

**Trust Manager**  
Sentinel Asset Management Ltd.

**Trust Inception**  
May 6, 2022

**Valuation Date**  
March 31, 2024

**Net Asset Value**  
GH¢ 5,039,142.69

**Total Expense Ratio**  
2.25%

**Service Providers**  
Auditor – John Kay and Associates

Trustee – Guaranty Trust Bank (Ghana) Limited

**Minimum Investment**  
GH¢ 50.00

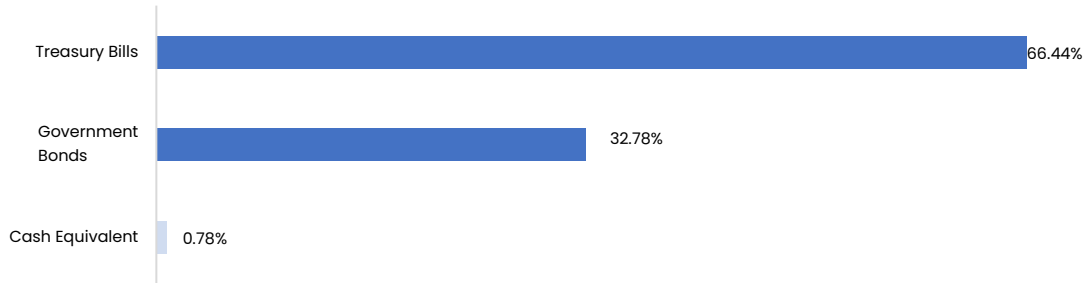
**Risk Rating**

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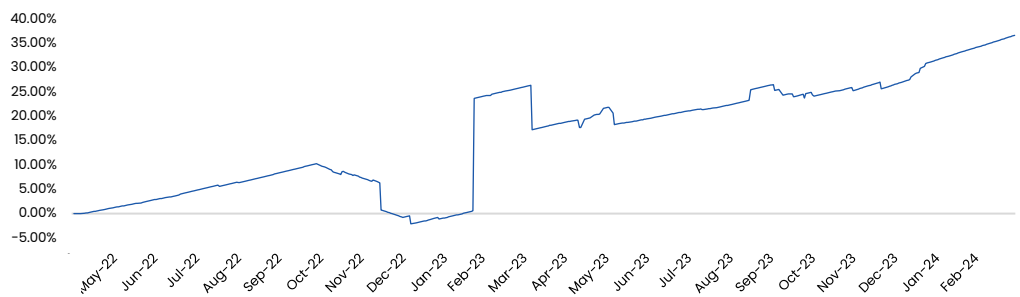
## Overview and Investment Objective

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    |
|-------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| <b>2023</b> | -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% |
| <b>2024</b> | 3.98%  | 1.92%  | 1.90% |        |       |        |       |       |       |        |       |       | 7.99%  |

| Performance Summary                      | 1 Month | 3 Month | 6 Month | 9 Months | 1 Year | YTD   | Since Inception |
|--|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|-------|-----------------|
| <b>Sentinel Ghana Fixed Income Trust</b> | 1.90%   | 7.99%   | 8.11%   | 14.40%   | 8.41%  | 7.99% | 36.65%          |

## Market Commentary

In their recent March meeting, the Bank OF Ghana's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held the Monetary Policy Rate at 29%, citing a cautious stance due to upward inflation pressure. This decision reflects concerns about the potential exchange rate pass-through effect, driven by the GHS 7.7% depreciation against the USD in Q1-24 on the interbank market. Furthermore, the MPC announced an increase in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) for banks based on their loan-to-deposit ratio (LDR): 15% for LDR above 55%, 20% for LDR between 40%-55%, and 25% for LDR below 40%. With the banking industry's average LDR at 33.3% as of February 2024, further tightening of cedi liquidity is expected.

Letshego Ghana Savings and Loans issued the first tranche of GHS 100mn under its GHS 500mn domestic medium-term note program in March. The issuance comprised a 2-year fixed note at 22% and a 4-year floating bond at 182 Day T-Bill + 100Bps. Both bonds were oversubscribed, indicating robust market appetite for non-government securities.

Government Treasury bill issuances increased by 10.6% m/m, with a total issuance amount of GHS 65.7bn as at the end of Q1-24. Yields on government securities declined on average, driven by ample GHS liquidity and lower inflation expectations.

With the CRR directive effective in April, further GHS liquidity tightening is expected, and demand for Treasuries may soften, potentially slowing the pace of yield decline. Anticipating corporate securities issuances in Q2-24, we plan to position ourselves in issuers with strong credit quality to diversify the portfolio away from Government of Ghana securities

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