

# JUBILEE MONEY MARKET FUND (KES) FACT SHEET

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#### FUND OVERVIEW

#### **Investment Objective**

The Jubilee Money Market Fund (KES) aims to generate reasonable returns by maximising investor income whilst providing immediate liquidity and preserving capital.

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund invests in quality, short-term, highly liquid money market instruments to achieve an overall duration of 18 months or shorter. These instruments include **Treasury Bills**, **Treasury Bonds**, **credit rated and secure private commercial paper/approved public commercial papers**, **high-quality corporate bonds and high-quality fixed and call deposits** in the Kenyan and offshore markets, which offer maximum security to investors.

### Why JMMF (KES)?

**FUND DETAILS** 

- 1. Liquidity: The Fund is highly liquid and allows investors to retrieve funds with ease to get cash or to make other investments.
- Competitive Returns: The Fund delivers higher returns than bank deposits. We are focused on
  assisting our clients to achieve their financial investments goals while managing risks.
- Stability and safety: The Funds are required by capital market regulations to invest in short maturity, low risk investments, making them less volatile.
- Tax-exempt Fund: The Fund is registered as a tax-exempt Fund on income and capital gains. Distributions to investors are subject to 15% withholding tax.

Inception Date	1st October 2022
Fund Size	KES 7,063,429,799
Number of Units	70,634,298
Price (Net Asset Value Per Unit)	KES 100
Income Distribution	Monthly
Performance Benchmark	Average Bank Deposit Rate
Investment Minimum	KES 5,000 (Initial)
Minimum Top-up	KES 1,000

#### FUND COSTS

0.00%
2.00% p.a. exclusive of VAT
0.00%
0.29% p.a.
16.00%
2.65% p.a. Inc. of VAT
0.00%
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\*This includes the trustee fees, custodian fees, audit fees, legal fees, AGM fees and excise duty tax

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER



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#### GROWTH OF HYPOTHETICAL KES. 100,000 SINCE INCEPTION



#### **PERFORMANCE (%) - CUMULATIVE**

	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Year to Date	2.1%	1.5%	0.6%
1-Month	1.0%	0.7%	0.3%
3-Month	3.2%	2.3%	0.9%
6-Month	7.1%	5.1%	2.0%
1-Year	14.8%	10.6%	4.2%
Since Inception	30.3%	22.3%	8.0%

#### **DURATION EXPOSURE**



#### COMPOSITION BY SECURITY TYPE



#### FUND CHARACTERISTICS

7-Day yield	12.2%
Weighted Average Maturity (Years)	2.6
Standard Deviation [Since Inception]	0.23%

#### **ISSUER EXPOSURE**

ISSUER	% OF NET ASSETS
Government Securities	66.5%
Term Deposits	10.5%
Commercial Papers	12.0%
Cash & Call Deposits	10.1%
Others (CIS)	0.9%
TOTAL	100.0%



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#### **RETURN STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH**

FUND	BENCHMARK
0.79%	0.43%
1.30	N/A
30.34%	N/A
100.0%	N/A
	0.79% 1.30 30.34%

#### **RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH**

RISK STATISTICS	FUND	BENCHMARK
Highest Annual Return	16.1%	11.5%
Lowest Annual Return	7.3%	7.0%

#### **INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS**

DECLARATION DATE	PAYMENT DATE	AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED PER UNIT (KES)	YIELD
28 Feb 2025	04 Mar 2025	0.88	12.2%
31 Jan 2025	04 Feb 2025	1.04	12.9%
31 Dec 2024	02 Jan 2025	1.09	13.6%
30 Nov 2024	03 Dec 2024	1.13	14.7%
31 Oct 2024	04 Nov 2024	1.22	15.4%
30 Sept 2024	02 Oct 2024	1.22	15.9%
31 Aug 2024	02 Sept 2024	1.27	16.1%
31 Jul 2024	06 Aug 2024	1.25	15.8%
30 Jun 2024	06 Jul 2024	1.22	15.5%
31 May 2024	06 Jun 2024	1.23	15.3%
30 Apr 2024	06 May 2024	1.20	15.3%
31 Mar 2024	05 Apr 2024	1.21	15.1%
29 Febr 2024	06 Mar 2024	1.10	14.6%
31 Jan 2024	05 Feb 2024	1.14	13.7%
31 Dec 2023	05 Jan 2024	1.11	13.6%
30 Nov 2023	05 Dec 2023	1.05	13.3%
31 Oct 2023	10 Nov 2023	1.07	13.1%
30 Sept 2023	10 Oct 2023	0.99	12.5%
31 Aug 2023	10 Sept 2023	0.97	11.9%
31 Jul 2023	10 Aug 2023	0.92	11.3%
30 Jun 2023	10 Jul 2023	0.88	10.8%
31 May 2023	10 Jun 2023	0.83	10.8%
30 Apr 2023	10 May 2023	0.79	10.4%
30 Mar 2023	09 Apr 2023	1.00	10.1%



