

# **Pula Money Market Fund**

Fund Factsheet | 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025



# **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 the low risk investor.

## Strategy

The Bifm Pula Money 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** Benchmark Difference 7.5% 6.0% 3.0% 1 9% 2.0% 0.8% 0.8% 0.7% 0.6% 1.0% 0.0% **Last Quarter** 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years Since Inception

### **Performance Review**

Over the second quarter of 2025, the Fund returned 2.15%, outperforming the benchmark return of 0.20%. On a 12-month basis, the Fund returned 6.98%, an outperformance of 620 basis points over the benchmark which returned 0.78% for the same period.

### **Performance Commentary**

During the quarter, banking sector liquidity remained tight, forcing banks to continue pricing up deposit rates in a bid to attract funding. The rates between the 3-month and 12 months were the most competitive amongst banks. Beyond 12 months, banks priced lower to reduce funding costs, as well as an anticipation for a decline in rates in the upcoming months. As a cushion to the increasing fixed deposit rates, during the quarter, the Bank of Botswana increased its repurchase agreement tenure from a maximum of 7 days to a new maximum of noe month

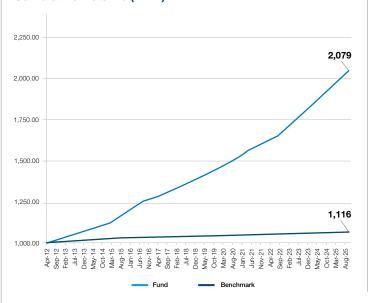
### Market Overview & Strategy

The quarterly release by Statistics Botswana showed a contraction of 0.3% in the real GDP over Q1 2025, compared to a decline of 5.2% in the corresponding quarter in 2024. The contraction in the domestic economy was mainly due to registered declines in the real value added by Diamond Traders, Water & Electricity, Mining & Quarrying, Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing industries and Transport & Storage. All other industries recorded growth of more than 0.1%.

The Non-mining GDP increased by 2.2% in the quarter. In particular, Public Administration & Defence became the major contributors to GDP at 17.4%, followed by Mining & Quarrying at 14.4%, Wholesale & Retail at 12.1% and Construction at 11.6%.

Headline inflation, which began the quarter at 2.8%, declined over the quarter to close at 2.00%, which is below the lower end of the 3-6% objective range set by the Bank of Botswana. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, as well as the decline in Miscellaneous Goods and Services, were the main contributors to inflation over the quarter, whilst the Transport sector had a negative contribution throughout the quarter.

# **Cumulative Returns (BWP)**



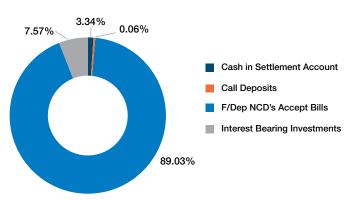
Inflation estimates by the Bank of Botswana show expectations of inflation to remain low into the medium term, averaging 2.5% in 2025, however, this remains largely uncertain owing to the US tariffs which will likely push up global prices.

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Post quarter end, the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Botswana introduced adjustments to the country's crawling peg exchange rate system. The changes included: (i) accelerating the downward crawl of the Pula relative to the currency basket from an annual rate of 1.51% to 2.76% and (ii) significantly widening the Bank of Botswana's foreign currency buy/sell spread from 1% to 15%.

Total Expenditure Ratio (T.E.R.): 1.34%

## **Asset Allocation**



# **Quick Facts**

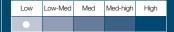
### **Fund Information**

Portfolio Manager: Bifm Investments Team
Launch Date: Apr 2012
Minimum Investment: P 1000 lump sum
P 200 debit order
Fund Size: BWP2,001,217,577.48

# **Fees**

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

### Risk Profile



### Income Distribution

Income Distribution Frequency:
Monthly

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