigerian Naira
Income Accrual	Daily
Income Distribution	Yearly
Annual Management Fee	1.50%



**Movement in Foreign Reserve** 



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