

Britam Special Fixed Income Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025



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FUND MANAGER'S REPORT

The Fund Manager has the pleasure of submitting the Annual Report together with the audited financial statements of Britam Wealth Management Limited Liability Partnership (Licenced as the Britam Special Fixed Income Fund) (the "Fund") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The investment objective of the Britam Special Fixed Income Fund is to generate a high level of return. To achieve this, the portfolio is invested in fixed income securities, property funds and unquoted shares of various durations at attractive yields to ensure the return on the Fund is maximised.

CHANGES TO INCORPORATION DOCUMENTS

The Fund was licenced as a collective investment scheme (CIS) under the CIS regulations, 2023 in July 2023 and became a regulated fund. The partnership deed was amended to align with the CIS regulations 2023 and information memorandum was accordingly adopted.

FUND PERFORMANCE

The highest and lowest absolute yields for the last 5 years were as per the table below:

Year	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Highest yield %	14.00	13.52	9.98	9.69	9.00
Lowest yield %	10.35	13.21	6.12	8.98	9.00

INCOME DISTRIBUTION

The profit realised by the Fund for the last 5 years has been distributed to the investors as per the table below.

Year	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Amount (Shs '000)	1,956,040	1,277,392	205,708	620,903	1,815,032

TOTAL VALUE OF THE FUND

The total book value of the Fund for the last 3 years is as per the below table.

Year	2025	2024	2023
Amount (Shs '000)	6,270,896	5,411,044	9,054,113

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER)

The total expense ratio of the Fund provides a measure of the total costs incurred to manage and operate the Fund. The TER for the year is as per below table.

Year	2025	2024
Total expenses for the year (Shs '000)	30,398	22,711
Total expense ratio	0.48%	0.42%

AUDITOR

Ernst & Young LLP continues to be in office in accordance with the Fund's Trust Deed and Section 60 (1) of the Capital Markets Authority (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2023.

The Fund Manager monitors the effectiveness, objectivity and independence of the auditor. Trustee's oversight responsibility includes the approval of the audit engagement contract and the associated fees on behalf of the unit holders.

**By order of the Fund Manager,
Britam Asset Managers (Kenya) Limited**



TRUSTEE'S STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

We, Standard Chartered Bank, Kenya Limited, in our capacity as trustee of the Fund, are required in terms of Section 132 of the Capital Markets (Collective Investment Schemes) regulation 2023, to satisfy ourselves that the Fund Manager has managed the scheme in the period ended 31 December 2025 in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the Fund Manager and trustee or custodian by the incorporation documents and the regulations.

Based on our records, and the Accounts, we hereby report that nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe anything other than:

1. the fact that the Accounts fairly represent the assets and liabilities of every portfolio of the Scheme;
2. the fact that the Accounts fairly represent the income and distribution of income of every portfolio of the Scheme; and
3. the fact that the Fund Manager has administered the Scheme in accordance the provisions of the incorporation documents and the regulations.

Further to the above, and as disclosed in Note 11, the Trustee is aware that the Fund has assets that are insufficient to cover the value of the liabilities to the investors. A plan was implemented to resolve this including cumulative capital injection amounting to Shs 7.815 billion including Shs 653 million in the year (2024: Shs. 822 million).

Finally, in matter relating to compliance, the Fund was licenced as a collective investment scheme (CIS) by the Capital Markets Authority under the conditions that they have until December 23, 2029, to fully resolve the asset-liability mismatch in the Fund.

By order of the Trustee
Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited

FUND MANAGER'S STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Dear Unit Holder,

The fundamental investment objective of the Britam Special Fixed Income Fund is to generate a high level of interest income while providing a predictable maturity profile. The Fund does this by investing primarily in fixed income securities of various terms issued by the Kenyan Government and other corporate securities

Britam Asset Managers (Kenya) Limited adopts an investment philosophy that ensures high risk adjusted returns for investors while optimizing overall portfolio risk. We employ a two-pronged strategy to achieve this objective. Firstly, the average term and duration of the portfolio are adjusted based on prevailing interest rate trends, within the acceptable tenors. Thus, as interest rates rise, the average term and duration of the portfolio are shortened, and as interest rates reach a peak or fall, the portfolio's duration and average term are extended.

