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**ZIMELE UNIT TRUST**  
**BALANCED FUND**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

The Trustee has the pleasure of submitting the Zimele Unit Trust Balanced Fund report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023, which disclose the state of affairs of the fund.

## TRUSTEES

The Fund was established and began operations on 1 March 2007, is registered under the Capital Markets Act and is domiciled in Kenya. The registered office is at Ecobank Towers, 7th Floor on Muindi Mbingu Street, Nairobi

Application for additional sub fund to the Zimele Unit Trust Funds was submitted on February 11, 2021 to Capital Markets Authority, which the Authority considered and reviewed the executed incorporation documents submitted therewith and was satisfied that they complied with the provisions of the Capital Markets (Collective Investment Schemes), Regulations 2002. Consequently the approval was granted to register the fund as a sub fund of the Zimele Unit Trust Fund.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Zimele Unit Trust Balanced Fund is to generate long term capital growth through investing the members' contributions in equities and Balanced securities in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Markets Act ( Collective Investment Schemes, Rules and Regulations 2001).

## CHANGE TO INCORPORATION DOCUMENTS

There were no changes made to the incorporation documents (Trust Deed, Information Memorandum and Rules of the Fund) during the period.

## TOTAL VALUE OF THE FUND AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The market value of the fund as at 31st December 2023 was Kshs **188,655,992** (Kshs 178,924,174 in 2022)

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Fund as at year end was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Members</b>	<b>Members</b>
At start of year	4,237	4,128
Entrants	771	115
Exits	(3)	(6)
At end of year	<u><u>5,005</u></u>	<u><u>4,237</u></u>

**FUND INFORMATION**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	: KCB Bank Kenya Limited, : KCB Tower, 7th Floor, Junction of Hospital and Kenya Road, : Upper Hill, : P.O. Box 30664 - 00100, : NAIROBI
<b>FUND MANAGER</b>	: Zimele Asset Management Company Limited, : Ecobank Towers, 7th Floor, : Muindi Mbingu Street, : P.O. Box 76528-00508, : NAIROBI.
<b>CUSTODIAN</b>	: Standard Chatered Securities Services Kenya, : Standard Chatered Bank of Kenya Ltd, : Level 5, 48 Westlands Road, : P.O. Box 40984-00100, : NAIROBI.
<b>INDEPENDENT AUDITOR</b>	: Louise & Associates, : Certified Public Accountants, : Ramco Court, Mombasa Road, : P.O. Box 43272-00100, : NAIROBI.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE**

**INVESTMENT OF FUNDS**

The funds are invested by the Investment Manager, Zimele Asset Management Company Limited, through Standard chartered Bank in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Markets Act (Collective Investment Schemes, Rules and Regulations 2001). □

However, the overall responsibility for investment and performance lies with the trustees.

**EXPENSES**

The full costs of administering and managing the fund are borne by the fund. □

**AUDITORS**

Louise & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, who were appointed in the financial year 2023, have expressed their willingness to continue in office. □

**For the Trustees:**

For: KCB BANK KENYA LTD.

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CORPORATE TRUSTEE

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For: KCB BANK KENYA LTD.

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Date 26/03/2024



## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Capital Markets Act requires the Trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund at the end of the financial year and its financial performance for the year then ended. The Trustee is responsible for ensuring that the Fund keeps proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the transactions of the Fund, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Fund and that enables them to prepare financial statements of the Fund that comply with prescribed financial reporting standards and the requirements of the Capital Markets Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Fund and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees accept responsibility for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Kenyan Capital Markets Act. They also accept responsibility for:

- i. Designing, implementing and maintaining such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or
- ii. Selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and
- iii. Making accounting estimates and judgements that are reasonable in the circumstances;

## 'DECLARATIONS STATEMENT


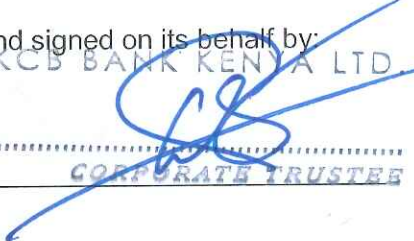
The Zimele Unit Trust Balanced Fund is an approved Unit Trust within the meaning of Capital Markets Act;

The unit-holders are not liable for the debts of the Unit Trust;   
The Zimele Unit Trust Balanced Fund is a securities fund investing in equities and Balanced securities in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Markets Act (Collective Investment Schemes Rules and Regulation 2001).

