

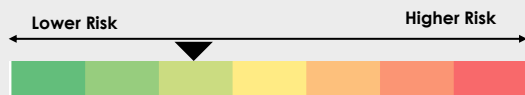
NCBA Global Fixed Income Special Fund is a predominantly USD denominated collective investment Scheme that invests in a diversified portfolio of global fixed income exchange-traded funds and mutual funds sourced from global markets to achieve medium-term sustainable returns. The objective is to provide 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 12.93 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: **1.97%**

DEALING INFORMATION

Minimum Investment: **USD 1,000**

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

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

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

NAV per Unit: **102.97**

Duration: **5.82**

RISK METRICS

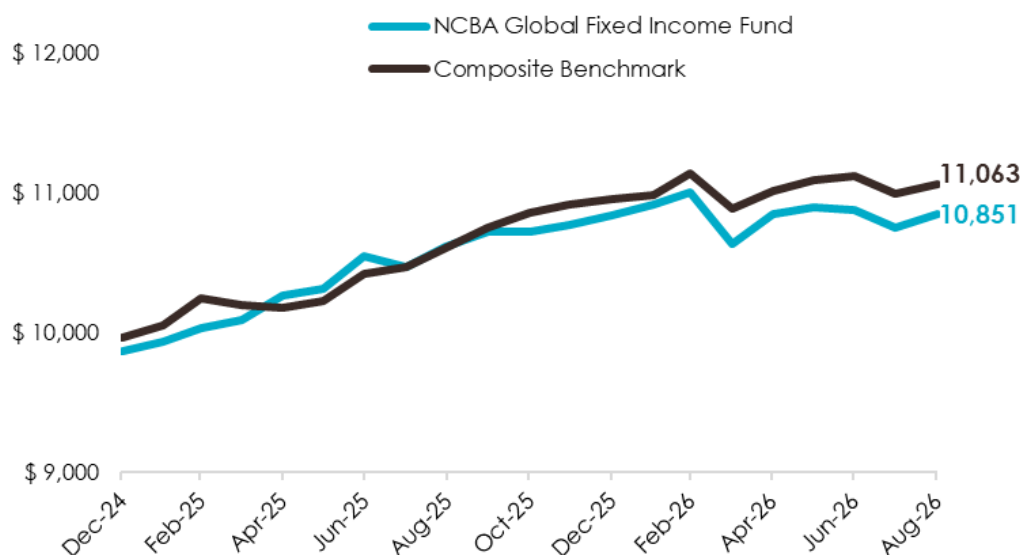
Sharpe Ratio (Since Inception): **-0.06**

Maximum Drawdown (Since Inception): **-5.38%**

FUND PERFORMANCE

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Since Inception (Annualized)
Fund	0.95%	(0.46%)	(1.43%)	2.23%	8.51%
Benchmark	0.62%	(0.24%)	(0.70%)	4.27%	10.63%

Cumulative Growth of US \$10,000



PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENTARY

The Fund rebounded strongly in August, delivering a return of 0.95% outperforming the benchmark return of 0.62%. The recovery was supported by strong gains across the Fund's Global High Yield, Africa Eurobond and Global Investment Grade exposures, benefiting from the broader recovery in global credit markets and continued demand for higher-yielding assets. These gains were partially offset by weakness in the Fund's U.S. Treasury holdings.

Overall, the Fund's positioning in credit and Emerging market sovereign debt supported the rebound, allowing it to recover a significant portion of the previous month's losses.

Looking ahead, elevated bond yields continue to provide attractive income opportunities, although returns are likely to remain uneven across regions and credit segments as markets adjust to evolving monetary policy expectations.

The portfolio remains focused on balancing income generation with diversification and maintaining flexibility in duration and credit positioning as the interest rate outlook evolves.

