

Fund Overview

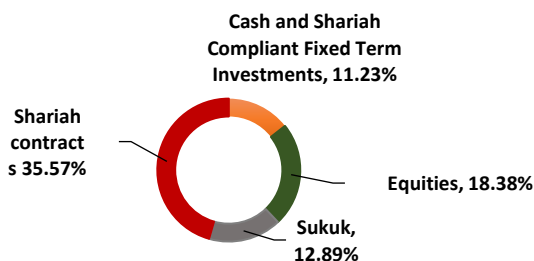
The Lotus Waqf (Endowment) Fund is designed for investors who intend to invest towards supporting charitable causes in education, primary healthcare, economic empowerment, and family and social welfare.

The Fund's activities are supervised by an investment committee which meets regularly to take investment decisions, oversee performance, and ensure proper risk management and Shariah compliance.

Fund Facts	
Launch Date	March 2024
Currency	Naira (NGN)
Fund Size	₦267.632mn
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Unit	₦ 1,224.65
Custodian	Citi Bank Nigeria Limited
Trustees	FBNQuest Trustees Limited
Waqf Income Distributor	Development Initiative of West Africa
Minimum Investment	₦5,000
Recommended Holding Period	1 year
Income Accrual	Daily
Risk Profile	Moderate
Investment Categories	- Class A (Permanent Waqf) - Class B (Temporary Waqf)
Last Charity Distribution	February 2025: ₦25,101,892.77

Asset Class	Allocation Range
Cash	0% - 5%
Sharia Compliant Fixed Term Investments	0% - 100%
Commodities	0% - 30%
Sharia Contracts	0% - 80%
Mutual Funds	0% - 20%
Sukuk	0% - 100%
Equities	0% - 20%

Current Asset Allocation



Investor Profile

The Fund is specifically designed for ethically-inclined investors seeking sustainable returns and long-term social impact in line with Shariah principles.

Benefits to the Investor

Enduring Impact	Contributes to a perpetual charitable endowment that generates continuous rewards (Sadaqah Jariyah).
Capital Preservation	The original capital is maintained, while only the returns are used for charitable or developmental purposes.
Social Good	Supports community development initiatives such as education, healthcare, and poverty alleviation.
Faith-Aligned	Structured in compliance with Shariah principles, ensuring ethical and faith-based investing.
Legacy Building	Provides an avenue to leave a lasting legacy that benefits future generations.

Market Review (Third Quarter 2025)

GLOBAL ECONOMY

In the third quarter of 2025, the global economic landscape was shaped by persistent geopolitical tensions and mixed trade signals from the United States. Responding to signs of economic deceleration and a softening labor market in late September, the U.S. Federal Reserve pivoted its policy stance—cutting its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to 4.25% to support growth.

Similarly, central banks around the world maintained an accommodative posture. The Bank of England lowered its policy rate by 25 basis points to 4.00%, while the European Central Bank kept its rate unchanged at 2.15%.

LOCAL ECONOMY

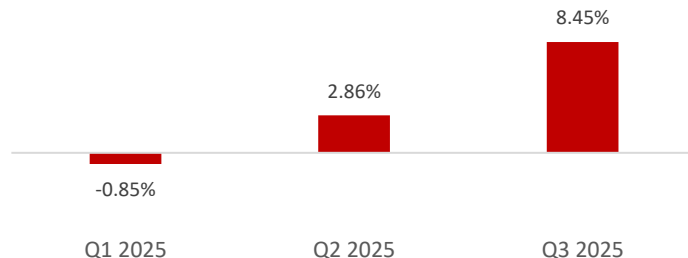
In Nigeria, inflation eased to 20.12% in August 2025, down from 22.22% in June, driven by lower food prices, a more stable foreign exchange rate, and improved local supply conditions. The naira held firm, trading at ₦1,475.35/\$ at the official window and ₦1,485/\$ in the parallel market, supported by increased foreign reserves. In addition, the equities market maintained strong momentum in the quarter, with the NGX All-Share Index (ASI) advancing by 18.95% and the NGX Lotus Islamic Index by 28.48%.

The general positive signals convinced the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of Nigeria to lower its benchmark rate, albeit slightly by 50bps to 27.00%.

Fund Performance

In the third quarter of 2025, the Lotus Waqf (Endowment) Fund gained 8.45%, closing the period with a Net Asset Value (NAV) of ₦1,224.65/unit, thereby bringing its year-to-date (YTD) return to 10.61%.

The fund's performance was primarily driven by its equity exposure, as the underlying holdings are strategically positioned for long-term capital appreciation and dividend income.



During the period, the Fund's Income Distribution Agent, the **Development Initiative of West Africa (DIWA)**, successfully concluded the implementation of charity projects under the Fund's debut distribution. The projects included the **development of a water scheme** in a rural community in **Kano**, as well as the **provision of digital educational facilities** to two primary schools in **Abuja and Lagos**.

These initiatives form part of the Fund's broader commitment to supporting **education and healthcare development** across the country.

Fund Outlook

In the upcoming quarter, the Fund intends to maintain its current equity holdings in anticipation of dividend income and long-term capital appreciation. In addition, the Fund plans to increase its exposure to Shariah-compliant contracts to take advantage of the relatively higher yields available in that segment.

This strategy is expected to enhance overall portfolio income, thereby supporting the Fund's charitable and developmental initiatives.