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees have assessed the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and disclosed, as applicable, matters relating to the use of going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements.

Nothing has come to the attention of the Trustees to indicate that the Fund will not remain a going concern for at least the twelve months from the date of this statement.

The Trustee acknowledges that the independent audit of the financial statements does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

Approved by the Trustee on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:  
For: KCB BANK KENYA LTD. For: KCB BANK KENYA LTD.  
  
CORPORATE TRUSTEE  
  
CORPORATE TRUSTEE

## **FUND MANAGERS' REPORT**

Dear Esteemed Unit Holders

The Kenyan economy recorded an impressive 5.9% growth in the third quarter of 2023 from 4.3% in the similar period in 2022. This is despite the severe challenges experienced, particularly the soaring food and energy prices driven by the depreciation of the Shilling. Improved rainfall provided a much-needed boost to the agriculture sector which was the primary driver of growth having expanded by 6.7% in the third quarter of last year compared to a contraction of 1.3% in the same period in 2022.

Last year was characterized by aggressive action from central banks across the world with the sole purpose of managing inflation. In the USA, the Federal Reserve Bank raised its policy rate from a low of 0.25% in January 2022 to a record 5.5% in July 2023, making it the most aggressive rate increase since the 1980s. By the close of 2023, the US policy rate was in the range of 5.25% to 5.50%, the highest since 2001. Other central banks in advanced markets followed suit and the consequences were felt far and wide with frontier markets in developing economies like Kenya being the worst hit.

The immediate and direct impact of the rate hikes was felt in the exchange rate, as the pressure on the Shilling soared following capital flight to developed markets that were now offering favorable returns. By the close of 2023, the Kenya Shilling had lost 27% against the US Dollar and 32% against the Euro, which was the highest recorded single-year depreciation in recent times.

The stock market was perhaps the most affected by the external volatility, with the Nairobi Securities Exchange recording the worst performance in recent times. The NSE's market capitalization declined by ksh.545 billion, translating to a 27% decline in 2023 to close the year at ksh.1.4 trillion from ksh.1.98 trillion in January 2023. The NSE All Share Index (NASI) experienced two consecutive years of double digit losses having declined by 28% last year and 23% in 2022. By comparison, the Zimele Balanced Fund's net asset value registered declines of 2% and 3% last year and in 2022, respectively.

The fixed income market was not spared either, with total bonds turnover declining by 13% and 22% in 2023 and 2022, respectively. The inverse relationship between interest rates and bond prices means that holders of treasury bonds were sitting on significant capital losses following the sharp increase in interest rates that started in late 2022 and prevailed in 2023. The situation was further complicated when interest rates on treasury bills exceeded interest rates on longer-dated treasury bonds, a phenomenon referred to as yield curve inversion, which is usually considered to be a harbinger of tough economic times.



## FUND MANAGERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Going forward, we are of the opinion that the extreme volatility experienced in 2023 on inflation, interest rates and the Shilling exchange rate may subside leading to an improvement in economic activity and growth. The government's policy of fiscal consolidation has mostly focused on revenue enhancement, with a heavy toll on consumer disposable income. The move to rationalize and perhaps even trim expenditure could start the process of the government reducing its substantial uptake of domestic credit in favor of the private sector, which would go a long way to boost economic activity and even spur employment creation. The key to unlocking durable growth and creating production and employment opportunities lies in lowering the elevated interest rates which have continued to put a chokehold on households and firms; low interest rates would provide the stock market with a conducive environment to recover lost ground.

### ZIMELE UNIT TRUST BALANCED FUND 5 YEAR COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE

**Table 1: Investment Performance Table**

5 Year Comparative Investment performance			
	ZBALF	NAS Index	Inflation
2023	-1.87%	-27.74%	7.70%
2022	-3.2%	-23.4%	7.6%
2021	13.70%	9.30%	6.10%
2020	0.90%	-8.40%	5.30%
2019	21.10%	18.70%	5.20%

The performance of the Zimele Balanced over 5 year compared to the Nairobi All Share Index (NASI) Bill and the inflation rates during the same period.

**Table 2: The Highest and Lowest Net Asset Values (NAV) in Yield Over 5 Year Period**

Highest and Lowest NAVs Prices Over 5 Years Comparison					
YEAR	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Highest Price	9.5274	9.8449	10.1126	8.3594	8.2379
Lowest Price	8.9326	9.1174	8.3312	7.6749	7.2298
Average Price	9.196	9.4122	9.3811	7.9564	7.5219

Zimele Balanced Fund maintained a stable price throughout the year, with little to no volatility.