#### MARKET COMMENTARY

#### Fixed Income Commentary

In the primary Bond market, the Government of Kenya re-opened two tax-free Infrastructure Bonds (IFBs) which sought to raise a combined KES 70.0 billion: IFB1/2022/14 and IFB1/2023/17, with coupon rates of 13.94% p.a. and 14.40% p.a. respectively. Investors placed bids totalling KES 193.9 billion, resulting in a 277.0% subscription rate, with the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) accepting bids of KES 130.8 billion. Post the auction, yields on the 14-year and 17-year IFBs settled at weighted average yields to maturity (YTMs) of 13.98% p.a. and 14.28% p.a. respectively.

To mitigate near-term maturity risk, the Government of Kenya floated a buyback offer on three Treasury Bonds (T-Bonds) maturing in April and May 2025: FXD1/2022/03, FXD1/2020/05 and IFB1/2016/09. The Government sought to partially redeem KES 50.0 billion of the T-Bonds' total maturity value of KES 185.1 billion. The government accepted bids to the tune of KES 50.1 Bn, with the earlier issued Infrastructure Bonds financing the buyback. Post the auction, yields on FXD1/2022/03, FXD1/2020/05 and IFB1/2016/09 settled at weighted average yields to maturity of 9.07% p.a., 8.95% p.a. and 9.09% p.a. respectively.

Treasury Bill (T-Bill) yields continued their steady downtick during the month. The 91-Day Treasury Bill averaged 8.99% p.a. in February 2025 compared to 9.61% p.a. in January 2025. Relatedly, the 91-Day T-Bill traded at 8.94% p.a. at the end of the month – its lowest level in 2025 and below the 9.00% mark for the first time since September 2022. In line with this decline, investor demand skewed towards the 364-Day Treasury Bill, with an average subscription rate of 198.7% in February 2025.

In the Kenyan market, the average KES interest rates for the 1-month Bank Term Deposit in February 2025 dropped to 8.79% p.a. at the end of the month from 9.51% p.a. at the beginning of the month, 3-month Deposit rates dipped to 8.82% p.a. from 9.79% p.a., while rates on the 6-month Bank Term Deposit declined to 9.15% p.a. from 9.71% p.a.

#### **Review of Inflation**

Headline inflation increased to 3.5% year-on-year (y-o-y) in February 2025 compared to the 3.3% y-o-y inflation rate recorded in January 2025. This uptick was attributable to a month-on-month (m-o-m) increase in the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index by 0.6% – largely driven by an increase in the prices of sugar, cooking oil (salad) and tomatoes by 3.2%, 1.6% and 1.3% respectively. The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index rose by 0.1% – mainly attributable to an increase in the price of gas/LPG by 0.6%. The Transport Index similarly increased by 0.1% m-o-m as prices for local flights rose by 4.8%. However, prices of petrol and diesel remained unchanged during the period.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), on its last meeting on 5th February 2025, decided to lower the benchmark Central Bank Rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 10.75% from the 11.25% rate that had held since 5th December 2024. Key considerations that went into the decision were: (i) domestic headline inflation was expected to remain below the Central Bank's medium-term target of 5.0% in the near-term, supported by a low and stable core inflation, (ii) Kenya's economic growth estimate for 2024 declined to 4.6% compared to 5.6% in 2023, reflecting decelerated growth in most sectors of the economy and (iii) commercial bank lending to the private sector had contracted by 1.4% in December 2024 compared to the corresponding month of 2023, reflecting reduced demand attributed to high lending interest rates. The next MPC meeting is scheduled for 8th April 2025.

