



Market Review and Outlook

On the Global Scene, U.S YOY inflation ticked up for the first time in a year, partly due to an increase in energy and housing prices. Consequently, YOY inflation printed at 3.20% (from 3.00% recorded in the previous month) – with core inflation rising by 4.7% YoY.

The drastic moderation in inflation numbers (currently at 3.20% vs a one year high of 9.10%) suggests the likelihood that the FEDs would hold rates at current level (5.25%-5.50%) at the next Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting in September. As economic data suggest that the economy has remained resilient, with jobless claims declining and PMI expanding during the month.

On the Domestic Scene, headline inflation printed at c.24.08%, rising by 129bps from July's print of 22.79%. The very much expected acceleration is reflective of the impact of the recent policy reforms by the new administration, which saw the removal of fuel subsidy and the devaluation of the country's currency. Food inflation surged to 26.98% (vs 25.25% in the previous month, while core inflation printed at 20.80%, recording a 10bps jump from the previous month.

According to the report from the National Bureau of Statistics, **the domestic economy grew by 2.51% YoY**, representing a slowdown from the 3.54% growth recorded in Q2'22. The growth recorded was on the back of improved economic activities during the quarter, as the economy phased out the cash crunch era. However, we reckon that the slowdown Y/Y was on the back of sustained relapse in the oil sector as Crude oil production volumes declined to 1.22mbpd (vs 1.43 mbpd and 1.51mbpd recorded in Q2:2022 and Q1:2023, respectively).

The Domestic Equity Market closed the month of August on a positive note, with a MTD return of 3.44% (v.5.53% in July'23) to close at 66,548.99 index points. This brought the YTD return to 29.85% (v. 25.53% in July'23). Pro-market policies such as subsidy removal and devaluation of the naira drove the positive market sentiment – with local investor participation dominating the market activities.

The Performance was largely driven on a sectoral basis as we saw positive sentiments in consumer goods (+24.51% MoM), Oil& gas (+0.91%MoM), Industrial (+0.57% MoM) and Insurance sector (+3.08% MoM).

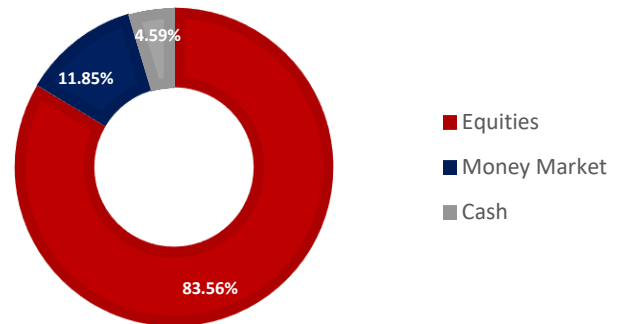
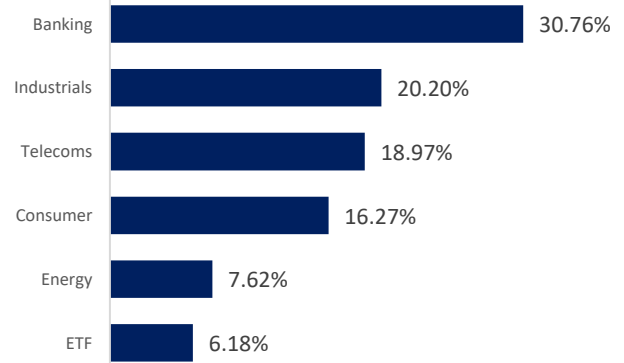
In the month of September, we expect elevated system liquidity stemming from T-Bill maturity as well as coupon on FGN Bonds. we expect that this will further drive fixed income yields lower and drive some interest in the equity market.

Fund Objective

The AXA Mansard Money Market Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of income in conjunction with capital preservation and liquidity, through a diversified and low risk portfolio of money market and short-term fixed interest securities.

Fund Asset Allocation & Weighted Average Maturity

Fund Sectorial Distribution



Fund Information	
Fund Manager	AXA Mansard Investments Limited
Custodian	RMB Nigeria Nominees Ltd
Trustees	Investment One Financial Services
Base Currency	₦ (Nigerian Naira)
Fund Size	NGN 402.20million
Unit Price	₦179.31
Minimum Investment	₦5,000
Fund Repricing	Daily
Management Fee	1.5%
Fund Rating	A+
Fund Performance	31.07% as @ 31st August, 2023

Historic Performance