**FUND MANAGERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**Table 3: The Net Surplus Distribution Table for the 5 Year Period  
 Net Surplus Distribution Breakdown**

YEAR	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Surplus for the Year</b>	14,422,332	9,910,715	6,943,744	7,601,355	10,316,999
<b>Surplus Distributed per Unit</b>	0.74	0.52	0.35	0.38	0.47

The ZBALF net Surplus distribution over the 5-year period shows an increasing net surplus per unit.

**Table 4: The Closing Fund under Management (FMU) and Units in Issue over the 5 Year Period**


The Closing Fund Under Management (FMU) 2018-2022					
YEAR	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Total Fund Value</b>	188,117,558	179,063,467	184,350,166	173,540,158	168,142,390
<b>Price Per Unit</b>	9.2796	9.4562	9.2634	8.3312	8.2305
<b>Number of Units in Issue</b>	20,272,162	18,936,091	19,900,842	19,869,048	20,394,132

## REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

In accordance with the Capital Markets (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2001 (the regulations) and the Custody Agreement between the Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited as the Custodians and Zimele Asset Management Company Limited as the Fund Manager, we confirm that for the year ended 31st December 2023:

- We have discharged the duties prescribed for a Custodian under Regulations 35 of the Regulations to Zimele Unit Trust Balanced Fund; and
- We have held the assets for the Zimele Unit Trust Balanced Fund, including securities and income that accrue thereof, to the order of the Fund Manager and facilitated the transfer, exchange or delivery in accordance with the instructions received from the Fund Manager.

Signed on behalf of the Custodian on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024





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## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF ZIMELE UNIT TRUST - BALANCED FUND**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Zimele Unit Trust - Balanced Fund set out on pages 12 to 20 which comprise of the statements of financial position at 31 December 2023 and the statements of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, changes in unit holders' balance and cash flows for the year ended and the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Zimele Unit Trust - Balanced Fund at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year that ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Capital Markets (Collective Investments Schemes) Regulations, 2001

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (the IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Kenya. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period.

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our report.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises Trustee and professional advisors, Report of the Trustee, Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities, Fund manager's report and the Report of the Custodian which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, and the rest of the other information in the Annual Report which are expected to be made available to us after that date, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustee is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information we have received prior to the date of this auditor's report we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.





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## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF ZIMELE UNIT TRUST - BALANCED FUND

### Responsibilities of Trustee for the financial statements

The Trustee is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of Capital Markets Authority (Collective Investments Schemes) Regulations 2001, and for such internal control as the trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the Funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- i) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- ii) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund managers' internal control.
- iii) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- iv) Conclude on the appropriateness of the Fund managers' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.



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## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF ZIMELE UNIT TRUST - BALANCED FUND

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

- v) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Trustee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

From the matters communicated with the Trustees, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statement of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### Report on Other Legal Requirements

We confirm that the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Capital Markets Authority (Collective investment Schemes) Regulations, 2001.

The Capital Markets Authority (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2001 also requires that in carrying out our audit we consider and report to you on the following matters:

- i. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- ii. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Fund, so far as appears from our examination of those books; and
- iii. The Fund's balance sheet and profit and loss account, which are referred to as statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income respectively in this report, are in agreement with the books of account

**Engagement partner responsible for the audit resulting in this independent auditors report is :**  
**CPA Louisa Okwaro, Practicing certificate number: P/2920**

*Louise & Associates*

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**Certified Public Accountants**  
**Nairobi, Kenya**

Date: 26 / 03 /2024





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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

	Note	2023 KES	2022 KES
<b>Income</b>			
Bank deposits	5	3,358,134	1,164,597
Unit trust investments	5	1,824,836	1,755,323
Treasury bonds	5	11,796,573	9,088,063
Capital gains	6	-	1,177,881
Dividend income	6	3,821,912	3,195,909
<b>Total income</b>		<b>20,801,455</b>	<b>16,381,773</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Bank charges		23,579	24,143
Publication fees		29,415	25,486
Management fees		4,927,249	5,074,898
Trustee fees		508,962	520,786
Custody fees		709,137	690,762
CMA annual scheme fees		20,000	15,000
Secretarial fees		97,445	85,364
Audit fees		63,336	35,039
		<b>6,379,123</b>	<b>6,471,478</b>
<b>Net surplus</b>		<b>14,422,332</b>	<b>9,910,295</b>





