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List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

ALSI All Share Index

AUM Assets Under Management

BATU British American Tobacco Uganda

BOBU Bank of Baroda Uganda

BOU Bank of Uganda

CBR Central Bank Rate

CEO Chief Executive Officer

CENT Centum Investment Company Limited

CFO Chief Finance Officer

CIS Collective Investment Scheme

CMA Capital Markets Authority

CQCIL Cipla Quality Chemicals Limited

DFCU Development Finance Corporation of Uganda

DPS Dividend Per Share

DSE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

EBL Equity Bank Limited

FDI Foreign Direct Investments

FY Financial Year

IPO Initial Public Offering

JHL Jubilee Holdings Limited

KCB Kenya Commercial Bank

LCI Local Counter Index

NIC National Insurance Corporation

NMG Nation Media Group

NSE Nairobi Securities Exchange



NVL New Vision Limited

RSE Rwanda Stock Exchange

SBU Stanbic Bank Uganda

SCD Securities Central Depository

UCL Uganda Clays Limited

UGX Uganda Shillings

UMEME UMEME Limited

USE Uganda Securities Exchange

US\$ United States of America Dollar

182D T-bill 182 Day Treasury Bill

1Q First Quarter

2Q Second Quarter

3Q Third Quarter

4Q Fourth Quarter

Glossary of Terms Used

Assets Under Management The total market value of the investments or assets that an entity

manages on behalf of clients.

Balanced Fund A CIS fund comprised of short, medium and long term interest-

bearing investments plus equities.

CIS Manager A licensed firm that markets and sells CIS units to potential

investors. The role of the CIS manager is to decide, within the rules of the trust and the various regulations, which investments are

included within the unit trust.

Collective Investment

Scheme

An investment product that allows an investor to pool savings with other investors, creating a large pool of funds to be invested on their

behalf by a professional CIS manager.

Corporate Bond A security issued by a non-government entity borrowing from the

public for a certain period of time, making periodic interest payment and repaying the principal amount borrowed at the end of

the term.

Equity Fund A CIS fund comprised of investments in only shares.

Initial Public Offering A new issue of securities for the first time to the public.

Investment Adviser A licenced person that makes investment recommendations or

conducts securities analysis in exchange for a fee.

Money Market Fund A CIS fund containing short and medium-term interest-bearing

investments of 36 months or less.

Market Capitalization The total market value of a company's outstanding shares or other

securities in issue.

Stock broker A licensed firm that buys and sells securities as an agent on behalf

of clients and earns a commission.

Treasury Bill A security issued by a government to borrow money from the public

for one year or less. Treasury bills are issued in tenors of 91-days,

182-days, and 364-days.

Treasury Bond A security issued by a government to borrow money from the public

for more than one year. Treasury Bonds are issued in tenors of 2

years, 3 years, 5 years, 10 years, and 15 years.



Umbrella Fund

A CIS fund with any number of constituent sub-funds, providing the opportunity for unit holders to switch all or part of their investment from one sub-fund to another.

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Executive Summary

CIS Managers had a total of UGX 1,147.9 billion in Assets Under Management (AUM) at the end of March 2022, representing a growth of 17.4% from UGX 977.6 billion at the close of the fourth quarter of 2021. This growth in AUM and clients can be attributed to increased awareness about the benefits of investing through CIS vehicles among local investors. On the other hand, the total AUM for fund managers licensed by CMA closed the first quarter of 2022 at UGX 3.86 trillion, representing a gain of 3.5% from UGX 3.7 trillion at the end of December 2021. The growth in AUM can be credited to the rise in the value of the assets held and also the recruitment of new members by the schemes whose funds are under management.

The USE total market capitalization fell by 7.4% to UGX 22.6 trillion at the end of the review period from UGX 24.4 trillion at the close of December 2021. This decline was due to share price losses on six cross-listed counters - CENT, JHL, EABL, KCB, EBL and KA; and eight locally listed counters - BATU, NVL, MTNU, BOBU, DFCU, SBU, CQCIL and UMEME. Domestic market capitalization which represents the value of locally listed stocks fell by 13.8% from UGX 8.5 trillion at the end of December 2021, to UGX 7.4 trillion at the end of the review period. This decline can be attributed to the decline in market capitalization registered on eight locally listed counters - BATU (-50%), NVL (-40.1%), MTNU (-7.7%), BOBU (-5.8%), DFCU (-4.3%), SBU (-3.8%), CQCIL (-3.3%) and UMEME (-0.8%).

Equity turnover at the USE dropped by 54.2% in the first quarter of 2022 to UGX 7.3 billion, from UGX 16 billion registered in the previous quarter (4Q2021). Average turnover per session fell to UGX 122.1 million per session in the period under review, from UGX 238 million recorded in 4Q2021. The decrease in value traded can be attributed to among other things, low investor appetite for listed stocks with investors holding their funds in anticipation of the release of the listed companies' full-year audited financials.

The USE All Share Index (ALSI) lost 7.3% to close the first quarter of 2022 at 1,316.41 points from 1,420.69 points reported at the close of the previous quarter. The ALSI declined as a result of share price losses registered on six cross-listed counters - CENT, JHL, EABL, KCB, EBL and KA; and eight local counters - BATU, NVL, MTNU, BOBU, DFCU, SBU, CQCIL and UMEME. The USE Local Counter Index fell by 13.7%, closing the review period at 280.14 points from 324.66 points at the end of the fourth quarter of 2021. The decline in the LCI was on account of the share price drop on eight locally listed counters - BATU (-50%), NVL (-40.1%), MTNU (-7.7%), BOBU (-5.8%), DFCU (-4.3%), SBU (-3.8%), CQCIL (-3.3%) and UMEME (-0.8%).

