

# **Sentinel Ghana Fixed Income Trust**

May 2024

#### **Trust Manager** Sentinel Asset Management Ltd.

**Trust Inception** May 6, 2022

Valuation Date May 31, 2024

**Net Asset Value** GH¢ 5,190,717.25

#### Total Expense Ratio

2.25%

# Service Providers

Auditor – John Kay and Associates

Trustee – Guaranty Trust Bank (Ghana) Limited

Minimum Investment GH¢ 50.00

## **Risk Rating**







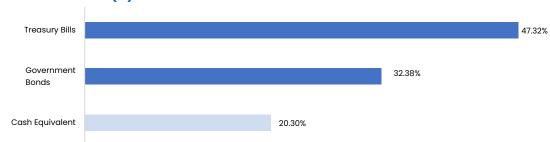




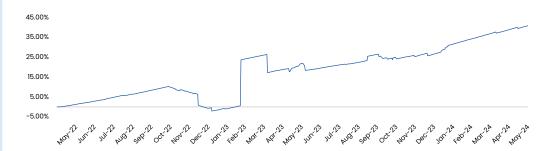
## **Overview and Investment Objective**

The Sentinel Ghana Fixed Income Trust is an open-ended Unit Trust that invests wholly in fixed-income securities issued in Ghana. The Trust seeks to provide investors with current income on a steady basis while aiming to preserve capital.

## **Asset Allocation (%)**



# Price Performance (%)



## **Performance Details**

|      | Jan    | Feb    | Mar   | Apr    | May   | Jun    | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct    | Nov   | Dec   | YTD    |
|------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| 2023 | -0.14% | 25.17% | 1.62% | -5.79% | 2.53% | -1.89% | 1.37% | 1.07% | 3.29% | -1.57% | 0.66% | 1.03% | 27.51% |
| 2024 | 3.98%  | 1.92%  | 1.90% | 1.56%  | 1.43% |        |       |       |       |        |       |       | 11.24% |

| Performance<br>Summary               | 1 Month | 3 Month | 6 Month | 9 Months | 1 Year | YTD    | Since<br>Inception |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| Sentinel Ghana Fixed<br>Income Trust | 1.43%   | 4.97%   | 12.39%  | 15.02%   | 15.60% | 11.24% | 40.76%             |

#### **Market Commentary**

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) maintained the monetary policy rate at 29.0% in May, continuing its cautious stance due to persistent elevated inflation risks. The GHS faced significant depreciation against the USD, falling by 6.1% m/m during the month under review and bringing the YTD depreciation to 15.9%. This substantial decline is largely attributed to limited FX supply from the central bank and heightened FX demand from corporates.

The fixed income market witnessed a decrease in activity, with trade volumes totaling GHS 10.39 bn, marking an 8.38% m/m decline, although this was still double the volume traded in the same period last year. Treasury bills dominated trading, accounting for 74.5% of transactions, while government and corporate bonds represented 24.7% and 0.8%, respectively. Yields continued their downward trend across treasury bills, with the most significant decline observed in the 182-day bill, which dropped by 70 bps. These securities continue to offer real returns to investors despite the overall yield compression.

The Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) launched the Commercial Paper market, providing a new avenue for corporates to raise short-term capital within the fixed-income market. This initiative is expected to enhance liquidity and offer more diversified investment opportunities for market participants.

Given the current market dynamics, we are focusing on long-tenor repurchase agreements, which offer competitive returns and diversification benefits for our portfolio

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