

NCBA Equity Fund is a KES-denominated collective investment scheme that aims to generate total returns by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities, providing long-term capital growth through dividends and capital gains.

The fund, classified as a medium-high risk investment, allocates at least 60% of the market value of its assets under management to locally listed equities, equities listed in other regulated exchanges, or unlisted equities at all times. Any funds not invested in equities shall only be invested in cash and cash equivalents.

FUND PHILOSOPHY

- Investment Focus:** Pursues capital gains through listed and unlisted equities, diversified locally and offshore within regulatory limits.
- Subscriptions and redemptions:** The fund offers daily subscriptions and top-ups, while maintaining moderate liquidity to ensure investors can redeem their units on a T+1 day basis.

KEY FACTS

Inception Date: **September 2006**
 Base Currency: **KES**
 Fund Size: **KES 108.81 million**
 Benchmark: **Weighted 60% of NSE 25 & 40% of Average 91-day T-bill**
 Fund Manager: **NCBA Investment Bank**
 Custodian: **ABSA Bank Kenya Limited**
 Trustees: **KCB Bank Kenya Limited**
 Auditor: **Deloitte**

FEES (calculated as a % of fund value)

Initial & Redemption Fee: **0%**
 YTD Total Expense Ratio: **1.21%**

DEALING INFORMATION

Minimum Investment: **KES 1,000**
 Minimum Top-Up: **KES 1,000**
 Pricing: **Daily Net Asset Value (NAV)**

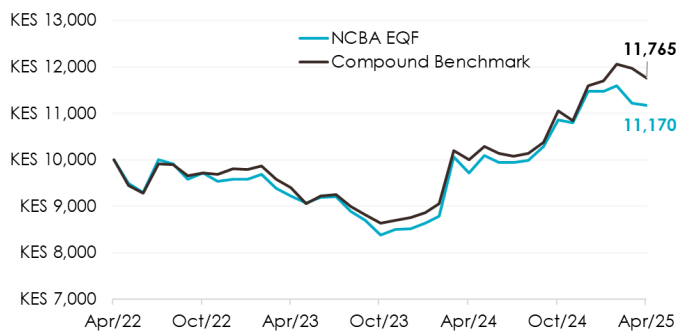
PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Sharpe Ratio (3 year period): **-0.04**
 Maximum Drawdown (1 year period): **-3.65%**
 Maximum Drawdown (3 year period): **-16.18%**

Fund Performance

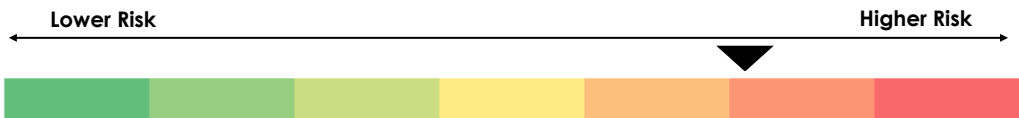
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1YR	2YR	3YR
Fund	-0.48%	-0.48%	-2.62%	14.95%	21.17%	11.70%
Benchmark	-1.75%	-1.75%	1.43%	17.61%	25.18%	17.65%

Cumulative Growth of KES 10,000



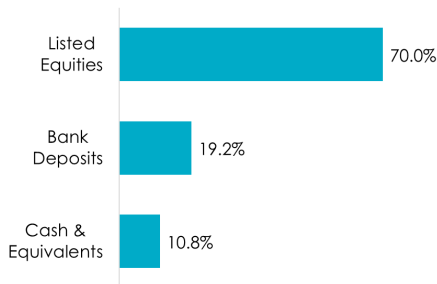
The chart illustrates a hypothetical investment of KES 10,000, assuming reinvestment of interest.

Risk Rating: Moderately Aggressive**



** - The risk indicator is based on the volatility of historical performance of the fund over the last five years. The risk category may change over time and returns are not guaranteed. The lowest category, referencing treasury bills, does not equate to a risk-free investment

Asset Allocation



Our Top Holdings (% of Fund Value)			
Counter	%	Counter	%
Equity Bank	18.2%	BAT	5.4%
Safaricom	16.0%	ABSA Bank	3.7%
Standard Chartered Bank	8.1%	NCBA Group	3.5%
EABL	6.8%	Jubilee Holdings	2.4%
COOP Bank	5.8%		

Glossary of Terms

Maximum Drawdown measures the largest percentage decline in value that an investment experiences from its highest point to its lowest point.