The International Monetary Fund's Regional Economic Outlook report for Sub-Saharan Africa indicates that the growth momentum for the region has weakened

this year with economic activity expected to expand by 3.8%. The report further notes that economic recovery will accelerate in 2023 to about 4% over the medium term, although this pace will not be enough to make up for lost ground from the pandemic. Bank of Uganda notes that the economy continues to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic related downturn. The full reopening of the economy and the diminished impact of the pandemic have unlocked the factors that had held back economic activity. However, the most recent high-frequency economic indicators point to a weakening of the domestic growth momentum in March 2022 due to adverse global factors. The global economic slowdown which is due to the spike in geopolitical tensions and the prolonged supply chain disruptions is likely to hinder the stability and growth of the economy. Consequently, economic growth is now projected in the range of 5.5% - 6.0% in 2022 from 6.0% earlier projected

Going forward, the capital markets are expected to come under downward pressure as a result of: Geopolitical risks occasioned by the Russian invasion of Ukraine which has seen off-shore investors (who account for over 70% of the value traded at the USE) exiting frontier markets such as Uganda; an expected increase in the policy rate by the US Federal reserve bank to tame inflation which is likely to lead to an exit of off-shore investors as the USD strengthens and interest rates rise in the world's largest economy; and Imported inflationary pressure in Uganda fuelled by the increase in the price of crude oil and global supply chain constraints, which could see prices of listed securities adjust downwards as the cost of capital increases.



1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Capital Markets Quarterly Bulletin

The Capital Markets Quarterly Bulletin covers developments in Uganda's capital markets industry. The quarterly bulletin provides insights into the Authority's regulatory affairs, capital markets industry performance and the performance of regional markets. This quarterly bulletin focuses on the period 3rd January 2022 to 31st March 2022.

2.0 Regulatory Affairs

2.1 An Overview of Regulated Capital Markets Players

In carrying out its responsibilities, the CMA has approved and licensed different categories of market players as shown below.

Table I: Number of Regulated Capital Markets Players at the End of Each Quarter

Category	Dec 2021	Mar 2022
Fund Managers	7	7
Stock Brokers	8	8
Investment Advisors	9	9
CIS Managers	6	6
Unit Trust Schemes	17	17
Trustees	2	2
Custodians	4	4
Stock Exchanges	2	2
Securities Central Depositories	2	2
Representative Licenses	40	40
Registrars	1	2
Total	98	99

Source: CMA Market Supervision Department

Please see the Appendix for a comprehensive list of market players including the firm names, licences held, addresses and the contact persons.

2.2 Market Development Initiatives

2.2.1 Capital Markets Awareness

2.2.1.1 Investor Education

During the period under review, CMA continued with its investor education program which aims at creating awareness about capital markets, to drive market activity through Collective Investment Schemes (CIS). The program is conducted through external resource persons contracted by CMA to reach out to potential investors in the capital markets, with emphasis on investment through CIS. In the period under review, CMA through its investor resource persons held 13 radio outreaches on Sanyu FM, Radio One, Power FM, Bukedde FM, Salt FM, KFM, Faith Radio, BCU Radio, Big FM, IUIU FM, Ebenezer Radio, CBS FM and Elgon FM reaching an estimated 2.8 million listeners/potential investors. The Authority also held a television show targeting over 1 million individuals on Family TV. In addition to outreach through the television and radio airwaves, the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions by the government has revived physical meetings. In this regard, resource persons held 23 physical meetings where 373 potential investors were reached.

2.2.1.2 Collaboration with the National Social Security Fund (NSSF)

As part of outreach efforts, during the review period, CMA partnered with the NSSF for two webinars on financial literacy on 18th January 2022 and 22nd February 2022. The webinars sought to sensitize participants on saving and investing in capital markets. The first webinar which was titled "Evaluating Personal Finance" discussed, among other things, experiences and practical tips to help individuals on the journey of setting personal financial goals. The discussions of the second webinar under the theme "Repurpose, Refocus, Reshape: My Why" revolved around positioning oneself to achieve personal goals. The two webinars reached an estimated audience of about 2,384 individuals.

2.2.1.3 Issuer Education

CMA also continued with its Issuer Resource Persons Program which seeks to increase the supply of securities in the capital markets. The program involves the use of external resource persons to reach out to key persons of prospective issuers to sensitize them on opportunities presented by market-based financing. A key milestone for Issuer Resource Persons is presenting to boards of prospective issuers on market-based financing. During the presentations, boards are sensitized on the different types of non-bank market-based financing, its merits, and the preparatory steps for accessing it. The resource persons are expected to tap into their networks to reach business owners and founders, CEOs, board members and CFOs in companies that show prospects of tapping into market-based financing. Since the launch of the program in May 2018, a total of 47 companies have been reached. A total of UGX 42 billion has been raised through the program by companies in the education; medical



equipment; and microfinance sectors. During the review period, presentations were made to the board of an oil and gas company, an Information Technology company, a fast-moving consumer goods company, a stationery distribution company and a health and safety company. In addition, two companies in the medical and oil and gas sector signed fundraising mandates worth about UGX 2.63 Billion.