Daniel C Ndung'u,
Portfolio Manager

Glossary of Terms

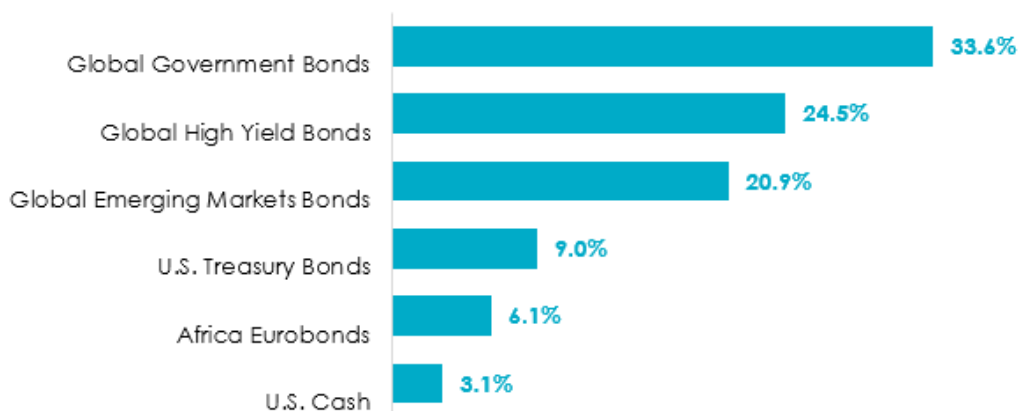
Maximum Drawdown measures the largest percentage decline in value that an investment experiences from its highest point to its lowest point.

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

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)

NCBA Global Fixed Income Fund Asset Allocation


Global Fixed Income	Weight	August Performance	Year-to-Date performance	Weighted Performance August	Weighted Performance Year-to-Date
Global Government Bonds	33.64%	0.42%	(1.03%)	0.14%	(0.35%)
Global High Yield Corporate Bonds	24.47%	1.43%	(2.63%)	0.35%	(0.64%)
Global Emerging Markets Bonds	20.90%	0.66%	(2.27%)	0.14%	(0.48%)
Africa Eurobonds	6.15%	2.82%	8.65%	0.17%	0.53%
U.S. Cash	3.15%	(0.02%)	0.31%	(0.00%)	0.01%
U.S. Treasury Bonds	2.91%	(0.98%)	(3.43%)	(0.03%)	(0.10%)
Global Investment Grade Bonds	2.93%	0.92%	(2.51%)	0.03%	(0.07%)
20+ Year Treasury Bonds	6.10%	0.33%	(5.32%)	0.02%	(0.32%)
Global Fixed Income benchmarks					
Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	65.00%	0.39%	(0.31%)	0.25%	(0.20%)
Bloomberg USD Aggregate Emerging Markets Index	20.00%	0.74%	1.45%	0.15%	0.29%
Standard Bank ex South Africa Sovereign Bond Index	15.00%	1.46%	5.84%	0.22%	0.88%
				0.62%	0.97%

Historical Performance

Year/Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Period
2025	0.71%	0.98%	0.57%	1.69%	0.49%	2.23%	(0.68%)	1.33%	0.99%	0.04%	0.49%	0.62%	9.85%
2026	0.71%	0.81%	(3.34%)	1.95%	0.49%	(0.17%)	(1.23%)	0.95%					0.07%

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Central banks continue to maintain a cautious policy stance as policymakers balance persistent inflationary pressures against signs of moderating economic growth.

Inflation concerns remained elevated during August, while renewed geopolitical tensions and rising oil prices towards month-end added pressure to inflation expectations and reinforced expectations that interest rates could remain higher for longer. This contributed to increased volatility across global bond markets, particularly at the longer end of the curve.

- **Bond yields** remained elevated as investors reassessed the outlook for monetary amid persistent inflation and rising fiscal pressures. Longer-dated government bond yields came under renewed pressure during the month, particularly towards month-end, as rising oil prices and geopolitical tensions reinforced expectations that central banks may have limited scope to ease policy.
- **Global fixed income markets** rebounded in August, although performance remains uneven across regions. The Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index returned 0.39% 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 expectations around monetary policy.
- **Emerging market debt** continued to outperform developed market bonds with the Bloomberg USD Aggregate Emerging Markets Index gaining 0.74% supported by attractive real yields, a relatively stable U.S. dollar, and investor demand for higher-yielding assets.
- Within **Africa**, sovereign bonds were among the stronger-performing segments, with the Standard Bank ex-South Africa Sovereign Bond Index advancing 1.46%. The asset class continued to benefit from improving fiscal fundamentals across several frontier markets and sustained investor interest in high-yielding sovereign debt.
- **Credit markets** also recovered in August, with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index gaining 0.55%, while the Bloomberg Global High Yield Corporate Total Return Index advanced a stronger 1.09%. Credit performance was supported by continued investor demand for higher-yielding assets and resilient corporate fundamentals. However, the rapid increase in bond issuance by major technology companies to finance AI infrastructure added to corporate bond supply and increased competition for investor capital, contributing to pressure on yields and credit spreads during the month.

With yields remaining above long-term averages, fixed income continues to offer attractive opportunities. However, capital appreciation is likely to remain constrained until there is greater conviction that inflation is sustainably moving towards central bank targets.

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