Sharpe Ratio measures the return of an investment per unit of risk. The higher the ratio the higher the risk-adjusted return.

Conservative - Appropriate for investors with a low-risk tolerance and a time horizon less than or equal to 3 years

Moderate - Appropriate for investors with medium risk tolerance and a time horizon not longer than 5 years

Aggressive - Appropriate for investors with a high-risk tolerance and a longer time horizon (at least 5 years)

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The returns are not guaranteed, and past performance is not a guarantee of future investment results.

There are risks involved in investing in securities, and in certain circumstances, the right to redeem units may be suspended with possible loss of principal.

The Capital Markets Authority does not take responsibility for the financial soundness of the scheme or for the correctness of any statements made or opinions expressed in this regard.

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Equities Market

Equity markets posted negative returns in April, with the Nairobi All Share Index (NASI) down 3.62%. The NSE 20 fell 4.10%, the NSE 25 declined 3.39%, and the NSE 10 shed 4.30%. Top decliners included Unga Group (-16.33%), Longhorn Publishers (-16.23%), and Britam (-15.29%). On the flip side, top gainers were Crown Paints (+18.50%), Absa Gold ETF (+13.60%) - benefiting from investors moving into gold as a safe haven amid global markets' uncertainty - and Liberty Holdings (+13.59%).

Trading activity was heavily concentrated in banking stocks - Standard Chartered, KCB, Equity, Co-operative and Stanbic - as they approached their book closure dates. BAT, EABL, and Safaricom also saw steady investor interest throughout the month. Meanwhile, foreign investors remained net sellers, reflecting a continued shift toward to safe haven assets such as U.S. treasuries and gold.

Inflation

Year-on-year inflation rose to 4.1% in April, up from 3.6% in March, with month-on-month inflation eased to 0.3%. A 0.3% increase in the transport index offset a similar 0.3% decline in food prices. The Housing, Water, Electricity and Other Fuels as well as the Alcoholic Beverages categories recorded marginal monthly changes of $\pm 0.1\%$. Core inflation rose to 2.5%, from 2.2% in March, remaining the primary driver (2.6%) of overall inflation. Non-core inflation stood at 8.4%, contributing 1.5%, largely due to a 2.1% increase in food prices.

Short Term Interest Rates — Treasury Bills

Treasury bill rates extended their downward trend in April, with the 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day papers declining from an average of 8.88%, 9.13% and 10.47% in March to 8.51%, 8.83% and 10.18%, respectively. The 182-day paper posted the sharpest drop of 44 basis points. Following April's MPC rate cut, investor aggression shifted to the 91-day paper. CBK maintained their stance to reject expensive bids, which saw the bid-to-cover ratio on the 91-day rising to 2.35, and a monthly average of 1.34.

Overall, CBK recorded a net positive borrowing position, primarily due to strong demand for the 364-day paper, allowing space for a measured drop in rates. The impact of the 75bps CBR cut is yet to fully filter through the market and rates, signalling expectations of further rate declines.

Yield Curve Movements

The yield curve shifted downward by an average of 7bps in April, with the short end seeing the most pronounced declines, supported by ample market liquidity and CBK's rate management. This reinforces expectations for continued softening in yields, particularly on short-term government securities.

In contrast, yields on long-dated papers have ticked upwards recently, steepening the curve. This is likely driven by the government's repeated reopening of long-dated bonds and investor positioning amid concerns over delays in external funding - notably the smaller-than-expected World Bank DPO and uncertainty around IMF disbursements.

To bridge funding gaps, the government tapped \$500M from the UAE private debt facility, priced at 8.25% and maturing in 2032, with scope for an additional \$500M this fiscal year. Kenya is also pursuing a new \$400M IMF program, with the potential to build up on the amount as they make repayments between 2025 and 2027.

Currency Market

The Kenyan Shilling marginally depreciated against the U.S. Dollar by 0.02%, while significantly weakening against the Euro and Pound by 5.49% and 3.50% to close the month at USD/KES 129.34, EUR/KES 147.16 and GBP/KES 173.21, respectively. Regionally, the Shilling appreciated by 0.35% against the Tanzanian Shilling, closing at KES/TZS 20.72, and depreciated 0.02% against the Ugandan Shilling, closing at KES/UGX 28.34.

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