2.2.1.4 Research and Knowledge sharing

CMA held a market forum with CIS managers on 10th March 2022. The objective of such forums is to influence the thinking of CIS managers, discuss emerging issues and developments in the CIS sector and also share knowledge and best practices on what can be done to increase the uptake of CIS products. The forum focused on the utilization of the free airtime accorded to the Capital Markets Authority and CIS managers by Smart 24 Business Television. The view is that the exposure of the CIS industry on Smart 24 would go a long way in increasing the industry assets under management. It is important to note that the Authority has placed focus on the growth of the CIS sub-sector, which it believes has immense potential to mobilize savings from Ugandans for investing.

2.3 Market Supervision Developments

2.3.1 Regulatory Compliance

2.3.1.1 Risk Profiling and Inspections for Market Intermediaries

In line with CMA's risk-based approach to market supervision, the Market Supervision Department completed the risk assessment of investment advisory firms during the period under review. All licensed investment advisory firms submitted their responses to the risk assessment and profiling questionnaire that was shared. The questionnaire covered customer products and markets risks, governance risks, financial risks and operational risks. To this end, risk profiling and rating scores were issued based on the information provided in the questionnaires. The risk profiling and rating scores shall guide the Market Supervision Department on focus areas during forthcoming inspections and the amount of time to be spent during inspections.

In addition, the Authority continued to conduct financial analysis for all stockbrokers to test for capital adequacy requirements provided for in the CMA legal framework. During the period, CMA also conducted a joint onsite inspection with the Financial Intelligence Authority on one of its licensed persons.

Inspections are a key cog in ensuring that market players comply with the capital markets regulatory framework and risk in the industry is managed. This translates to enhanced protection of investors, crucial to developing confidence to invest.

2.3.1.2 Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)

During the period under review, CMA held a preliminary engagement with the Financial Intelligence Authority to evaluate the compliance of the capital markets intermediaries with AML/CFT Laws. To this end, in accordance with AML/CFT Laws of Uganda, all CMA licensed market intermediaries will be required to carry out an independent AML audit of their operations at their own cost. The independent audit for the licensed intermediaries will commence on 1st June 2022. Notably, the intermediaries will select their respective AML independent auditors that will be approved by the Financial Intelligence Authority. The deadline for completing the independent AML audit and submission of the audit reports to the Financial Intelligence Authority is 31st August 2022.

The purpose of the independent audit is: to establish, among other things, whether the AML/CFT related laws, rules and regulations and various orders including guidelines are being complied with; to evaluate the intermediaries' risk assessment framework by testing policies and procedures of the same; to Identify AML/CFT risks that the intermediaries face and rate the level of risk; and to assess the intermediaries' AML/CFT implementation in terms of adequacy and effectiveness.

2.3.1.3 Quarterly Compliance Seminar

The CMA held a virtual compliance seminar on 30th March 2022. The focus of the seminar was best practices for share registrars including share registration and principles which the authorized registrars are expected to embrace and adhere to. These principles include; honesty and fairness, capabilities, diligence, conflicts of interest, safeguarding of clients' assets, compliance and the responsibility of senior management.

The compliance seminar, among other things, provides a platform for market intermediaries to share concerns with the regulator and an opportunity for the Authority to highlight inspection findings of the market supervision department as well as receive feedback on its supervisory and compliance framework.

2.4 Legal and Regulatory Issues

2.4.1 Collective Investment Schemes Legal and Regulatory Framework

During the review period, the Authority sought to identify areas for amendment of the legal and regulatory framework for Collective Investment Schemes, from the industry players. To this end, a technical working group was constituted by the CMA that comprised of the regulator, asset managers, custodians and trustees. The technical working group took part in several meetings which culminated in a residential drafting retreat at Lakeside Escape, Mukono from 22nd to 25th March 2022.



The regulations under review included: The Collective Investment Schemes (Licensing) Regulations, the Collective Investment Schemes (Unit Trusts) Regulations and the Collective Investment Schemes (Conduct of Business and Miscellaneous provisions) Regulations.

2.4.2 Amendment to Table F of the Companies Act

The CMA prepared and submitted proposals for amendment of Table F of the Companies Act, 2012 to the Registrar General and the Solicitor General. The proposed amendments to the provisions of Table F of the Companies Act, 2012 are aimed at improving the governance of public companies. The specific proposed amendments include: Adoption of the corporate governance code; Separation of the role of Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer; Board evaluation; Board committees; Board effectiveness which includes the criteria for independence, the board composition, the role of the Chairperson, the role of the Board, and audit committee; and Board processes and procedures which includes the conduct of board meetings.

3.0 Industry Performance Overview

3.1 Performance of Collective Investment Schemes

CIS Managers had a total of UGX 1,147.9 billion¹ in Assets Under Management (AUM) at the end of March 2022, representing a growth of 17.4% from UGX 977.6 billion at the close of the fourth quarter of 2021. On an annualized basis, AUM also grew by 102.4% from UGX 567.2 billion recorded in a similar period in 2021 (1Q2021). The total number of CIS accounts at the end of March 2022 was 32,998², compared to 26,936 investor accounts at the end of the previous quarter, an increase of 22.5%. This growth in AUM and clients can be attributed to increased awareness about the benefits of investing through CIS vehicles among local investors.

