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Economic Update



Global oil markets remained in flux through September, as the fragile US-Iran ceasefire agreement continued to shape energy prices and investor sentiment. Brent crude traded within a wide range of $79–$92 per barrel during the month, swinging sharply on diplomatic headlines before settling around $88 per barrel by month-end, as Iran signalled a shift to a more offensive military posture and Washington ruled out extending the temporary truce. Macquarie Group cut its 2026 Brent forecast to $77 per barrel, citing expectations of a faster-than-anticipated recovery in Gulf oil supply, while Commerzbank projected year-end prices around $80 per barrel, both reflecting growing market conviction that the worst of the supply shock has passed, even as near-term uncertainty persists. Major central banks held rates steady throughout the month, maintaining a cautious higher-for-longer stance, with the Bank of England holding at 3.75% and the Fed similarly pausing as inflation remained above target in most developed economies.

Domestically, Nigeria had a landmark September. Headline inflation eased to 15.39% in August 2026 from 15.43% in July, the third consecutive monthly decline, with month-on-month inflation slowing sharply to 0.71% from 1.57% in July, its lowest monthly reading since the energy shock began. Core inflation fell to 13.29% year-on-year in August from 22.93% in August 2025, reflecting the cumulative effect of exchange rate stability and easing energy costs.

The biggest domestic story of the month, however, was CBN's MPC decision. The Central Bank of Nigeria cut the Monetary Policy Rate from 26.5% to 23%, a 350-basis-point reduction, following its September 21-22 MPC meeting, citing improving inflation dynamics, stronger growth, and relative exchange rate stability. The LCCI welcomed the decision, describing it as a significant easing of monetary conditions that could reduce the cost of credit for businesses.

The naira held steady at approximately ₦1,328.67/$ in the official FX market following the rate cut, demonstrating the resilience of Nigeria's external buffers. External reserves crossed $54.61 billion by September 14, their highest level in 18 years, before reaching $54.79 billion as of September 21, a 30.36% increase from $42.03 billion recorded on the same date in 2025. The latest reserve position is approximately $3.57 billion above the CBN's own year-end forecast of $51.04 billion, underscoring the remarkable turnaround in Nigeria's external liquidity position. With inflation on a clear downward path, a historic rate cut signalling the start of a new monetary easing cycle, and reserves at an 18-year high, September marked a turning point in Nigeria's macroeconomic story.



