

### Trust Manager

Sentinel Asset Management Ltd.

### Trust Inception

May 6, 2022

### Valuation Date

September 30, 2024

### Net Asset Value

GHc 65,994,427.17

### Total Expense Ratio

2.50%

### Service Providers

Auditor – John Kay and Associates

Trustee – Guaranty Trust Bank (Ghana) Limited

### Minimum Investment

GHc 10,000.00

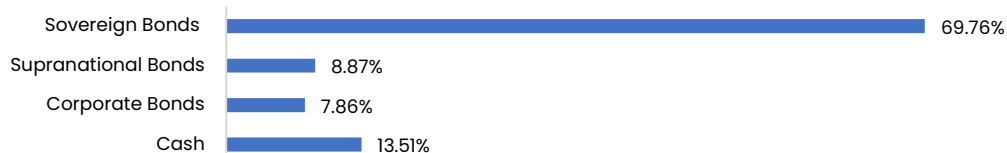
### Risk Rating

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## Overview and Investment Objective

The Sentinel Africa Eurobond Trust is an open-ended Unit Trust that invests in Sovereign and Corporate Eurobonds issued in Africa. The Trust seeks to provide investors with an appetite for hard-currency denominated securities access to such securities which ordinarily would be inaccessible to them by virtue of the minimum amount required to make such investments. The Trust will provide investors the chance and access to diversify their income stream and investment portfolios while providing for long-term capital appreciation.

## Asset Allocation (%)



## Price Performance (%)



## Performance Details\*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2022</b>	-	-	-	-	-3.04%	-5.86%	-4.09%	16.30%	-3.85%	8.20%	10.87%	-20.00%	-6.05%
<b>2023</b>	7.62%	2.47%	-8.23%	-8.58%	0.95%	-5.05%	2.16%	-4.45%	-0.65%	1.26%	7.74%	3.19%	-3.17%
<b>2024</b>	3.03%	3.29%	7.94%	0.30%	9.46%	1.98%	2.80%	2.72%	2.06%				38.64%

Performance Summary	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	9 Months	1 Year	YTD	Since Inception
<b>Sentinel Africa Eurobond Trust</b>	2.06%	7.78%	20.68%	38.64%	56.07%	38.64%	26.12%

\* Performance is net of fees

## Market Commentary

During the period under review, the Trust returned 2.06%, extending its year-to-date performance to 38.64%. Egypt, Rwanda, and South Africa led the Trust's performance, while Angola and Senegal underperformed. For the second month in a row longer-dated securities outperformed shorter-dated securities. The Trust increased its exposure to South Africa, Morocco, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire sovereign issuances, as well as to the Nigerian banking sector.

Easing monetary policy in the U.S. is creating a favourable environment for African hard currency bonds. The U.S. Fed reduced the Fed Funds Rate by 50 basis points (bps), with Chair Jerome Powell signalling two more quarter-point cuts by year-end, contingent on economic data. This move is seen as confirmation of inflation containment and the market's anticipation of further labour market stabilization. Lower U.S. interest rates are expected to ease financing conditions for African hard currency issuers by reducing their borrowing costs.

China has announced a series of stimulus measures, including a 50-bps cut in its reserve requirement ratio as well as a 20-bps reduction in its policy rate. China's role in supporting Africa's economic growth has also intensified. During the third Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Beijing, China pledged over \$50 billion in new investments across the continent, with a focus on the larger economies South Africa, Nigeria, and Egypt. These investments, directed primarily at the private sector, will include loans, grants, and equity deals. Notable projects include the refurbishment of the Tanzania-Zambia railway, a nuclear energy agreement with Nigeria, and balanced trade initiatives with South Africa. Increased Chinese investments and policy adjustments will positively impact Africa by providing cheaper loans, boosting exports, and enhancing growth prospects, ultimately improving debt servicing capabilities.

Global markets have shown resilience amid shifting economic conditions, shaped by interest rate adjustments, fiscal stimuli, and evolving geopolitical factors. Despite bouts of volatility, the general trend across equities, bonds, and key commodities has been positive. African hard currency bonds, supported by improving macroeconomic fundamentals and favourable external conditions, are well-positioned to provide attractive risk adjusted returns.

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