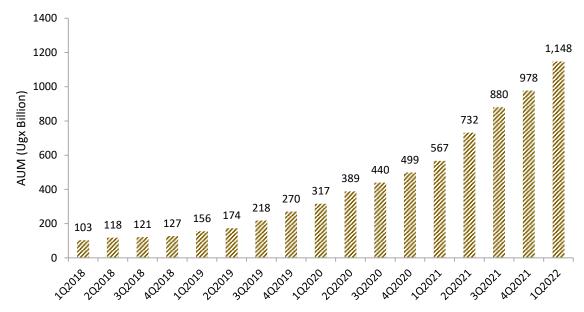


Figure I: Quarterly Trends in CIS Assets under Management (UGX, Billion)

Source: CMA Market Supervision Department

Table II shows the breakdown of CIS Assets under Management per CIS manager. The top two CIS managers controlled 81.5% of the total AUM at the end of March 2022.

¹ Figures are based on preliminary data

² Figures are based on preliminary data



Table II: CIS Assets under Management per CIS Manager

CIS Manager	AUM (UC	Change (%)	
	Dec 2021	Mar 2022 ³	
UAP-Old Mutual Financial Services Limited	615.4	745.9	21.2
ICEA Lion Asset Management Limited	139.7	163.2	16.8
Britam Asset Managers Uganda Limited	179.4	190	5.9
Xeno Technologies Uganda Limited	33.1	34.8	5.1
Sanlam Investments East Africa Limited	10	14	40
Total	977.6	1,147.9	17.4

Source: CMA Market Supervision Department

A breakdown of AUM by asset allocation at the end of March 2022 indicates that allocation to Government of Uganda bonds took up 68.6% of the total AUM followed by Fixed Deposits at 14.1% and Government of Uganda Treasury Bills at 8.6%. This is indicative of a market dominated by CIS funds that have interest bearing instruments, as the underlying assets.

An annualized trend analysis of CIS assets allocation indicates that cash as a percentage of total AUM has grown from 0.8% at the end of March 2021 to 1.9% at the end of March 2022. This growth is driven by the need to increase the liquidity buffers of the CIS managers to meet redemption requests.

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³ Figures are based on preliminary data

Table III: Quarterly CIS Industry Asset Allocation (Percentage)

Asset	Mar 2021	Jun 2021	Sept 2021	Dec 2021	Mar 2021 ⁴
Government of Uganda Bonds	66.8	67.4	66.2	68.6	68.6
Fixed Deposits	14.3	13.7	14.8	14.9	14.1
Call Deposits	6.4	5.3	5.4	3.9	4
Government of Uganda Treasury Bills	9	8.9	9	8.1	8.6
Cash	1.3	1	1.3	1.6	1.9
Commercial Paper		1.6	1.4	1.2	1
Corporate Bonds	1.4	1.4	0.9	1	0.9
Listed Equities in Uganda	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.05	0.04
Listed Equities in Rest of East Africa	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Investments (Off-shore and foreign exchange)	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.6
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Source: CMA Market Supervision Department

3.2 Fund Management Performance

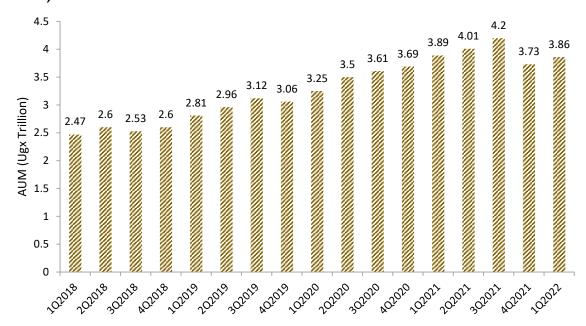
The total AUM for fund managers licensed by CMA closed the first quarter of 2022 at UGX 3.86 trillion⁵, representing a gain of 3.5% from UGX 3.7 trillion at the end of December 2021. The growth in AUM can be credited to the rise in the value of the assets held and also the recruitment of new members by the schemes whose funds are under management. On an annualized basis, the AUM fell by 0.6% from UGX 3.89 trillion recorded in a similar period in 2021 (1Q2021). The decrease in AUM can be partially attributed to the withdrawal of funds from two fund managers (Sanlam Investments East Africa Limited and Britam Asset Managers Uganda Limited) by one of the schemes whose funds were being managed.

⁴ Figures are based on preliminary data

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Figure II: Quarterly Trends in Assets under Management for Fund Managers (UGX, Trillion)



Source: CMA Market Supervision Department

Table IV below shows a breakdown of AUM per fund manager. The top three fund managers controlled 83.2% of the total AUM at the end of March 2022.

Table IV: Assets under Management per Fund Manager

Fund Manager	AUM (UG	Change (%)	
	Dec 2021	Mar 2022 ⁶	
Sanlam Investments East Africa Limited	1,639.2	1,698.9	3.6
GenAfrica Asset Managers Uganda Limited	800.2	825	3.1
Britam Asset Managers Uganda Limited	669.7	691	3.2
UAP-Old Mutual Financial Services Limited	406	416	2.5
ICEA Lion Asset Management Limited	219.4	233.8	6.6
Total	3,734.6	3,864.7	3.5

Source: CMA Market Supervision Department

A breakdown of the AUM by asset allocation at the end of March 2022 indicates that investments in Government of Uganda bonds constituted 74.6% of the total AUM followed by Listed Equities in the Rest of East Africa at 7.3% and Fixed Deposits at 6.5%. An annualized trend analysis of asset allocation indicates that investments in

⁶ Figures are based on preliminary data

CIS as a percentage of total AUM have grown from 1% at the end of March 2021 to 2.1% at the end of March 2022. This growth is driven by the decent returns and liquidity benefits provided by CIS compared to other investments such as fixed deposits.