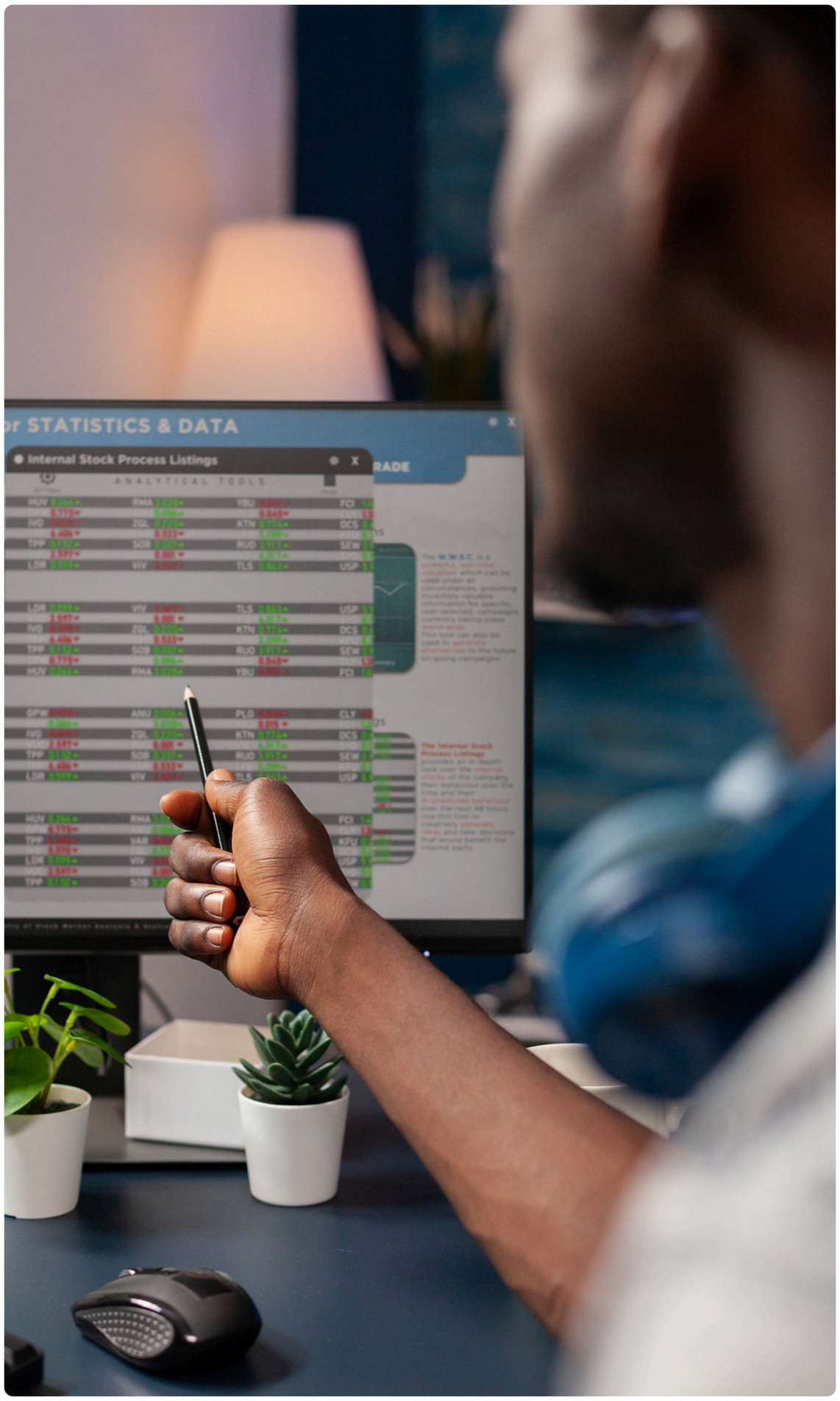
Markets Update



The Treasury Bills market remained active, supported by ample system liquidity and sustained investor appetite ahead of the CBN's rate decision. The naira held firm at approximately ₦1,328.67/$ in the official FX market following the rate cut, a testament to the strength of Nigeria's external buffers, with external reserves reaching $54.79 billion as of September 21, their highest level in 18 years. Overall, September was a defining month, a historic rate cut, a market index milestone, and a Frontier Market re-entry combined to deliver one of the most consequential months for Nigerian capital markets in recent memory.

Nigeria's equity market extended its recovery in September, with the NGX All-Share Index closing the month at 251,211.67 points, up approximately 2.87% from August's close of 244,199.39, lifting market capitalisation to ₦163.1 trillion. The market drew strong support from the CBN's landmark 350-basis-point rate cut on September 22, which injected fresh optimism into equities as investors began repricing assets in a lower interest rate environment. Nigeria's formal return to FTSE Russell Frontier Market status on September 21 also provided a meaningful boost to sentiment, opening the door to renewed offshore portfolio flows. Broad-based gains were recorded across most sectors through the month, with the index briefly crossing the 252,000 threshold on September 28 before easing slightly at month end.

In the bond market, the September FGN bond auction featured a new 10-year FGN September 2036 bond and a reopening of the FGN June 2038 bond, with a combined offer of ₦1 trillion. Total subscriptions reached ₦1.49 trillion, with the DMO allotting ₦748.64 billion across both instruments. Marginal rates continued their downward trajectory, the September 2036 bond cleared at 16.79%, while the June 2038 bond settled at 16.85%, a sharp decline from the 17.79% recorded at the August auction, reflecting growing market confidence in the disinflation outlook and the start of a monetary easing cycle. Secondary market bond yields also trended lower, consistent with the post-rate-cut repricing of fixed income assets.



Industry Update



Nigeria's pension assets projected to hit N34.5 trillion by December 2026. Read more...