#### **Review of the Exchange Rate**

The Kenyan Shilling (KES) held steady against the US Dollar (USD) on a month-to-date basis to trade at a level of KES 129.22 per USD 1 at the end of February 2025 compared to KES 129.22 per USD 1 at the end of January 2025. On a year-to-date basis, the Kenyan Shilling strengthened against the US Dollar

by 0.1%. The KES held steady against the Euro but depreciated by 0.2% against the Sterling Pound over the same period.

At the end of February 2025, Kenya's official foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 9.06 billion, equivalent to 4.6 months of import cover, compared to USD 8.88 billion as at the end of January 2025, equivalent to 4.5 months of import cover. This build-up mirrors increased flow of hard currency into Kenya from diaspora remittance inflows, which cumulatively equalled USD 4.96 billion in the 12 months to January 2025, and redirected capital into emerging and frontier markets following rate cutting cycles by developed economies in the latter half of 2024 into the first guarter of 2025.

#### FUND COMMENTARY

#### Fund Performance

The Jubilee Money Market Fund (KES) registered a return of 1.02% in the month of February 2025, with an average effective annual yield of 12.18% p.a. This compared to a return of 1.08% in January 2025, with an average effective annual yield of 12.91% p.a. This decline is primarily attributable to a drop in KES interest rates offered on Commercial Bank Term Deposits as well as a decline in yields on Government-issued securities.

The Fund continues to outperform its benchmark, the Average Commercial Bank Deposit Rate which returned 0.72% in February 2025, with an annualized return of 8.61% p.a.

The Fund strategically deployed its capital into high-yielding Treasury Bonds and high-quality secured Commercial Paper, driving outperformance against the benchmark. Maintaining a high level of liquidity remains a key priority of the Fund Manager's strategy as outlined by a 10.1% allocation to cash and call deposits.

The Fund distributed KES 0.88 per unit for the month of February 2025. The Fund Manager remains committed to improving the Fund's performance to ensure maximization of returns on capital invested by the Unitholders.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE INVESTING IN THE JUBILEE MONEY MARKET FUND (KES)

The Jubilee Unit Trust Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) is an Umbrella Unit Trust Scheme registered with the Capital Markets Authority (CMA), through the Certificate of Registration number 6/22, dated 21st September 2022.

The Jubilee Money Market Fund (KES) presents a low-risk investment profile, making it an ideal choice for investors pursuing low-risk strategies across short to long-term investment horizons. Risk mitigation is achieved through a diversified approach to asset allocation, spreading investments across various asset classes that offer uncorrelated returns over time. This diversification strategy ensures a broadened array of potential sources for returns throughout market cycles.

Moreover, the Fund employs tactical asset allocation techniques to capitalize on short-term opportunities, further enhancing its potential for generating favourable returns. Investors should carefully assess these factors and their own investment objectives before considering participation in the Jubilee Money Market Fund (KES).

The Trustee and Custodian of the Jubilee Unit Trust Scheme is Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited.

Unit prices are calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio, including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions from the Fund, divided by the number of units in issue.

Forward pricing is used, and fund valuations take place at approximately 12:00 pm each business day. Redemption requests should be provided before 9.00 am on a Business Day to be eligible for that day's value date and if received after this time it will be valued at the next Business Day.

#### How are Units Priced?

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#### **Cumulative Investment Performance**

Cumulative Investment Performance is provided for illustrative purposes only. It is determined by factoring in all ongoing fees for the indicated amount, with income reinvested on the specified reinvestment date.

#### Fees

Permissible deductions may include Management Fees, Custody Fees, Trustee Fees, Annual General Meeting (AGM) Fees and Auditor's Fees. A schedule of fees and charges is available on request from Jubilee Asset Management Limited.

#### What is the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and Transaction Costs (TC)?

The Total Expense Ratio (TER) encompasses the annual management fee levied by Jubilee Asset Management Limited and other expenses borne by the Fund, and reflects the actual expenses borne by the Fund over one year on an annualized basis. Notably, Fund returns are stated after the deduction of these expenses.

Transaction Costs (TC) refer to the expenses associated with buying and selling securities within the Fund. The Fund does not impose transaction costs on clients when withdrawing funds. The Total Investment Charge (TIC) is calculated as the sum of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and Transaction Costs, although in this case, Transaction Costs do not apply.

#### Where can I find Additional Information?

Additional information such as daily fund prices, brochures, application forms and a schedule of fund fees can be requested via the Client Service Centre on www.jubileeinsurance.com or through email on Jamlcustomerservice@jubileekenya.com



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