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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Notes	2023 KES	2022 KES
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Unit trust investments	8	17,382,058	18,957,222
Government securities	9	87,342,064	84,631,546
Quoted equities	10	41,740,815	55,859,453
Bank deposits	11	37,400,000	16,000,000
Cash at banks	12	998,969	650,620
Interest receivables	13	3,792,086	2,860,371
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>188,655,992</b>	<b>178,959,212</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables and accruals	14	538,434	35,039
		<b>538,434</b>	<b>35,039</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Unit holders balances	Page 14	188,117,558	178,924,173
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>188,655,992</b>	<b>178,959,212</b>

The financial statements set out on pages 12 - 20 were approved by the Trustee and signed

on 26/03/2024

For: KCB BANK KENYA LTD.

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CORPORATE TRUSTEE

Trustee

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CORPORATE TRUSTEE

Trustee

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNIT HOLDER BALANCES**

	Net Unit Holders funds	Retained earnings	Change in Fair value of investments	Total
	KES	KES	KES	KES
<b>FY 2022</b>				
Balance as at 01-01-2022	33,701,387	167,678,826	(17,151,400)	184,228,813
Net contributions	(2,377,330)	-	-	(2,377,330)
Surplus for the period	-	9,910,295	-	9,910,295
Changes in fair value of investment	-	(26,637,498)	13,761,360	(12,876,138)
Prior year adjustment		38,533	-	38,533
<b>Balance as at 31-12-2022</b>	<b>31,324,057</b>	<b>150,990,156</b>	<b>(3,390,040)</b>	<b>178,924,173</b>
<b>FY 2023</b>				
Balance as at 01-01-2023	31,324,057	150,990,156	(3,390,040)	178,924,173
Net contributions	16,735,745	-	-	16,735,745
Surplus for the period	-	14,422,332	-	14,422,332
Changes in fair value of investment	-	-	(21,964,692)	(21,964,692)
Transfers from money market fund	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31-12-2023</b>	<b>48,059,802</b>	<b>165,412,488</b>	<b>(25,354,732)</b>	<b>188,117,558</b>

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>KES</b>	<b>KES</b>
<b>CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Surplus during the year	14,422,332	9,910,295
<b>Operating surplus before changes in working capital</b>	<b>14,422,332</b>	<b>9,910,295</b>
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(Increase)/ decrease in receivables	(931,715)	116,956
Increase/(decrease) in payables	503,395	(86,314)
Prior year adjustments	-	38,533
<b>Net cash flows generated from operating activities</b>	<b>13,994,012</b>	<b>9,979,470</b>
<b>CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Unit trust investments	1,575,164	1,962,677
Government securities	(2,710,518)	(6,961,608)
Quoted equities	14,118,638	10,475,430
Call deposits	(21,400,000)	-
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>	<b>(8,416,716)</b>	<b>5,476,499</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net unit holder funds	16,735,745	(2,377,330)
Changes in fair value of investements	(21,964,692)	(12,876,138)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>(5,228,947)</b>	<b>(15,253,468)</b>
Net cash inflows/outflows	348,350	202,501
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year	650,619	448,117
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year</b>	<b>998,969</b>	<b>650,619</b>



## NOTES TO THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1 BASIS OF PREPERATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The Financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention basis as modified by the carrying of available - for -sale investments at fair values. The financial statements are presented in Kenya Shillings (Kshs)

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on the Trustee's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

#### 1.2 Significant Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below :

##### (a) Revenue recognition

The income comprises of interest from fixed income securities. Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis that takes into account the effective yield on the asset. Dividends are recognised as income in the period in which the right to receive payment is established.

##### (b) Investments

The Fund classifies its investments depending on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. The appropriate classification of the Fund's investments is determined at the time of the purchase and re-evaluated on a regular basis as follows:

Investments intended to be held for an indefinite period of time, but which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates, are classified as available-for-sale. These are included in non-current assets unless management has the express intention of holding the investment for less than 12 months from the balance sheet date or unless they will need to be sold to raise operating capital.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date, which the fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. The cost of purchase includes transaction costs. Available-for-sale investments are subsequently carried at fair value. Realised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of available-for -sale investments are recorded in the profit and loss account in the period in which they arise and are included in other operating

##### (c) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include short term liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which were within three months of maturity when acquired.

## NOTES TO THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

### (d) Financial instruments

#### Financial assets

A financial asset or liability is recognised when the Fund becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. Where a sale occurs other than for an insignificant amount of held-to-maturity assets, the entire category would be tainted and classified as available for sale.

