

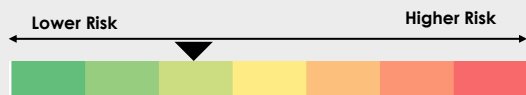
NCBA Global Fixed Income Special Fund is a predominantly USD denominated collective investment Scheme that invests in a diversified portfolio of global fixed income exchange-traded funds and mutual funds sourced from global markets to achieve medium-term sustainable returns. The objective is to provide investors access to a benchmark beating return earned from a diversified pool of fixed income securities.

FUND PHILOSOPHY

1. Investment Focus: The fund invests in benchmark-tracking fixed income funds, using strategic allocation and security selection to outperform its benchmark.

2. Subscriptions and redemptions: The fund offers monthly subscriptions and redemptions based on a NAV determination date, while maintaining a liquidity structure that supports both long-term growth and investor access.

RISK RATING: Moderately Conservative



FUND INFORMATION

Inception Date: **November 2024**

Base Currency: **USD**

Fund Size: **USD 14.34 million**

Benchmark: **Composite Benchmark**

Fund Manager: **NCBA Investment Bank**

Investment Advisor: **Riscura Solutions Limited**

Custodian: **Mauritius Commercial Bank**

Trustees: **KCB Bank Kenya Limited**

Auditor: **Deloitte**

FEES (calculated as a % of fund value)

Initial & Redemption Fee: **0%**

YTD Total Expense Ratio: **1.73%**

DEALING INFORMATION

Minimum Investment: **USD 1,000**

Minimum Top-Up: **USD 1,000**

Pricing: **Daily Net Asset Value (NAV)**

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

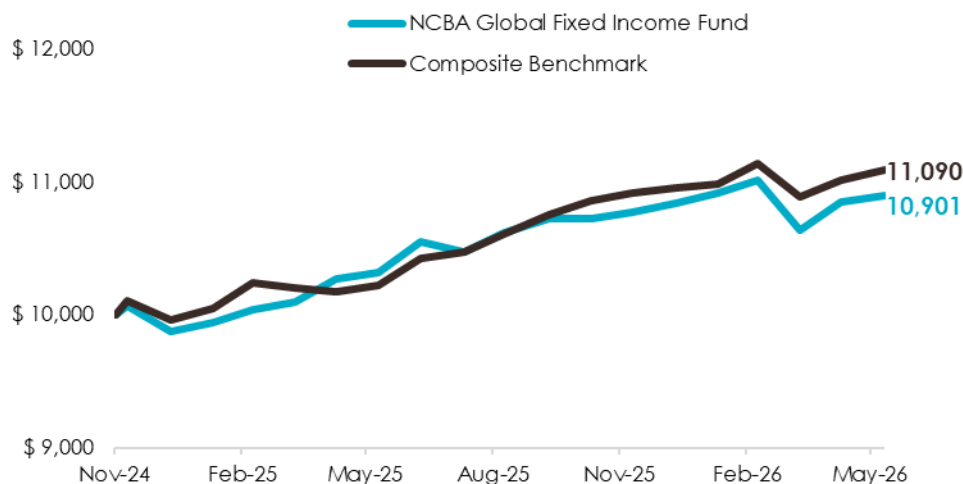
Sharpe Ratio (Since Inception): **-0.06**

Maximum Drawdown (Since Inception): **-3.93%**

FUND PERFORMANCE

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Since Inception (Annualized)
Fund	0.49%	-0.97%	1.16%	5.67%	9.01%
Benchmark	0.70%	-0.46%	1.57%	8.44%	10.90%

Cumulative Growth of US \$10,000



PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

The fund delivered a return of 0.49% in May, underperforming the benchmark return of 0.70% in a month where global fixed income markets posted broadly positive but uneven gains. Performance was driven by stable rate conditions supported by contributions from emerging market bonds, global high yield, and investment grade corporate bonds, reflecting sensitivity credit spread widening in select segments.

Africa Eurobonds were the key positive contributor, benefiting from pricing, while government bonds and cash provided stability.

Looking ahead, the market remains supported by attractive yield levels, but returns are likely to stay dispersed across regions and credit segments.

The portfolio remains focused on balancing income generation with diversification and maintaining flexibility in duration and credit positioning as rate expectations evolve.