Nigeria's pension assets could reach between N33 trillion and N34.5 trillion by December 2026, according to Coronation Asset Management's H1 2026 review released in August. The projection is supported by strong equity market performance, sustained contribution inflows, and the anticipated impact of the Dangote Refinery IPO, which completed a $2.5 billion pre-IPO private placement ahead of its expected September 2026 listing.

PenCom's proposed Pension Industry Infrastructure Fund (PIIF), currently under review for formal launch before year-end, could also unlock additional deployment of pension assets into infrastructure, with
PenCom noting that infrastructure exposure currently remains well below permitted limits across all fund classes.

PenCom 2026 Media Conference: FG clears 17-year pension backlog, industry commits $250m to infrastructure. Read more...

PenCom held its 2026 National Pension Media Conference in Lagos on September 24, themed “From Reform to Reality Renewed Hope, Pension Security for Nigerians.” The event was packed with landmark announcements. PenCom Director-General Omolola Oloworaran revealed that the Federal Government has cleared all inherited pension liabilities dating back to 2007 through a ₦758 billion intervention bond, benefiting 957,045 retirees nationwide.

Retirement benefit processing times, which previously took up to 21 months, have been reduced to 48 hours on the average. Monthly pension payments have also risen from ₦12.15 billion to ₦14.83 billion following an across-the-board pension increase for over 241,000 retirees. Looking ahead, PenCom announced a $250 million commitment by the pension industry toward infrastructure investment over the next 10 years, with current infrastructure investments at ₦420 billion and growing

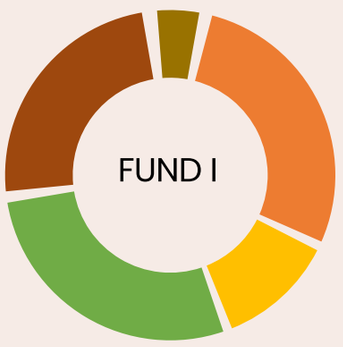
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Fund Performance September 2026

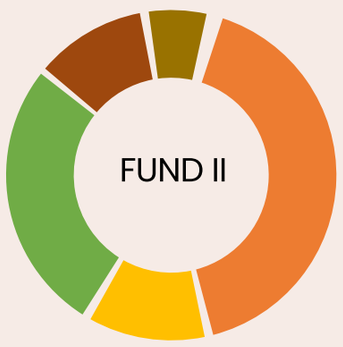
These donut charts break down asset allocations across different portfolios, showing varying investments in Government Securities, Equities, Money Markets, Corporate Securities, and Alternative Assets.

	Fund I	Fund II	Fund III	Fund IV	Fund V	Fund VI Active	Fund VI RETIREE
Performance (YTD ROI)	26.62%	22.68%	15.67%	12.54%	12.93%	15.34%	13.41%

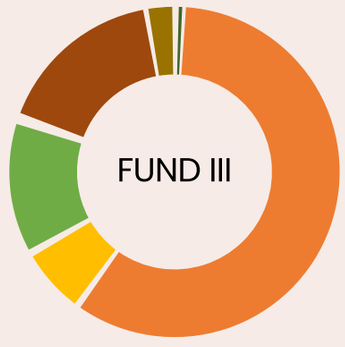
Asset Allocation



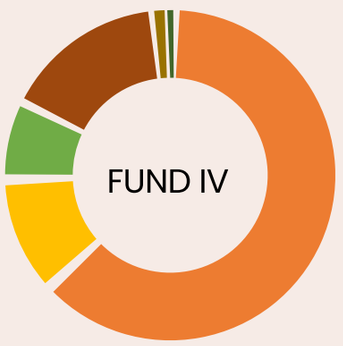
Gov't Securities	28.65%
Corporate Securities	12.72%
Equities	27.48%
Money Markets	28.48%
Alternatives assets	2.79%
Others	-