Table V: Quarterly Fund Managers' Asset Allocation (Percentage, %)

Asset	Mar 2021	Jun 2021	Sept 2021	Dec 2021	Mar 2022 ⁷
Government of Uganda Bonds	70	71.9	73.5	73.3	74.6
Government of Uganda Treasury Bills	10	8.8	7.8	6	5
Government Bonds in Rest of East Africa	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Listed Equities in Uganda	2.3	2.2	2.1	3.6	4
Listed Equities in Rest of East Africa	7.9	8.5	7.4	7.4	7.3
Fixed Deposits	6.3	5.7	5.8	6.3	6.5
Real Estate	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5
Cash	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7
Collective Investment Schemes	1	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.1
Other (Dividend Income Receivable and Wealth management)	0.5	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.01
Corporate Bonds	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unlisted Equities in Uganda	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Unlisted Equities in Rest of East Africa	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Off-shore Investments (Equities)	0.004	0.003	0.003		
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Source: CMA Market Supervision Department

⁷ Figures are based on estimates



3.3 Equity Market Performance

3.3.1 Secondary Market Activity

3.3.1.1 Market Size

I. Total Market Capitalization

The USE total market capitalization fell by 7.4% to UGX 22.6 trillion at the end of the review period from UGX 24.4 trillion at the close of December 2021. This decline was due to share price losses on six cross-listed counters - CENT, JHL, EABL, KCB, EBL and KA; and eight locally listed counters - BATU, NVL, MTNU, BOBU, DFCU, SBU, CQCIL and UMEME.

On an annual basis, total market capitalization increased by 20% from UGX 18.9 trillion at the end of a similar period in 2020. This growth was due to the share price gains on three cross-listed counters - NMG, KCB and EBL; and one locally listed counter - UCL. In addition, the listing of MTN Uganda on the USE in December 2021 also contributed to this growth.

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Figure III: Quarterly Trends in Total Market Capitalization (UGX, Trillion)

Source: USE market reports

II. Domestic Market Capitalization

Domestic market capitalization which represents the value of locally listed stocks fell by 13.8% from UGX 8.5 trillion at the end of December 2021, to UGX 7.4 trillion at the end of the review period. This decline can be attributed to the decline in market capitalization registered on eight locally listed counters - BATU (-50%), NVL (-40.1%), MTNU (-7.7%), BOBU (-5.8%), DFCU (-4.3%), SBU (-3.8%), CQCIL (-3.3%) and UMEME (-0.8%).

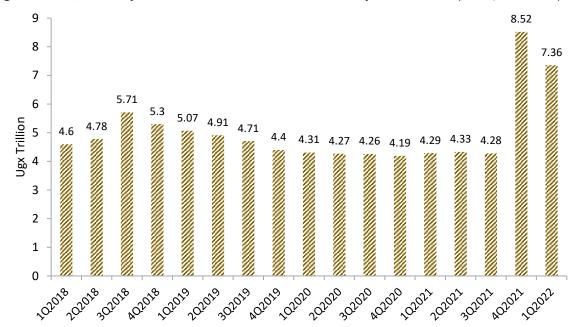


Figure IV: Quarterly Trends in Domestic Market capitalization (UGX, Trillion)

Source: USE market reports

The changes in domestic market capitalization mirror changes in the prices of domestic counters, whose drivers are discussed in part **3.3.1.4** of the bulletin.

On an annual basis, domestic market capitalization grew by 71.6% from UGX 4.3 trillion at the end of a similar period in 2020. This growth was due to the listing of MTN Uganda in December 2021 and the increase in the share price of one locally listed counter - UCL (162.6%).

3.3.1.2 Market Activity

I. Market Turnover

Equity turnover at the USE dropped by 54.2% in the first quarter of 2022 to UGX 7.3 billion, from UGX 16 billion registered in the previous quarter (4Q2021). Average turnover per session fell to UGX 122.1 million per session in the period under review, from UGX 238 million recorded in 4Q2021. The decrease in value traded can be attributed to among other things, low investor appetite for listed stocks with investors holding their funds in anticipation of the release of the listed companies' full-year audited financials.

On an annualized basis, the total equity turnover at the USE increased by 116.6% from UGX 3.4 billion in the first quarter of 2021 to UGX 7.3 billion in the review period. The improved market activity is largely due to an uptick in domestic and foreign institutional investor activity driven by improved investor sentiments as economic activity picks.



