



Money Market Fund
Fund Factsheet | June 30th 2017

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The fund aims to provide return and liquidity through allocation mainly to short-term investments. The fund is relatively low risk and caters for low risk investors

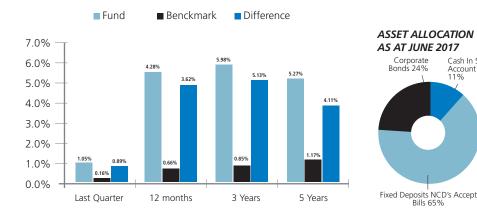
### **STRATEGY**

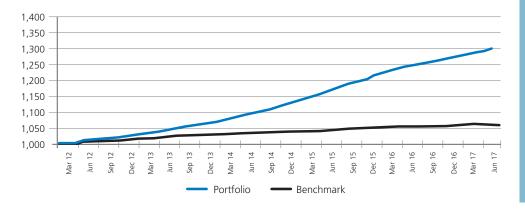
The Bifm Market fund invests in Call and Fixed deposits and Treasury Bills. We actively manage the portfolio, by seeking yield assets, without compromising the risk and maturity profile of the fund.

### WHY CHOOSE THIS FUND?

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

## **PERFORMANCE**





# **QUICK FACTS**

# Risk Profile Low Low - Med Med Med-high High

## **Fund Information**

Portfolio Manager: Bifm Investments Team
Launch Date: April 2012
Minimum Investment: P 1000 lump sum
P 200 debit order
Fund Size: BWP1,590,507,068.87

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## Fees

Cash In Settlement Account 11% Initial Fund Fee: 0 %
Annual Management Fee: 1 %
Fees are shown excluding VAT

## **Income Distribution**

Income Distribution Dates: Monthly

## **Contact Details**

## Trustees and Custodians

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# PERFORMANCE FOR Q2 2017

**CUMULATIVE RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION** 

In the 2nd quarter of 2017, the Bifm Pula Money Market fund returned 1.05%, an outperformance of 89 basis points against the benchmark return of 0.16%. The Bifm Pula Money Market outperformed the benchmark, over the 1 year, 3 year and 5 year periods. The outperformance is due to our positioning on the curve and seeking value adding trading opportunities along the yield curve.

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## **QUARTERLY COMMENTARY**

Rates on money market instruments have remained generally low in the 2nd quarter of 2017. However, towards the end of the quarter, rates on the shorter end of the quarter increased slightly due to liquidity pressures locally.

The Bank Rate was last reduced in August 2016, by 50 bps to 5.5%. Headline inflation remained unchanged during the quarter, having opened and closed the quarter at 3.5%. Inflation remains within the target range of 3% to 6% having broken into the target range in December 2016 after averaging 2.8% in 2016. Going forward, the Bank of Botswana projects a modest increase in inflation in the short term largely driven by higher electricity and water tariffs as well as higher international oil prices. Despite this, we expect accommodative 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 2016 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 1 year tenor, the same maturity is fetching about 3% - 4.5% from major local banks in the 2nd quarter of 2017. 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) – 1.24%** 

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