

VUNANI

FUND MANAGERS

VUNANI BOTSWANA MONEY MARKET FUND FACT SHEET

FUND INFORMATION UPDATE AT 31 MARCH 2021

WHAT IS THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE?

The fund was created in response to demand for cash management with a conservative bias. The objective of the fund is to provide investors with the highest level of current income that is consistent with capital preservation.

WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

The fund invests in major banking groups or other similar rated institutions. It may also invest in certain government issues, as well as issues from top rated corporations.

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER INVESTING IN THIS

Retail: The fund provides active cash management while minimising risk. It suits individuals who have cash available to invest for the medium term, even though money may be required at relatively short notice.

Institutional: This fund is suitable for clients holding large cash balanced but whose funds need to remain liquid for operational reasons. Clients benefit from wholesale cash management yields at competitive fees.

POSSIBLE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FUND

The possible risks associated with this portfolio include general market and economic risks, interest rate risk and bond yield fluctuations.

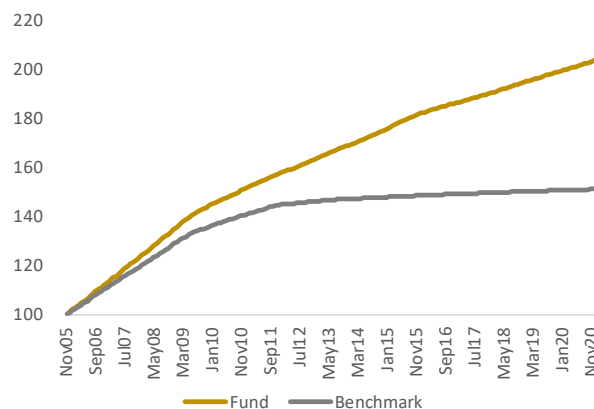
The fund invests in instruments across numerous institutions in various industries, this diversification reduces these risks.

PERFORMANCE

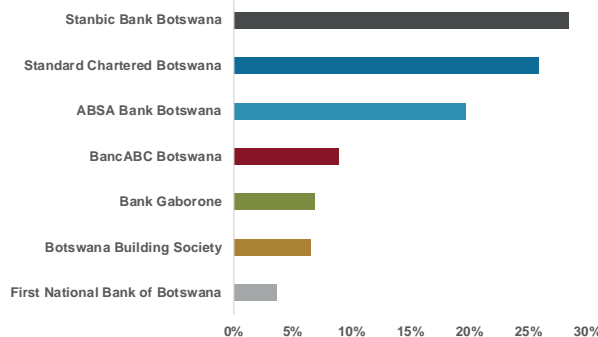
Returns (%)	3 months	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs
Class A				
Return	0.88	3.36	3.33	3.18
Benchmark	0.13	0.46	0.48	0.51

Returns shown are cumulative for all periods shorter than or equal to 1 year, and annualised for all periods greater than 1 year.

CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE



TOP 10 ISSUER EXPOSURE



GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Fund managers Tshephang Loeto & Chandapiwa Moampe
Fund size (P) 2.7 billion
Fund class A
Inception date 19 Oct 2004

Classification Botswana Money Market
Benchmark Botswana Average Call Rate

ISIN number ZAE000123626
Alpha code SBMMA

Minimum investment requirements

Lump sum P15,000
Monthly N/A

RISK PROFILE

Conservative	Moderately conservative	Moderate	Moderately aggressive	Aggressive
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FEES

MAXIMUM CHARGES (INCL. VAT)

Initial fee (manager)	0.000%
Initial fee (adviser)	0.684%
Annual fee (manager)	1.140%
Annual fee (adviser)	0.285%
Performance fee	0.000%

ANNUAL COST RATIOS (INCL. VAT)

Base period	01/04/2018
TER	1.21%
TC	0.00%
TIC	1.21%
1 year TER	1.28%

Total expense ratio (TER): shows the charges, levies and fees relating to the management of the portfolio (expressed as a % of the average net asset value of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER should not be regarded as an indication of future TERs.

Transaction costs (TC): shows the % of the value of the fund incurred as costs relating to buying and selling of the fund's underlying assets. TC are a necessary cost in administering the fund and impacts fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, investment decision of the investment manager and the TER.

Total investment charges (TIC): the sum of TER and TC, shows the % of the value of the fund incurred as costs relating to investment of the fund. It should be noted that performance figures account for all costs included in the TIC ratio, so you should not deduct the TIC from performance figures, the performance is already net of the TIC.

INCOME DISTRIBUTION

Net income is calculated daily and distributed monthly.

Declaration: Monthly

DISCLOSURE

Collective Investment Undertaking (CIUS) are generally medium to long term investments. The value of the units may go up or down, and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Unit trusts (UTs) are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending.