Table VI: Quarterly Equity Turnover per Counter at the USE (UGX, Million)

Counter	1Q2021	2Q2021	3Q2021	4Q2021	1Q2022
BATU					6.8
BOBU	642.6	944.2	12.4	608.2	106.9
CENT					
CQCIL	46.1	59.4	6.5	45.4	2.3
DFCU	1	1.4	6.1	15.8	1.6
KCB			0.4		
MTNU				716.6	2
NIC	25.7	0.6	0.7	2.1	9.1
NVL	0.6	0.5	3.6	32.1	8.3
SBU	2,297.7	1,039.2	2,866.1	6,597.9	2,272.5
UCL	17.2	483.2	277.2	285.3	403.6
UMEME	358.9	3,453.2	4,053.4	7,734.1	2,535.8
Total	3,389.8	5,981.7	7,226.5	16,037.6	7,343.7

Source: USE market reports

3.3.1.3 Index Levels

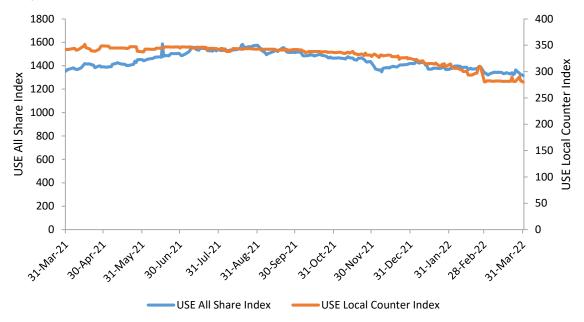
The USE All Share Index (ALSI) lost 7.3% to close the first quarter of 2022 at 1,316.41 points from 1,420.69 points reported at the close of the previous quarter. The ALSI declined as a result of share price losses registered on six cross-listed counters - CENT, JHL, EABL, KCB, EBL and KA; and eight local counters - BATU, NVL, MTNU, BOBU, DFCU, SBU, CQCIL and UMEME.

The USE Local Counter Index fell by 13.7%, closing the review period at 280.14 points from 324.66 points at the end of the fourth quarter of 2021. The decline in the LCI was on account of the share price drop on eight locally listed counters - BATU (-50%), NVL (-40.1%), MTNU (-7.7%), BOBU (-5.8%), DFCU (-4.3%), SBU (-3.8%), CQCIL (-3.3%) and UMEME (-0.8%).

On an annualized basis, the USE All-share index was down 2.9% from 1,355.12 points at the end of the first quarter of 2021, while the USE LCI dropped by 18.2% from 342.46 points recorded at the end of a similar quarter in 2021. The ALSI fell on account of share price losses registered on four cross-listed stocks - CENT, EABL, JHL and KA; and eight locally listed counters - BATU, NVL, UMEME, DFCU, BOBU, CQCIL,

SBU, and NIC. The decline in LCI was driven by share price losses registered on eight locally listed counters - BATU (-50%), NVL (-48.4%), UMEME (-14.7%), DFCU (-10.5%), BOBU (-10%), CQCIL (-6.3%), SBU (-5.7%) and NIC (-1.7%).

Figure V: USE All Share and USE Local Counter Index Levels (March 2021 to March 2022)



Source: USE market reports

3.3.1.4 Share Price Performance of Locally Listed Companies

Two locally listed counters, UCL and NIC registered share price gains of 61.6% and 15.7%, to close the period under review at UGX 21 and UGX 5.9 from UGX 13 and UGX 5.1 respectively at the close of the fourth quarter of 2021. That said, the rest of the eight counters (BATU, NVL, MTNU, BOBU, DFCU, SBU, CQCIL and UMEME) registered share price losses at the end of the first quarter of 2022.

BATU posted the highest drop in price to close the review period at UGX 15,0000 from UGX 30,0000 at the end of the previous period (4Q2021), representing a drop of 50%. Liquidity is extremely low on the BATU counter due to limited float hence, the stock seldom trades. In the same breath, New Vision share price was affected by a series of transactions emanating from a single seller, which is not a true and fair representation of market forces of demand and supply. Notably, the USE in consultation with the CMA is pursuing the necessary action against actors who might have been involved in irregular trading activity.

The MTNU share price decline can be attributed to, among other things, supply from retail investors outstripping demand for the stock during the period under review. CQCIL share price's downward trend is partly due to the low investor demand for the stock with supply out striping demand for the counter. The share prices of the banking stocks, BOBU, DFCU and SBU have been, in part, affected by the Bank of



Uganda's previous directive to financial institutions to defer dividend payments for 2020. The downward trend of UMEME's share price is due to low investor appetite, owing to uncertainty on the renewal of its concession with the Government.

Table VII: Quarterly Price movements on the USE (UGX)⁸

Counter	1Q2021	2Q2021	3Q2021	4Q2021	1Q2022	Year on Year Change (%)
BATU	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	15,000	-50
BOBU	100	120	117	95.5	90	-10
CQCIL	95	100	95	92	89	-6.3
DFCU	620	590	582	580	555	-10.5
MTNU				195	180	
NIC	6	6	5.1	5.1	5.9	-1.7
NVL	310	310	297	267	160	-48.4
SBU	26.5	26.5	26.38	26	25	-5.7
UCL	8	8.2	8.5	13	21	162.6
UMEME	220	219	210	189	187.5	-14.7

Source: USE market reports

3.4 Government Bonds Performance

3.4.1 Primary Market Activity

Bank of Uganda issued a total of UGX 3.1 trillion in treasury bills and bonds in the first quarter of 2022, 12% higher than UGX 2.8 trillion raised in the fourth quarter of 2021. The increase in debt issuances can be attributed to the need to meet Government financing requirements.