Daniel C Ndung'u,
Portfolio Manager

Glossary of Terms

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

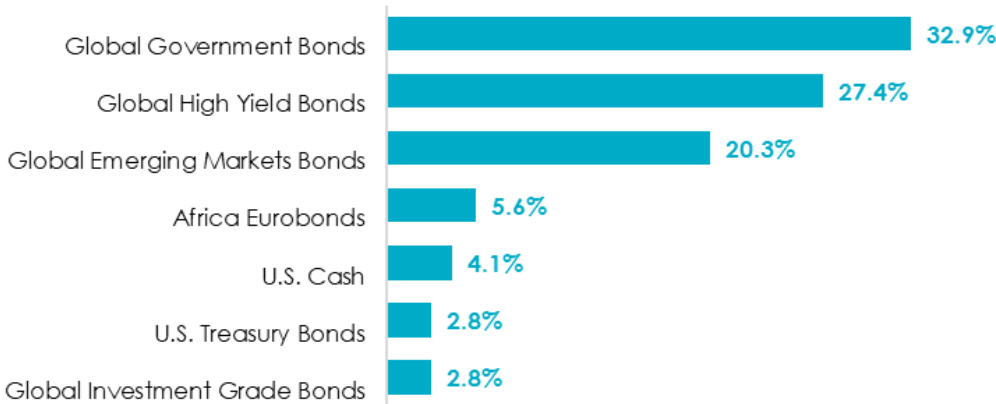
Sharpe Ratio measures the return of an investment per unit of risk. The higher the ratio the higher the risk-adjusted return.

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NCBA Global Fixed Income Fund Asset Allocation



Global Fixed Income	Weight	May Performance	Year-to-Date performance	Weighted Performance May	Weighted Performance Year-to-Date
Global Government Bonds	32.90%	0.23%	(0.08%)	0.08%	(0.03%)
Global High Yield Corporate Bonds	27.40%	0.51%	(1.62%)	0.14%	(0.44%)
Global Emerging Markets Bonds	20.30%	0.44%	(0.92%)	0.09%	(0.19%)
Africa Eurobonds	5.60%	1.45%	4.55%	0.08%	0.25%
U.S. Cash	4.10%	0.00%	0.29%	0.00%	0.01%
U.S. Treasury Bonds	2.80%	0.27%	(1.11%)	0.01%	(0.03%)
Global Investment Grade Bonds	2.80%	0.64%	(1.60%)	0.02%	(0.04%)
20+ Year Treasury Bonds	3.80%	0.16%	(1.61%)	0.01%	(0.06%)
Global Fixed Income benchmarks					
Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	65.00%	0.31%	0.38%	0.20%	0.24%
Bloomberg USD Aggregate Emerging Markets Index	20.00%	0.71%	1.46%	0.14%	0.29%
Standard Bank ex South Africa Sovereign Bond Index	15.00%	2.35%	4.31%	0.35%	0.65%
				0.70%	1.18%

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Major central banks maintained a cautious stance in May as policymakers continued to balance persistent inflationary pressures against signs of moderating economic growth. While markets entered the year anticipating further policy easing, the combination of elevated energy prices, geopolitical uncertainty and resilient inflation has prompted most central banks to remain patient.

- **Global fixed income markets** delivered modest positive returns in May, although performance remained uneven across regions. The Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index returned 0.31% during the month, reflecting the relatively subdued performance as government bond markets continued to navigate the competing forces of persistent inflation, elevated fiscal deficits and shifting expectations around monetary policy.
- **Bond yields** remained elevated as investors reassessed the likelihood of near-term rate hikes and absorbed concerns around persistent inflation. Longer-dated Treasury yields continued to trade near multi-year highs, particularly in the United States and Japan, reflecting expectations that policy rates may remain higher for longer.
- **Emerging market debt** outperformed developed market bonds, with the Bloomberg USD Aggregate Emerging Markets Index gaining 0.71%. The assets benefited from attractive real yields, a relatively stable U.S. dollar and improving investor appetite for higher-yielding assets. Stronger risk sentiment, supported by resilient global growth and robust corporate earnings, encouraged investors to selectively increase exposure to emerging market fixed income.
- Within **Africa**, sovereign bonds delivered particularly strong returns, with the Standard Bank ex-South Africa Sovereign Bond Index advancing 2.35% over the month. The performance reflected continued investor demand for high-yielding frontier and emerging market debt, as well as improving sentiment toward several African sovereign issuers following progress on fiscal reforms and debt restructuring initiatives in parts of the region.
- **Credit markets** benefited from the broader risk-on environment that supported global equities. Corporate fundamentals remained generally resilient, while strong earnings and improving investor sentiment encouraged further spread tightening. Default expectations remained contained despite ongoing geopolitical and inflation-related risks and market participants continued to favor spread products over duration.

Markets continued to adopt a relatively hawkish tone with potential rate hikes in the June meetings particularly as inflation remains above target levels.

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