# **Stanbic Cash Trust**



#### as at 31 December 2024

### **Investment Policy and Objective**

The Stanbic Cash Trust is an open-ended unit trust fund. The principal objective of the Fund is to optimize investors' interest income in the short-term to medium-term and ensure liquidity and capital preservation under normal market conditions while keeping the maximum weighted term to maturity at 24 months.

A minimum of 80% of the Fund's assets are invested in Government and Quasi-Government debt securities and up to 20% in selected money market securities, while retaining a minimum of 5% in cash. The Manager may employ short-term tactical deviations from the policy mix of up to 10% of the assets under management.

| Risk Rating |        |      |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|--------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Low         | Medium | High |  |  |  |  |

The slowdown in activity on the bond market and reduced access to liquidity has increased the overall risk of the Fund from low to medium.

## Distribution

SCT does not distribute earnings. All earnings are reinvested in the Fund which impacts the net asset value of the Fund. Investors seeking to withdraw earnings will have to sell part of their units to realize their earnings.

| Fund Details  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Portfolio Manager   | Santi Sackey   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Portfolio Analyst   | Smith Dumenyo  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Portfolio Size  | GHS 779 Million                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sector Classification   | Treasury Fund  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benchmark   | Average 364-day T-Bill                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Launch Date   | 11 December 2012                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| SEC No  | SEC/CIS/UTL 17/24                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maximum Charges Upfront Charge Management Fee Trustee Fee Redemption Charge | N/A<br>2.25% (per annum)<br>0.40% (per annum)<br>N/A |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Expense Ratio (FY-24)   | 2.05%  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum Investment<br>Lump Sum<br>Debit Order                               | GHS20.00<br>GHS10.00                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name of Scheme  | Stanbic Cash Trust (SCT or The Fund)                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Manager   | Stanbic Investment Management Services LTD           |  |  |  |  |  |

Management Services LTD

Universal Merchant Bank

Baker Tilly Andah + Andah

Doreen Iliasu

# **Statutory Disclosures and General Terms & Conditions**

The Trustee

The Auditor

**Legal Advisor** 

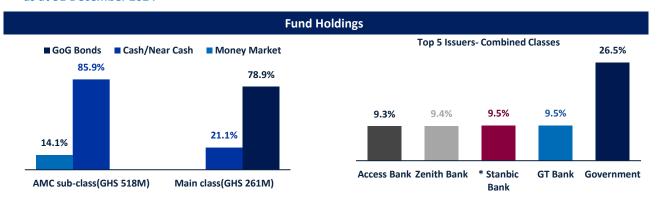
The value of participatory interests may go down or up, and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The investment Manager does not provide any guarantee concerning the capital or return of the Fund. Most fixed-income securities dealers/brokers maintain an active secondary market. However, there is no assurance that an active market will be maintained. Price changes coupled with demand and supply will alter the liquidity of the investments and, ultimately, the liquidity of the Fund. The Manager of the Fund, Stanbic Investment Management Services LTD., is an asset management firm licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Ghana and is a member of the Standard Bank Group of South Africa.

Subscriptions and withdrawals will receive the price of the next day if received after 15h00 (GMT). Additional information about this product, including, but not limited to, Application Forms, Factsheets, and Annual Reports, can be obtained free of charge at the Investment Manager's office and on the Investment Manager's website (https://www.sims.com.gh). For additional information, kindly refer to the Prospectus, Scheme Particulars, and Trust Deed.

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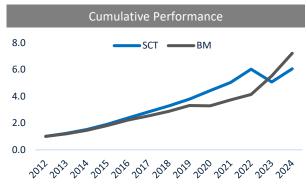


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Near Cash - MM investments with less than 91 days to maturity.

#### **Fund Performance**



| Returns (%)        | 1M  | 3M   | 6M   | 1Yr  | 3Yr  | 5Yr  | Inception |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Main Class         | 2.4 | 10.7 | 11.1 | 19.4 | 4.7  | 8.8  | 16.1      |
| *AMC Sub-<br>Class | 1.6 | 4.9  | 10.2 | 22.1 |      |      |           |
| Benchmark          | 2.5 | 7.3  | 14.1 | 30.7 | 29.9 | 23.2 | 17.8      |

GHS 1,000 invested in Dec 2012 would be worth GHS 6,059.17 in the main class

Returns shown for 3Yr, 5Yr, and Inception are CAGR.
All indicated returns are based on marked-to-market prices.

\*Introduced in December 2022

## **Fund Review and Strategy**

At the end of December, the Fund had total assets of approximately GHS 779 million, with ~26% invested in Government bonds and ~74% in short-term fixed deposits. The main and sub-classes recorded annual returns of 19.4% and 22.1% respectively, against a benchmark of 30.7%. The Fund's strategy to provide adequate liquidity will remain unchanged in the first quarter of 2025 by investing in short-term fixed deposits.

# **Market Overview**

In 2024, the Government's constrained financing options shaped Ghana's economic landscape, leading to a still-high-interest rate environment. Inflation closed the year at 23.8%, surpassing the Bank of Ghana's target of 18%. On the fixed-income market, treasury bills primarily dominated activity, with foreign investors' interest in the secondary market improving. The new administration is expected to present its budget in March; the context is critical in providing policy direction for the market.

## **Contact Details**

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