Table VIII: Quarterly Issuance at Cost (UGX, Billion)

Maturity	1Q2021	2Q2021	3Q2021	4Q2021	1Q2022
Total Issuance	3,887.12	2,850.75	3,318.19	2,781.26	3,114.2

Source: Bank of Uganda, Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development

3.4.2 Treasury Bonds Yields

In the primary market, yields edged upwards on all tenors. Yields on the 2-year, 3-year, 10-year, 15-year and 20-year treasury bonds fell from average yields of 11%, 13.1%, 14%, 15.5% and 15.7%, respectively in the quarter ended December 2021 to

⁸ Share price of locally listed counters at the end of each quarter

averages of 10.5%, 12.1%, 13.5%, 14.4% and 16% in the period under review. The continued high demand for treasury securities by investors partly explains the decline in the yields. That said, the 5-year treasury bond sold for 14% in the first quarter of 2022 compared to an average yield of 13.7% in the fourth quarter of 2021.

On an annual basis, yields on the 3-year, 5-year, 10-year, 15-year and 20-year treasury bonds dropped from averages of 14.2%, 16.6%, 16.1%, 16.3% and 17.4% in the first quarter of 2021 to average yields of 12.1%, 14%, 13.5%, 14.4% and 16%, respectively in the first quarter of 2022, partially driven by an accommodative monetary stance. On the other hand, the yield on the 2-year bond rose from an average of 9.9% in the first quarter of 2021 to an average of 10.5% in the first quarter of 2022.

Table IX: Quarterly Evolution of Yields on Treasury bonds (Percentage)

Maturity	1Q2021	2Q2021	3Q2021	4Q2021	1Q2022
2-Year	9.9	12.3	10	11	10.5
3-Year	14.2	12.8	11.4	13.1	12.1
5-Year	16.6	15.1	13.4	13.7	14
10-Year	16.1	13.7	13.5	14	13.5
15-Year	16.3	14.4	14.1	15.5	14.4
20-Year	17.4		16	15.7	16

Source: Bank of Uganda

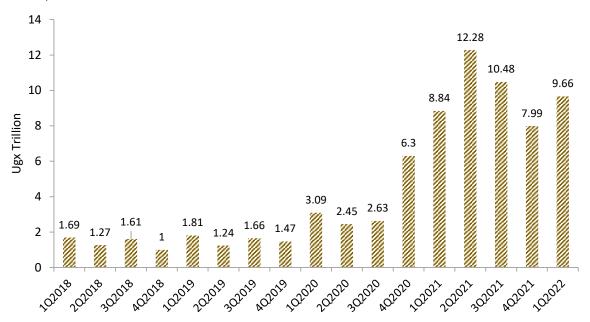
3.4.3 Secondary Market Activity

The value of government bonds traded on the secondary market increased by 20.9% to UGX 9.7 trillion in the first quarter of 2022 from UGX 8 trillion in the fourth quarter of 2021. Average monthly turnover also grew to UGX 3.2 trillion in the review period from UGX 2.7 trillion previously. Additionally, the government bond turnover ratio for the first quarter of 2022 stood at 43.6%, compared to 37.2% in the fourth quarter of 2021. The growth in turnover can be attributed to, among other things, increased investor appetite for government securities.

On an annualized basis, the government bond turnover on the secondary market has increased by 9.2% from UGX 8.8 trillion in the first quarter of 2021 to UGX 9.7 trillion in the period under review. The increase in turnover can be attributed to, among other things, reforms in the primary dealership system that saw the number of primary dealers reduced to 7 with market-making obligations and incentives to have a vibrant secondary market.



Figure VI: Quarterly Secondary Market Trading for Government Bonds (UGX, Trillion)



Source: Bank of Uganda Money Market Reports

4.0 Performance of Regional Markets

4.1 Market Capitalization

Domestic market capitalization at the Nairobi Stock Exchange (NSE) fell by 7.3% to US\$ 21.3 billion at the end of the review period, from US\$ 22.96 billion at the end of the fourth quarter of 2021. The decline in market capitalization was largely due to the share price loss registered on Safaricom. The share price decline occurred against the backdrop of a huge selloff in global equities following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which spooked investors into safe-haven investments such as gold, US bonds and the dollar. Domestic market capitalization at the Rwanda Stock Exchange (RSE) declined by 0.2% to US\$ 0.569 billion at the end of the review period, from US\$ 0.571 billion recorded at the close of the fourth quarter of 2021. The decrease in market capitalization was due to the share price fall of Bank of Kigali and Bralirwa PLC during the quarter under review. On the other hand, domestic market capitalization at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) closed higher at US\$ 4.5 billion, from US\$ 4.1 billion posted at the close of 4Q2021, representing a gain of 9.3%. The growth in market capitalization was due to share price gains registered on: Tanga Cement PLC, Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited, DCB Commercial Bank Plc, NMB Bank Plc, CRDB Bank PLC, Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange and National Investment Company Limited. The rally of the share prices can be attributed to, among other things, the anticipation of better 2021 financial results ahead of the dividend season.

