

FSDH HALAL FUND Q4 2024 Fund Managers Report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The FSDH Halal Fund ("FHF") was established in October 2023. It is an openended mutual fund designed to meet the investment need of investors seeking long-term income generation through Shari'ah compliant investment (such as sovereign and sub sovereign sukuks, leasing and trading contracts). The Fund invests up to 90% in Nigeria Sovereign and Sub-sovereign Sukuk and up to 50% in other fixed income contracts.

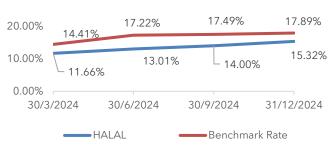
INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Halal Fund is to enable investors to earn income, while preserving their capital over the medium term. The primary objective of the Fund is to offer investors strategies for long-term income generation through investments predominantly in carefully screened opportunities and contracts that adhere to Shari'ah principles.

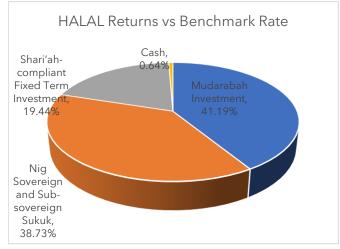
Fund Performance vs. benchmark.







ASSET ALLOCATION (% OF TOTAL ASSETS)



UPDATE ON THE HALAL FUND

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REVIEW OF THE FUND

Inception date:	October 2023
Net Asset Value:	N534m
Base Currency	Naira
Management Fee	1.50%
Minimum Investment	N5,000.00
Opening Price	1,138.22
Closing Price	1,135.99
Current Asset Allocation:	41.19% in Mudarabah Investment, 38.73% in Nig Sovereign and Sub-sovereign Sukuk, 19.44% in Shari'ah-compliant Fixed Term Investment and Cash 0.64%
Benchmark:	(70% of Year-to-date average yield of 3year sukuk bond + 30% of 90days T-bills)
Risk Profile: Fund Custodian: Fund Trustee: Auditors:	Medium Stanbic IBTC UTL Trust Management Service KPMG Towers

Fund Manager's Comment

The Halal Fund return for Q4 2024 stood at 15.32%, delivering 80% of the benchmark rate (17.89%). We saw on the short end, interest rate on Mudarabah increase slightly adjusting with the general money market rate amid CBN's hawkish stance. In the period under review, we positioned more in Mudarabah investment to boost return on the Fund as short-term maturities became attractive. On the macro front, the decision by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to remain hawkish was due to the high level of inflation and the depreciation of the local currency against the greenback. In the period under review, we positioned more in Mudarabah investment to boost return on the Fund as short-term maturities became attractive.

Strategy

We expect bond and money market rates to decrease in 2025 amid expected technical fall in inflation due to rebasing of CPI and GDP. Hence, we intend to key into Sukuk bond to lock-in rate. Also, we would play more on the long end of Mudaraba Investment and Shari'ah-compliant Fixed Term Investment amid expectation of a fall in interest rate.

Increasing your investment in the FSDH Halal Fund just got easier!

- From the comfort of your space, you can increase your investment in the FHF with as little as N5,000 through any of the following:
- No-interest Bearing Fund
- Automatic transfer sums from any Nigerian bank to the funds custodian by issuing a direct debit instruction. You simply fill and execute the form; we will process it on your behalf.
- Transfer the investment sum to the funds' custodian.
- Issue a cheque/ bank draft in favor of "FSDH Halal Fund."

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