The Vunani Botswana Money Market Fund is a portfolio of the Vunani Fund Managers Unit Trust Scheme (the Scheme), which is licensed in terms of the Collective Investment Undertakings Act, 1999 (as amended). The manager of the Scheme is Vunani Fund Managers (Pty) Ltd (the Manager). The Manager is licensed by the Non-bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (NBFIRA), Certificate No. CIU/06, to carry out the business of a Unit Trust Management Company in the Republic of Botswana. The investments of this portfolio are managed by the Manager.

The Manager is licensed by NBFIRA, Certificate No. NBFIRA 10/3/13/II, to carry out the business of an asset manager in the Republic of Botswana. Prices are calculated and published on each working day and are available on the Manager's website (www.vunanifm.co.bw). This portfolio is valued at 15h00. Forward pricing is used. Investments and repurchases will receive the price of the same day if received prior to 12h30.

This is a portfolio that derives its income primarily from interest-bearing instruments. The yield (if shown) is a current effective yield and is calculated daily.

All performance returns quoted are shown in BWP and are based on data sourced from Morningstar/StatPro. Annualised return figures are the compound annualised growth rate (CAGR) calculated from the cumulative return for the period being measured. These annualised returns provide an indication of the annual return achieved over the period had an investment been held for the entire period. Actual annual figures are available on request from the Manager. Portfolio performance figures are calculated for the relevant class of the portfolio, for a lump sum investment, on a NAV-NAV basis, with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date. Individual investor performance may differ due to initial fees, actual investment date, income and dividend reinvestment dates, withholding tax. Portfolio performance accounts for all costs that contribute to the calculation of the cost ratios quoted, all returns quoted are after these costs have been accounted for.

Additional information including but not limited to, prospectus, brochures, application forms, quarterly reports, can be obtained (at no cost) from the Manager and/or from the Manager's website (www.vunanifm.co.bw).

FUND REVIEW

The Fund closed the quarter at BWP 2.7 billion, up 23% from the end of Q4 2020. Average duration lengthened during the quarter to just above 120 days as more value was found present on that area of the curve. Spreads continue to widen and credit risk has been on the rise as markets react to the economic conditions presented by the COVID pandemic – we maintain a conservative approach to credit and defensively position the fund against any liquidity squeezes granting us the ability to be agile and take advantage of yield accretive opportunities.

MARKET OVERVIEW

For the calendar year 2020, the average growth in the Botswana economy (measured on 12 months rolling basis) came out at -7.9% against a -7.7% forecast from the Ministry of Finance and Developmental planning. The outcome was lower than the 12 months rolling figures recorded in the previous two quarters due to more negative performing quarters being included in the period under review. The shrinkage in the economy by 7.9% does not compare favourably with 2019 calendar year growth which had advanced by 3.0%. Botswana remains a diamond export-led economy, which implies that a lot of its growth dynamics will be explained by external factors. A good performance in the diamond exports will ultimately mean that the foreign reserves will start to stabilize and likely position themselves for growth. It is on the back of the current level of reserves that the S&P Research affirmed Botswana's 'BBB+/A-2' ratings and maintained the negative outlook while Moody's downgraded the issuer ratings from A2 to A3 and changed the outlook from negative to stable.

Botswana's annual price growth accelerated sharply to 3.2% year-on-year in March 2021 as widely expected. Money markets closed the quarter above P2.1bn long liquidity. Domestic bonds had a second conservative quarter of negative performance, with the Fleming Aggregate Bond Index (FABI) delivering -0.3%. We have seen a gradual uptick in fixed interest assets since the end of Q3-2020 and due to the inverse relationship between interest rates and bond prices the result was the negative returns that we saw in Q4-2020 and Q1-2021.

OUTLOOK

Our objective is to keep identifying the appropriate entry points for tenor deposits, with adequate compensation for the risks.

Expected increases in administered prices such as Water and Electricity will provide upside risks to inflation. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is expecting crude oil prices to increase by about 20-30% this year, and this will put further upside pressure on inflation, which is ultimately expected to breach the upper target range of 6% as set by the Bank of Botswana in the near-term, posing a significant risk of capital losses in bonds. The central bank kept the bank rate unchanged at 3.75%. While we believe there is still room to reduce rates further, with the significant uptick in inflation outlook, it will be interesting to see whether the central bank will look to increase the bank rate towards the end of the year. However, judging from the tone of the Monetary Policy Committee, rates will likely remain on hold as the committee believes that the spike in inflation will prove to be transitory.

The global and local economic recovery outlook remains fragile and is largely dependent on the implementation of respective vaccination programs and containment of further waves of COVID-19. Absent a setback in diamond exports, it will then follow that Botswana's economic and fiscal performance will gradually pick up over the next few years.

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