

Money Market Fund

Fund Factsheet | December 31st 2016

FUND OBJECTIVE

The Bifm Unit Trusts Money Market Fund is a capital preservation fund that principally invests in low risk assets to manage short term cash needs. These comprise of cash and call deposits. More importantly, they also include fixed deposits, BoBC-linked deposits, Treasury Bills (T-Bills) and structures with a maturity of less than one year. Cash and call deposits are held for liquidity purposes and yield a relatively lower return. Short term structured deposits and instruments such as short term loans are yield enhancing products that are made for a fixed period and thus provide less liquidity when measured against cash and call deposits.

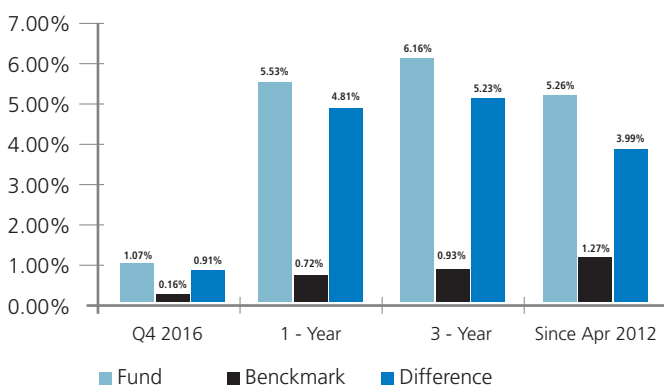
STRATEGY

The BIFM Money Market Fund invests in Call and Fixed deposits and Treasury Bills. We actively manage the portfolio, by seeking yield enhancing assets, without compromising the risk and maturity profile of the fund.

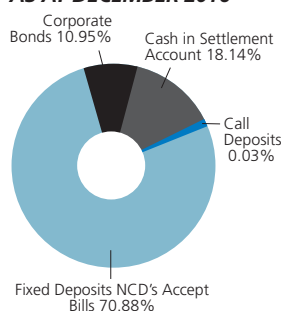
WHY CHOOSE THIS FUND?

This fund is suitable for investors who want high yields but need their fund to remain liquid.

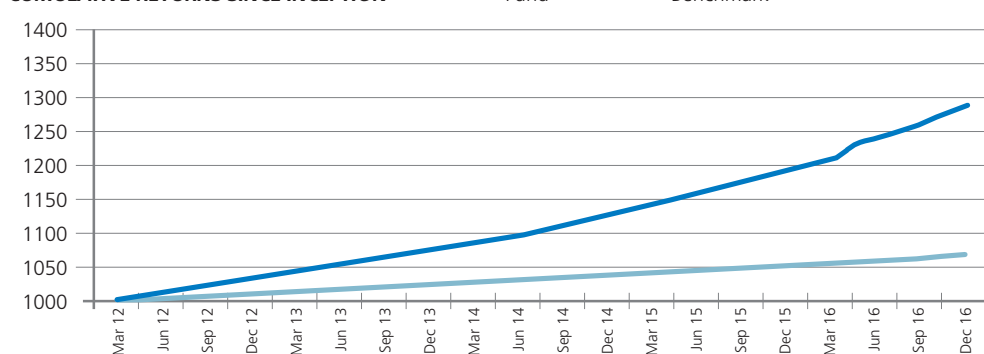
PERFORMANCE AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2016



ASSET ALLOCATION AS AT DECEMBER 2016



CUMULATIVE RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION



PERFORMANCE FOR Q4 2016

In the 4th quarter of 2016 (Q4 2016), the Bifm Unit Trusts Money Market fund returned 1.07%, an outperformance of 91 basis points (bps) against the benchmark of 0.16%. The BUPUMM Fund outperformed the benchmark over the 1 year, 3-year and Since Inception periods. The outperformance is mainly due to our lengthening of duration on the money market side when money market instruments were attractively priced.

QUICK FACTS

Risk Profile

Low	Low - Med	Med	Med-high	High
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Fund Information

Portfolio Manager: Boikanyo Mogami, CFA
 Launch Date: April 2012
 Minimum Investment: P 5000 lump sum
 P 1000 debit order
 Fund Size: BWP1,401,455,705.96

Fees

Initial Fund Fee: 0.00%
 Annual Management Fee: 1%
 Fees are shown excluding VAT

Income Distribution

Income Distribution Dates: Monthly

Contact Details

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QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

Rates on money market instruments have remained generally low in the 4th quarter of 2016. The Bank Rate was reduced in August 2016, by 50 basis points (bps). Since then, yields in the local market have fallen, with short term yields less affected than those at the medium to long end of the curve. The central bank loosened monetary policy in February 2015 and August 2015, cutting both the Bank Rate and the primary reserve requirement (PRR). The PRR was reduced from 10 % to 5 %, releasing close to P2.3 billion of liquidity in the domestic economy in April 2015. Inflation closed the year 2016 at 3.00% at the lower end of the target range of 3 to 6 %. It averaged 2.8 % in 2016, below the target range of 3 to 6 %. We expect supportive monetary policy on account of the fragility of the local economy and the unstable world economic outlook.

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

We expect interest rates to remain low in the near future. The August key rate cut was reflected in credit money market instruments yields. In the first quarter of 2015 short term deposits could fetch close to 10% on a one-year tenor, the same maturity is fetching about 3-4 % from major local banks in the 4th quarter of 2016. Domestic liquidity has been a bit unstable for some local banks in the last quarter; this instability has made some short term rates volatile as they moved in function of the needs in the market.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE RATIO (T.E.R) – 1.21%

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