

## Market Overview

Yield in the fixed income market trended upwards in the last quarter of 2018, staying at levels above 15% in the last month of the year. Average Treasury Bills yield advanced by 1.79% to close the year at 15.26%, from 13.37% at the beginning of the quarter. Additionally, the CBN, to a great extent, made use of contractionary monetary policy (OMO auction) to mop up excess liquidity from the system in December. Inflation rate advanced from 11.26% in October to 11.28% in November as the economy faces political uncertainties due to the upcoming elections.

Summarily, investors shifted interest from the short end of the yield curve to the long end.

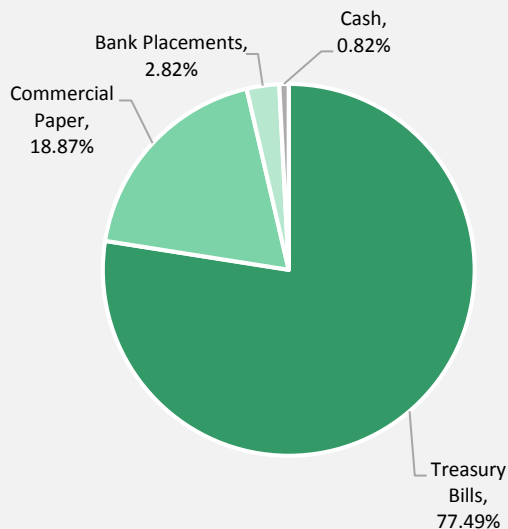
## Fund Outlook

The implementation of the supplemental trust deed of the fund allowed flexibility in the Fund's asset allocation.

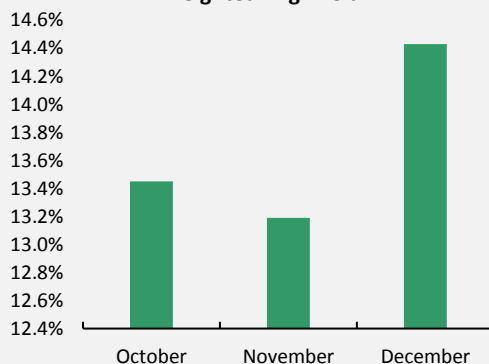
The portfolio achieved an effective WAY of above 12.50% by the end of 2018.

Although the political environment poses some level of uncertainties as regards major policy changes, the yield environment is expected to remain relatively attractive in H1 2019, providing opportunities for investment of the Fund's assets to generate positive risk adjusted return.

### Fund Asset Allocation



### Weighted Avg. Yield



**Gross Weighted Average Yield**

**14.43%**

**Weighted Average Life (WAL)**

**86.18days**

**Net Asset Value**

**N632mn**

**Fund Credit Rating**

**A+ (f)**

**Expense Ratio**

**1.90%**

**Fund Fee**

**1.05%**

**Bid /Offer Prices**

**NGN10.00**

**MPR**

**14.0%**

The Fund distributes to unitholders quarterly, through cash payments or re-investment in additional units.

\***WAY**: represents gross of fees yield

\***WAL**: upper statutory limit of 90 days

\***NAV**: represents point estimate at period end

\***Fund fee** represents Fund Manger's fee only

## Subscription

**Bank Name:** Standard Chartered Bank Plc

**Account Name:** VETIVA TRUSTEES/MERISTEM MMF

**Account Number:** 0002190585

**Sort code:** 068150057

## Profile of the Fund Manager

The company's business is all about wealth management for both high net worth individuals and corporate organizations. Meristem Wealth Management has evolved over the years as a household name in investment portfolio management in Nigeria. The Company has a variety of portfolios developed for retail and semi retail clients.

It is based on this strength that the company has decided to take a giant stride to improve its market share by setting up two investment funds namely, the Meristem Money Market Fund and Meristem Equity Market Fund.

## Fund Managers

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