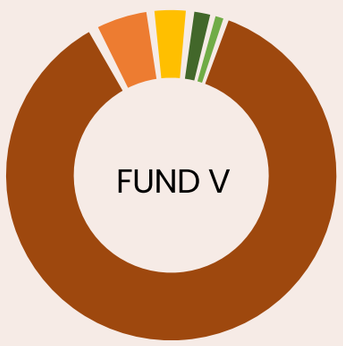
Gov't Securities	44.97%
Corporate Securities	9.44%
Equities	28.14%
Money Markets	9.96%
Alternatives assets	7.55%
Others	-



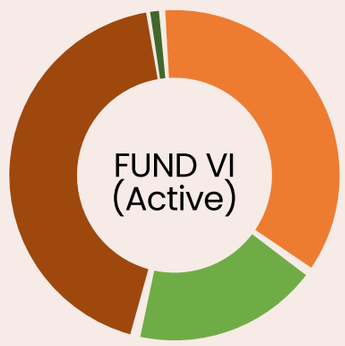
Gov't Securities	58.85%
Corporate Securities	6.54%
Equities	13.97%
Money Markets	18.50%
Alternatives assets	1.93%
Others	0.21



Gov't Securities	73.05%
Corporate Securities	8.62%
Equities	5.70%
Money Markets	11.88%
Alternatives assets	0.70%
Others	0.05



Gov't Securities	7.22%
Corporate Securities	5.02%
Equities	1.12%
Money Markets	83.95%
Alternatives assets	-
Others	2.69%



Gov't Securities	37.68%
Corporate Securities	-
Equities	20.70%
Money Markets	41.39%
Alternatives assets	-
Others	0.23%



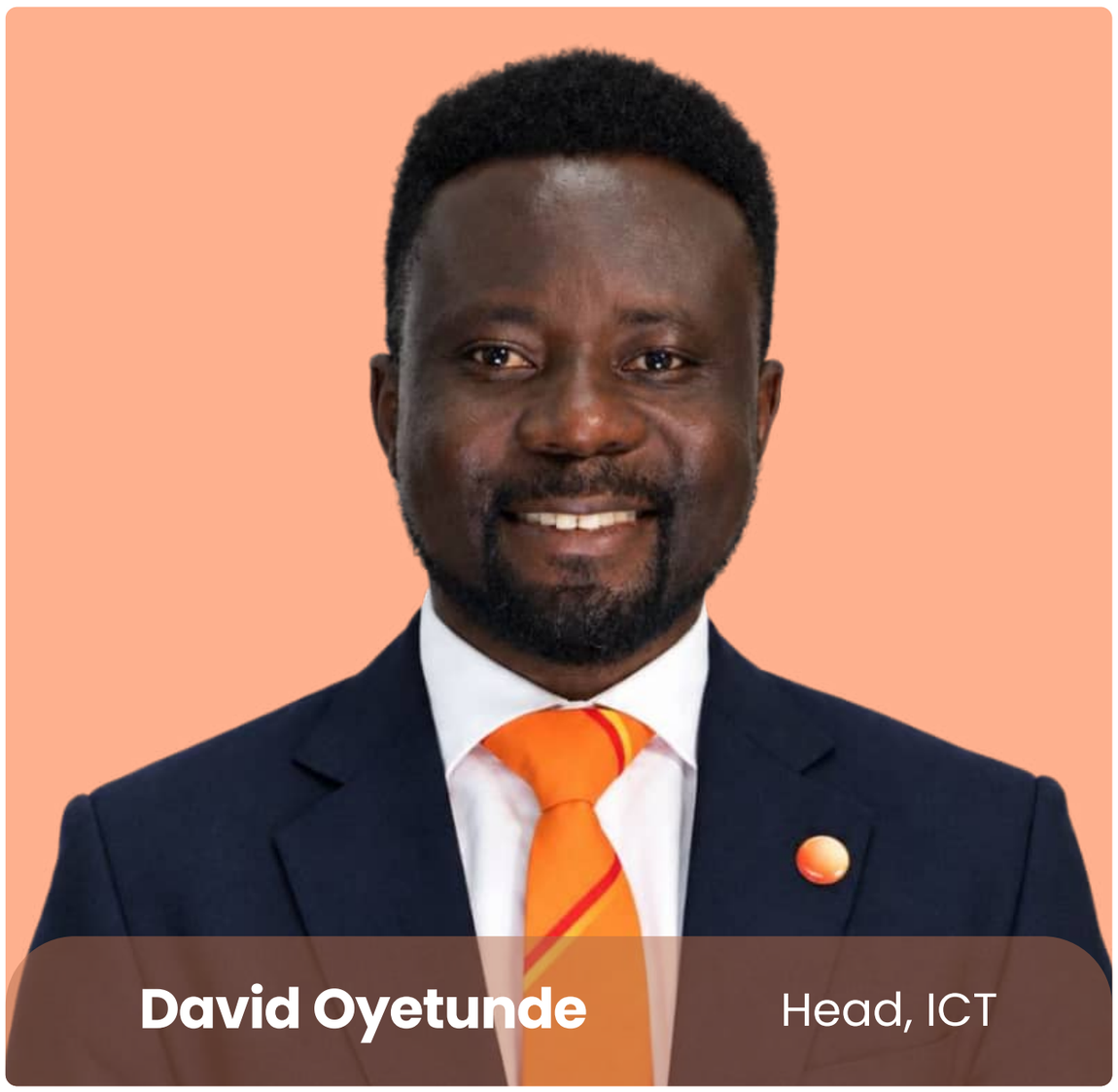
Gov't Securities	-
Corporate Securities	-
Equities	-
Money Markets	98.99%
Alternatives assets	-
Others	1.01%