#### Impairment and Uncollectability of Financial Assets

The Fund assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on receivables carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced either directly or through use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed either directly or by adjusting an allowance account.

The reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised at the date the impairment is reversed. The amount of the reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Financial liabilities are derecognized when they have been redeemed or otherwise extinguished. Accounts payable are classified as Payables and other accruals if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as Non-Payables and other accruals. Trade payables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### (e) Distribution

All income or loss arising from investment is distributed to unit holders after provision of all expenses. All distributions including unclaimed distributions are reinvested in the unit holder's accounts.

### (f) Unity Holder Balances

Unit holders' funds are redeemable on demand at an amount equal to a proportionate share of the unit portfolios net asset value. The balances are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the financial reporting date if the holder exercised their right to redeem the balances.



## NOTES TO THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

### 3 CRITICAL JUDGEMENT IN APPLYING THE FUNDS

In the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies, management has made estimates and judgements in valuation of financial instruments as discussed in note 2(d). Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

### 4 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including market risk and the effects of changes in market prices and interest rates. The Fund's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize adverse effects on its financial performance.

Risk management is carried out by the Investment Manager, Zimele Asset Management Company Limited which identifies, evaluates and manages financial risks, with emphasis on specific areas such as interest rate risk, credit risk and investing excess liquidity.

#### (i) Market risk

prices and exchange rates which will affect the company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

#### (ii) Operational risk

The fund is exposed to operation risks such as lawsuits and fraud risks since it deals with the public.

#### (iii) Business risk

The fund invest in stock and bonds therefore exposed to business risk should the issuer go bankrupt, the fund managers closely monitors the business risks. The Fund has policies in place to ensure compliance with international best practice in corporate governance.

#### (iv) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign investment involves exchange of currencies in order to purchase foreign stock, there is risk if you hold for a year, you will have to convert the currency yet it's not certain what the exchange rate will be. The management engage good professionals who are able to mitigate the risk.



**NOTES TO THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>KES</b>	<b>KES</b>
<b>5 INTEREST INCOME</b>		
Bank deposits	3,358,134	1,164,597
Unit trust investments	1,824,836	1,755,323
Treasury bonds	11,796,573	9,088,063
	<u><b>16,979,544</b></u>	<u><b>12,007,983</b></u>
<b>6 DIVIDEND INCOME</b>		
Dividend income	3,821,912	3,195,909
	<u><b>3,821,912</b></u>	<u><b>3,195,909</b></u>
<b>7 CAPITAL GAINS</b>		
Sale of shares	-	1,177,881
	<u>-</u>	<u><b>1,177,881</b></u>
<b>8 UNIT TRUST INVESTMENTS</b>		
Investment in fixed income fund	17,382,058	18,957,222
	<u><b>17,382,058</b></u>	<u><b>18,957,222</b></u>
<b>9 GOVERNMENT SECURITIES</b>		
Treasury bonds & Infrastructure bonds	87,342,064	84,631,546
	<u><b>87,342,064</b></u>	<u><b>84,631,546</b></u>
<i>Investments are stated at fair value as at the end of the financial year</i>		
<b>10 QUOTED EQUITY</b>		
Commercial and services	41,740,815	55,859,453
	<u><b>41,740,815</b></u>	<u><b>55,859,453</b></u>
<b>11 BANK DEPOSITS</b>		
Call deposits	37,400,000	16,000,000
	<u><b>37,400,000</b></u>	<u><b>16,000,000</b></u>

**NOTES TO THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>KES</b>	<b>KES</b>
<b>12 CASH AT BANKS</b>		
Standard Chartered Bank Securities a/c	678,307	202,948
KCB a/c	596	71,053
ABSA Bank a/c	26,398	41,072
KCB disbursement a/c 1	10,445	60,072
MPESA	229,923	222,175
Standard Chartered Bank a/c	53,300	53,300
	<b>998,969</b>	<b>650,620</b>
<b>13 INTEREST RECEIVABLES</b>		
Call deposits	1,368,199	852,657
Treasury bonds	2,423,887	2,007,714
	<b>3,792,086</b>	<b>2,860,371</b>
<i>Interest receivable includes interest earned but was not yet received at the end of the financial year</i>		
<b>14 PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS</b>		
Audit fees	63,336	35,039
Management fees	431,650	-
Trustee fees	43,448	-
	<b>538,434</b>	<b>35,039</b>