

**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 108.21 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

Initial & Redemption Fee: **0%**  
 YTD Total Expense Ratio: **2.76%**

#### DEALING INFORMATION

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

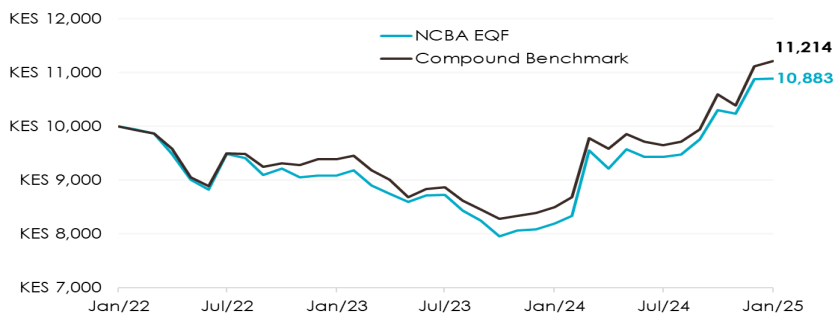
#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Sharpe Ratio (3 year period): **-0.02**  
 Maximum Drawdown (1 year period): **-3.47%**  
 Maximum Drawdown (3 year period): **-20.46%**

#### Fund Performance

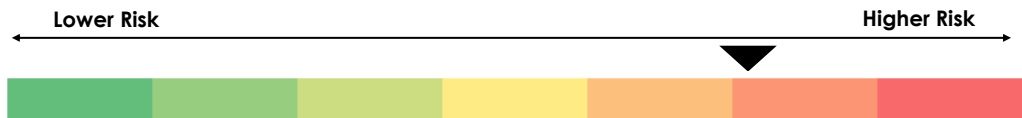
	MTD	QTD	YTD	1YR	2YR	3YR
<b>Fund</b>	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	32.90%	19.84%	8.83%
<b>Benchmark</b>	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%	32.07%	19.44%	12.14%

#### Cumulative Growth of KES 10,000



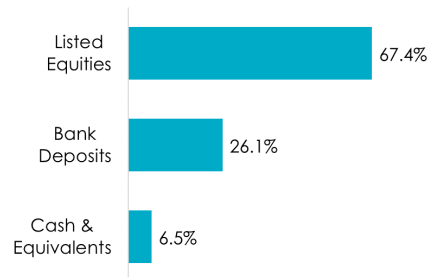
The chart illustrates a hypothetical investment of KES 10,000, assuming reinvestment of interest.

#### 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	17.10%	BAT	4.70%
Safaricom	15.00%	ABSA Bank	3.60%
Standard Chartered	7.50%	NCBA Group	3.10%
EABL	7.10%	Jubilee Holdings	2.40%
COOP Bank	6.70%		

#### Glossary of Terms

**Maximum Drawdown** measures the largest percentage decline in value that an investment experiences from its highest point to its lowest point. It indicates the worst historical loss an investment has experienced over a specified period.

**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

In January, NASI, NSE 20 and NSE 25 gained 3.89%, 7.56% and 0.98%, respectively. The top gainers were Trans-Century (+246.15%), E.A Cables (+128.70%) and Home Afrika (+86.49%), while the top decliners were Kenya Orchards (-18.93%), E.A Portland Cement (-11.76%) and I&M (-7.03%). The equity market remained robust in January, driven by a rally in banking and small-cap stocks that began in December 2024. We expect this momentum to persist until the release of full-year banking sector results. However, equities may face headwinds afterward as the attractiveness of fixed income securities increases, with the government's reliance on domestic financing expected to keep yields elevated.

### Inflation

Year-on-year inflation edged up to 3.3% in January from 3.0% in December, translating to a monthly inflation rate of 0.7%. This was primarily driven by a 1.6% rise in the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index. Despite an increase in diesel and petrol prices, the Transport index declined by 0.4% while the Housing, Water, Electricity and Other Fuels index saw minimal changes. Following the recent shift in core inflation reporting from the CBK to KNBS — January being the first month under this new framework — core inflation was reported at 2.0%, down from 2.2% in December 2024.

### Short Term Interest Rates — Treasury Bills

The 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day T-bill rates declined from averages of 10.32%, 10.39% and 11.83% in December, to 9.63%, 10.03% and 11.33% in January respectively. While the 91-day and 364-day yields eased gradually, the 182-day paper saw a slight mid-month uptick before resuming its downward trend. The bid-to-cover ratio — an indicator of the government's willingness to reject expensive bids — stood at 1.17 for the 91-day and 1.22 for the 364-day, while the 182-day remained at 1.00, signalling limited pricing flexibility.

With a slightly lower redemption profile than the previous month, the net borrowing position remained relatively stable, contributing to the slower decline in yields. Additionally, the reopening of February infrastructure bonds diverted investor funds, further slowing yield adjustments. Looking ahead, expectations of CBK frontloading borrowing from both domestic and foreign investors suggest that yields will likely remain rangebound in the near term.

### Yield Curve

On average, the yield curve shifted 21 bps lower month-on-month, with the most significant decline observed between the 4- and 6-year tenors. This aligns with medium-term debt management plans, which anticipate a shift in the financing mix from the current 54% domestic and 46% foreign, to 72% domestic and 28% external, signalling increased reliance on local borrowing to bridge budget deficits.

The MPC is set to meet on February 5th, against a backdrop of sluggish private sector credit growth, banks' reluctance to lower lending rates, and resurging inflationary pressures. They are expected to cut CBR by 50-100bps.

### Currency Market

In January, the Kenyan Shilling appreciated against the USD and Pound, while depreciating against the Euro by 0.05%, 0.95% and 0.15% respectively to close the month at USD/KES 129.23, GBP/KES 160.72 and EUR/USD 134.49. The Kenya Shilling appreciated against the Tanzanian shilling and Ugandan shilling by 4.33% and 0.38% to close the month at KES/TSHS 19.81 and KES/UGX 28.52.

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