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If there is one hire that signals where Norrenberger Pensions is headed, it is this one. **David Oyetunde** joins us with over 15 years of experience sitting squarely at the intersection of technology and business, software development, data analytics, AI, digital transformation, enterprise systems, you name it, he has built it, led it, or automated it.

Before joining us, David was running his own technology consulting firm, delivering AI-driven solutions and digital transformation projects across industries. He holds a B.Tech in Computer Science, an MBA in Data Warehousing from India, and a Diploma in Applied Data Science from WorldQuant University in the US. In short, he did not just study technology, he has been living it.

As Head of ICT, David brings a rare combination of technical depth and business thinking. We are excited about what he will build here. Welcome to the team, David.

LOOKING AHEAD FY2027 STRATEGY SESSION

In September, the Norrenberger Pensions management team came together for a two-day strategy retreat focused on the future. Built around the Blue Ocean Strategy framework, the session brought management and Group executives together to chart a bold course for FY2027 and beyond.

The discussions centred on how Norrenberger Pensions can continue to grow, serve contributors better, and strengthen its position as a Pension Fund Administrator in Nigeria.



BLUE OCEAN STRATEGY



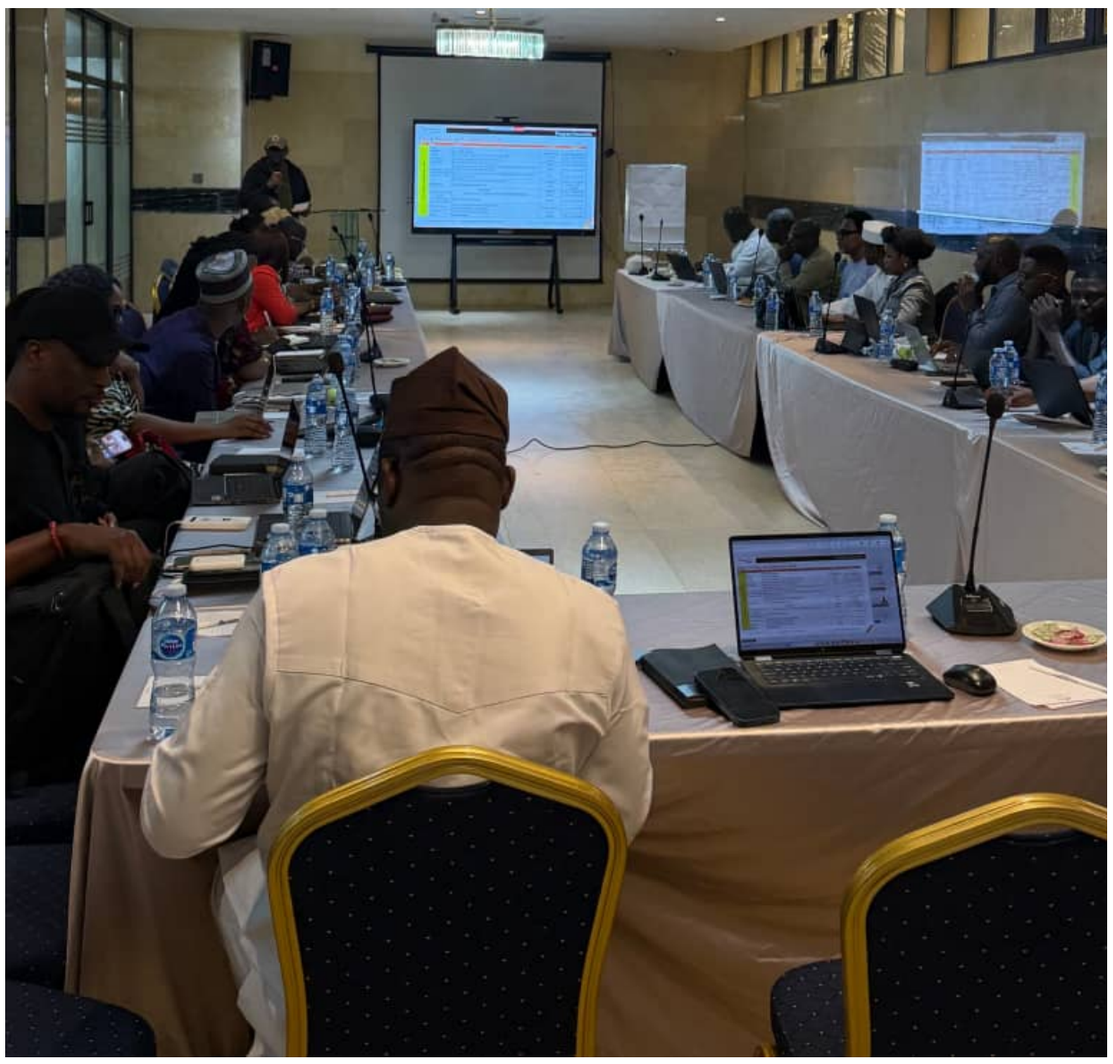














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Which Fund Are You In?

Not many people know that your pension is not just sitting in one pot. Under Nigeria's Contributory Pension Scheme, your contributions are invested through a structured range of funds, each designed with a different type of contributor in mind. Here is a simple breakdown:

Fund I — For the Bold
This is the highest-risk, highest-return fund. It can hold up to 75% in variable income instruments like equities. It is designed for contributors who are young, have a long investment horizon, and are comfortable with market fluctuations. You have to opt in, it is not the default.

Fund II — The Default for the Working Years
Most contributors under 49 years old are here. It holds a balanced mix of equities and fixed income, offering moderate risk and moderate return. Think of it as the reliable middle ground.

Fund III — Closer to Retirement
Once you turn 50, you are automatically moved here unless you choose otherwise. The allocation shifts more toward fixed income and lower-risk instruments, protecting what you have built as retirement approaches.