Table X: Quarterly Domestic Market Capitalization for Regional Markets (US \$ billion)

Securities Exchange	1Q2021	2Q2021	3Q2021	4Q2021	1Q2022	Year on Year Change (%)
USE	1.17	1.22	1.21	2.4	2	75.1
NSE	22.15	25.06	25.22	22.96	21.3	-3.9
DSE	4.04	4.20	4.14	4.12	4.5	11.5
RSE	0.34	0.64	0.60	0.57	0.6	67.4

Source: DSE Market Reports, RSE Market Reports, USE Market Reports and NSE market reports

4.2 Equity Turnover

Equity turnover at the NSE in the first quarter of 2022 dropped by 23.9% to US\$ 244.6 million from US\$ 321.6 million registered in the fourth quarter of 2021 driven by sell-offs by foreign institutional investors due to Russia's military actions in Ukraine. These actions spooked investors into safe-haven investments such as gold, US bonds and the dollar. Equity turnover at the RSE for the first quarter of 2022 surged to US\$ 14.6 million from US\$ 0.5 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2021. The increase in turnover on the RSE was due to increased activity on Bank of Kigali and



Bralirwa PLC counters. Similarly, turnover at the DSE increased by 108.4% to US\$ 15.2 million from US\$ 7.3 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2021. The equity market's resurgence was fueled largely by falling fixed income rates since the beginning of the year, which saw investors return to the equities market.

Table XI: Quarterly Market Turnover for Regional Markets (US\$ million)

Securities Exchange	1Q2021	2Q2021	3Q2021	4Q2021	1Q2022	Year on Year Change (%)
USE	0.9	1.7	2	4.5	2	120.4
NSE	288.5	352.2	284.7	321.6	244.6	-15.2
DSE	10.2	12.9	15	7.3	15.2	49.8
RSE	0.99	9.7	0.4	0.5	14.6	1,376.8

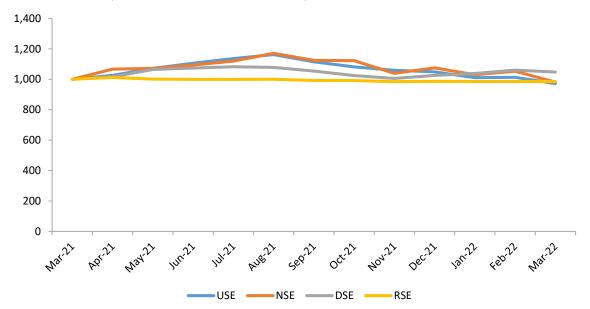
Source: DSE Market Reports, RSE Market Reports, USE Market Reports and NSE market reports

4.3 Index Levels9

The NSE All-Share Index shed 8.7%, to close the first quarter of 2022 at 982 points from 1,076 points at the end of the fourth quarter of 2021. Similarly, the RSE All-Share Index was down 0.1% to close the review period at 986 points from 987 points at the end of the fourth quarter of 2021. On the other hand, the DSE All-Share Index gained by 2.1%, closing the review period at 1,047 points from 1,026 points at the end of the fourth quarter of 2021.

⁹ The indices have been rebased using the same start level of 1,000 points (end of September 2020), to easily compare the performance of the indices

Figure VII: Trends in the USE All-share, RSE All-share, DSE All-share and NSE All-share Indices (March 2021 - March 2022)



Source: USE, RSE, DSE and NSE market reports



5.0 Outlook

5.1 Economic Outlook

The International Monetary Fund's Regional Economic Outlook report for Sub-Saharan Africa indicates that the growth momentum for the region has weakened this year with economic activity expected to expand by 3.8%. The report further notes that economic recovery will accelerate in 2023 to about 4% over the medium term, although this pace will not be enough to make up for lost ground from the pandemic. The report notes that this year, growth has mainly been jeopardized by the Russian invasion of Ukraine which has triggered a global economic shock that is hitting the region at a time when countries' policy space to respond to it is minimal to nonexistent. Most notably, surging oil and food prices are straining the external and fiscal balances of commodity-importing countries and have increased food security concerns in the region. Besides accelerating the Covid-19 vaccination campaign, immediate policy priorities include helping the most vulnerable households cope with high food and energy costs without adding to existing debt vulnerabilities, containing inflation pressures, and managing exchange rate adjustments.¹⁰

Bank of Uganda notes that the economy continues to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic related downturn. The full reopening of the economy and the diminished impact of the pandemic have unlocked the factors that had held back economic activity. However, the most recent high-frequency economic indicators point to a weakening of the domestic growth momentum in March 2022 due to adverse global factors. The global economic slowdown which is due to the spike in geopolitical tensions and the prolonged supply chain disruptions is likely to hinder the stability and growth of the economy. Consequently, economic growth is now projected in the range of 5.5% - 6.0% in 2022 from 6.0% earlier projected.¹¹

5.2 Implications for Capital Markets

Going forward, the capital markets are expected to come under downward pressure as a result of: Geopolitical risks occasioned by the Russian invasion of Ukraine which has seen off-shore investors (who account for over 70% of the value traded at the USE) exiting frontier markets such as Uganda; an expected increase in the policy rate by the US Federal reserve bank to tame inflation which is likely to lead to an exit of off-shore investors as the USD strengthens and interest rates rise in the world's largest economy; and Imported inflationary pressure in Uganda fuelled by the increase in the price of crude oil and global supply chain constraints, which could see prices of listed securities adjust downwards as the cost of capital increases.

¹⁰ International Monetary Fund. (2022, April). Regional Economic Outlook - Sub-Saharan Africa

¹¹ Bank of Uganda. (2022, April). Monetary Policy Statement

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