



Fund Overview

Vantage Balance Fund (formerly Nigerian International Growth Fund) is a fund focused on long term capital appreciation, which is achieved by maintaining a flexible diversified portfolio of equities, fixed income, money market and real estate investments. Assets are high quality equity instruments quoted on The NSE while the bond issuers have an investment grade rating from a credit rating agency registered by SEC.

The Fund was launched in 2002 with Investment One Funds Management Limited as Fund Manager, a wholly owned subsidiary of Investment One Financial Services Limited.

Fund Manager's Remark

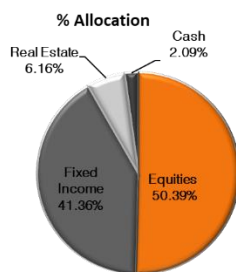
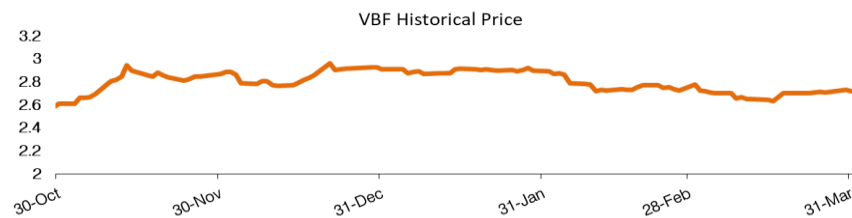
The Equities market NSE-ASI performance printed at -3.04% in Q1'2021 compare to 50.05% q/q in Q4 2020 as a result of improvement in fixed income yields. As such, investors' continue to rotate funds to the fixed income space to take advantage of the high yields.

As at the end of period under review, the fund's Asset under Management (AuM) declined by 5.74% to N1.97 billion from N2.09 billion as at end of Q2'2020

Fund Composition and Performance

Sectorial Allocation	
Sector	Exposure
Agriculture	1.91%
Banking	50.84%
FMCGs	6.47%
Industrial	24.99%
Telecoms	15.78%

Performance	
Period	Return
01 Mar 21 - 31 Mar 21 (MTD)	-2.02%
31 Dec 20 - 31 Mar 21 QTD	-6.61%
31 Dec 20 - 31 Mar 21 YTD	-6.61%
31 Mar 20 - 31 Mar 21 (FY)	32.66%



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Fund Features

Launch Date	2002
Net Assets	N1.97 billion
Domiciliary	Nigeria
Currency	NG Naira
Objective	Income Accumulation
Financial Year End	June
Minimum Initial Investment	N10, 000
Subsequent	Multiples of N1,000
Management Fee	2.0% of Net Asset Value (NAV)
Incentive Fee	15% of Excess Return above 10%
Risk Tolerance	Moderate
Permissible Asset Class	Fixed Income (0% - 60%) Equities (0% - 70%) Real Estate (0% - 40%)
Composite Benchmark	Equities (ASI) - 50% Fixed Income (WATBR) - 25% Real Estate (Inflation) - 25%
Fund Price (31-Mar-21)	Bid: 2.6916 Offer: 2.7518
Custodian	Citibank Nigeria Ltd
Trustee	FBNQuest Trustees Limited

Who Should Invest?

- Individuals in Nigeria (including Children) and the diaspora,
- Pension Fund Administrators,
- Insurance firms,
- Endowment Funds,
- Cooperatives, Trusts and Wealth Managers.

Macro-Economic Review

- During the quarter, sentiment in global economy was boosted by the signing of the US\$1.9trillion stimulus bill into law in the US and increase in China's factory and retail sector activity in the first two months of the year which beat expectations as the economy consolidated its brisk recovery from the coronavirus paralysis of early 2020.
- In the local economy, the National Bureau of Statistics released the Q4 2020 GDP numbers which showed that the nation's economy exited recession in the last quarter of 2020. Contrary to our expectation, the country recorded an expansion in output as GDP rose by 0.11% in Q4 2020 compared to a decline of 3.62%/y/y recorded in Q3 2020 and a growth of 2.55% in Q4 2019. We highlight that the growth in Q4 2020 was driven by stronger than expected recovery in Non-oil sector (94% of the GDP) which grew by 1.69% in Q4 2020 as Oil sector (6% of the GDP) shrank by 19.76.
- At the end of the last meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee in the quarter, the Committee maintained the benchmark interest rate at 11.50%. In the same vein, the Committee kept the asymmetric corridor at +100/-700 bps around the MPR, CRR at 27.50% and Liquidity ratio at 30.0%.
- Local equities (NSE-ASI) market opened the year on a positive note as NSE-ASI gained 5.30% in January 2021. Despite the decent FY 2020 results released by major companies on the exchange, sentiment remained weak in most trading sessions in the quarter. As yields in the FI space increased during the quarter, investors' sentiment became negative as the NSE-ASI shed 3.04%q/q in Q1 2021 compared to a gain of 50.05% q/q in Q4 2020.
- In the fixed income space, yields in the secondary market moved northwards after downtrend we saw in the most part of 2020 as investors reacted to the increase in stop rates at NTB and Bond auctions
- **Q2 2021 Outlook:** With the recent increase in yields in the fixed income market we expect return to improve. Also, earnings may slightly support investors interest in the equities market.

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