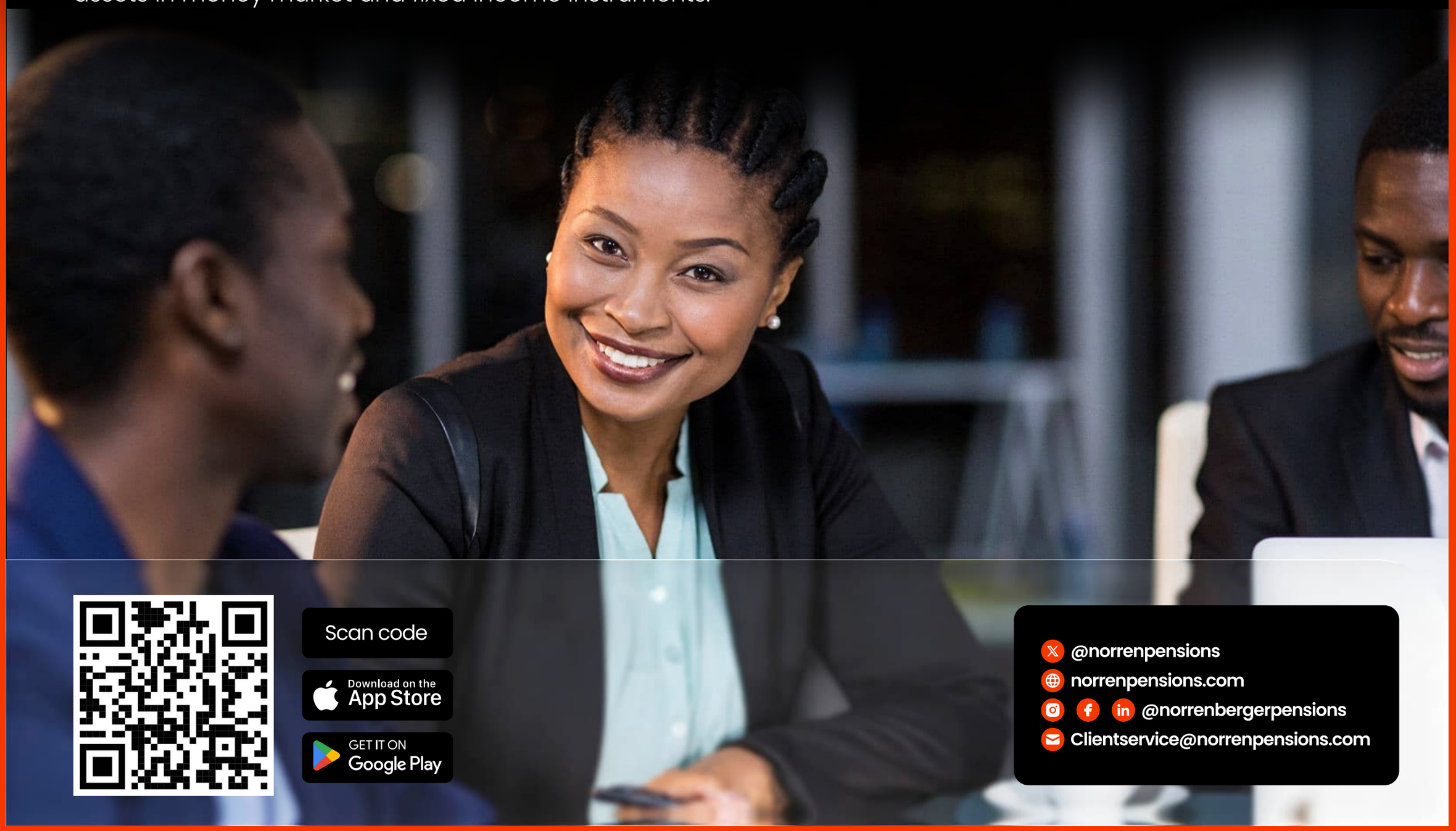
Fund IV — For Retirees
This is the most conservative fund, designed to preserve capital and provide stable income after retirement. Safety is the priority here, with the bulk of assets in money market and fixed income instruments.

Fund V — The Personal Pension Plan
This one is for the self-employed, freelancers, traders, and anyone outside the formal employment sector. No employer? No problem. You can open a Fund V account and start saving for retirement on your own terms.

Fund VI — The Ethical Fund
Designed for contributors who want their pension invested in line with non-interest financial principles, no interest-bearing instruments. This fund is compliant with Islamic finance guidelines.

Fund VII — For the Diaspora
If you live abroad and earn in foreign currency, Fund VII allows you to contribute and invest in USD and receive your retirement benefits in the same currency. No exchange rate risk. No eroded savings.

Whatever stage of life you are in, there is a fund designed for you. Not sure which one you are in? Reach out to us, we are happy to help you make the right choice.



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