

Money Market Fund

Fund Factsheet | September 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

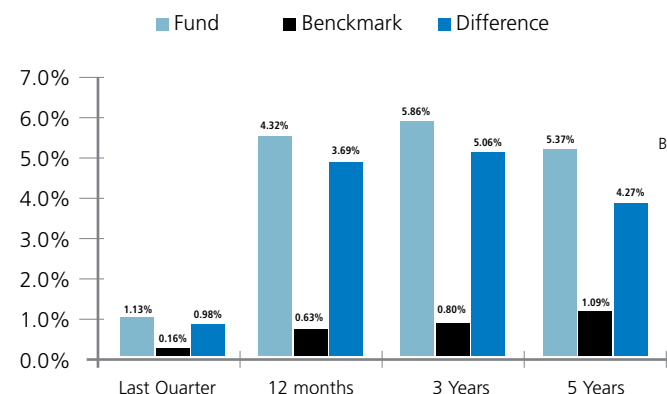
STRATEGY

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.

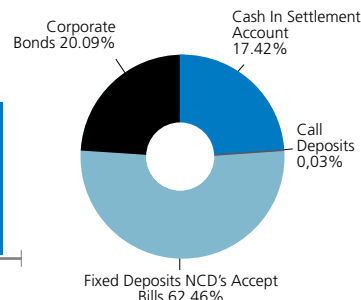
WHY CHOOSE THIS FUND?

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

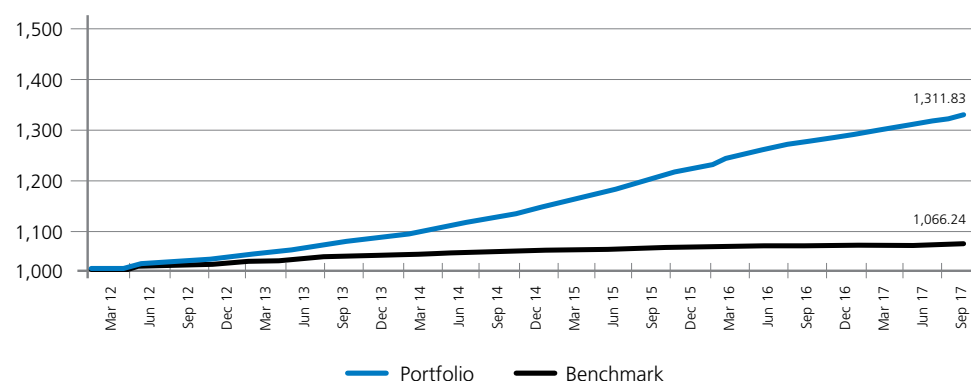
PERFORMANCE



ASSET ALLOCATION AS AT SEPTEMBER 2017



CUMULATIVE RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION



PERFORMANCE FOR Q3 2017

In the 3rd quarter of 2017 (Q3 2017), the Bifm Pula Money Market fund returned 1.13%, an outperformance of 98 basis points against the benchmark of 0.16%. The fund 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.

QUICK FACTS

Risk Profile

Low	Low - Med	Med	Med-high	High
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Fund Information

Portfolio Manager: Bifm Investments Team
 Launch Date: April 2012
 Minimum Investment: P 1000 lump sum
 P 200 debit order
 Fund Size: BWP1,616,178,012.58

Fees

Initial Fund Fee: 0 %
 Annual Management Fee: 1 %
 Fees are shown excluding VAT

Income Distribution

Income Distribution Dates: Monthly

Contact Details

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QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

Over the quarter, money market yields provided mixed signals with local banks quoting divergent yields for deposits over different curve points in line with their respective short-term liquidity needs. However, in aggregate, rates on the shorter end of the curve increased slightly.

Having opened the quarter at 3.5%, headline inflation closed the quarter at 3.2%. 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. The Bank Rate was last reduced in August 2016, by 50 bps to 5.5%. 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. 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% - 5% from major local banks in the 3rd 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) – 1.25%

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