Secondly, we strive for diversification through investing in corporate bonds and commercial papers which offer attractive spreads above treasury instruments while cushioning the portfolio against interest rate risk. The strategy involves purchasing these securities when the spreads are at their widest points and reducing holdings when corporate bond rates are at their narrowest point relative to rates on treasury instruments. This is all done in an environment of rigorous risk management by investing in fundamentally sound corporates to protect against default risk.

Global GDP grew by **3.3%** for 2025 and is projected at **3.3%** for 2026; GDP growth is seen averaging **3.2%** in 2027-2029, driven by factors such as technology investments, fiscal support in major economies, and adaptive private sector responses. Global economic activity has shown resilience amid trade policy headwinds and geopolitical uncertainties. Kenya's economy grew by **4.9%** in 2025. This was a faster growth than what was recorded in 2024 at **4.7%**. The acceleration was amid a supportive economic environment characterized by lower interest rates and resilience in the service and agriculture sectors. Looking forward, we expect the accommodative monetary stance adopted by the CBK to support economic activity as the anticipated depreciation of the KES and the forecasted drier conditions in the country offset some of anticipated gains. Headline inflation came in at **4.5%** in December 2025 compared to a reading of **3.0%** in December 2024. Ample harvests in the country continued to pull food prices lower as the tight monetary policy saw activity drag to place the core inflation index at **2.0%** in December 2025.

The Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee cut the benchmark rate by 25bps to **9.0%** in December 2025, noting improved inflation levels and a stabilized exchange rate. Similarly, yields on treasury bills declined in the last quarter of the year signaling moderation in interest rate movements. The 3-month Tbill closed the year at **7.73%** compared to **9.8%** at the end of 2024, while the yield curve fell by **1.9%** on average, which positively affected fixed income returns.

The Kenya Shilling showed relative stability in 2025 gaining **0.2%**, losing **12.8%** and losing **6.8%** against the US Dollar, Euro and Pound Sterling, respectively, to close the year at **KES 129.01/USD**, **KES 151.43/EUR** and **KES 173.65/GBP**. The stable Kenya Shilling performance was largely due to improved investor sentiments on the currency and the country following the successful repayment of the 2024 Eurobond, higher forex reserves and deceleration in economic activity.

The equities market recorded gains in stock prices as macro-economic concerns around Kenya eased. The recovery in equities was triggered by the partial repayment of the 2024 Eurobond which saw a significant improvement in the Kenyan macro-economic outlook, improvement in US Dollar liquidity, robust earnings performance and the increase in Kenya's allocation in frontier indices. Fed rate cuts in the last quarter of the year also supported the equities market performance. The NSE All Share Index was up by **51.2%** in the year.

The fund generated a return of **2.51%**, **5.16%**, **8.04%** & **11.12%** for the 3, 6, 9 and 12 Month tenors respectively against a benchmark of **2.36%**, **4.78%**, **7.28%** and **9.95%** respectively. We thank you for choosing to invest in Britam Special Fixed Income Fund. The team at Britam Asset Managers (Kenya) Limited looks forward to working closely with you in meeting and exceeding your financial and investment objectives. We extend our best wishes for 2026.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN

For the year ended 31 December 2025

In accordance with the Capital Markets (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2023 (the Regulations) Section 70 (d), information memorandum and the Custody Agreement between Standard Chartered Bank of Kenya Limited as the Custodians and Britam Asset Managers (Kenya) Limited as the Fund Manager, we confirm that for the year ended 31 December 2025:

1. We have discharged the duties prescribed for a Custodian under Section 68 of the Regulations, to the Britam Money Market Fund;
2. We have held the assets for the Britam Special Fixed Income Fund, including securities and income that accrue thereof, to the order of the Fund Manager and facilitated the transfer, exchange or delivery in accordance with the instructions received from the Fund Manager.

For the year ended 31 December 2025, we have held the assets of the Britam Balanced Fund, which include title deeds, securities and income that accrue thereof, to the order of the Fund Manager and facilitated the transfer, exchange or delivery in accordance with the instructions received from the Fund Manager in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Markets (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 2023.

By order of the custodian

Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

	31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2024
	Shs'000	Shs'000
Income		
Interest income	453,836	391,392
Realized gain on sale of investments	24,380	110,827
Other income	656,967	816,883
Unrealized loss on forex changes on investments	-	(7)
Unrealized fair value gain on investments	717,148	335,982
Expected credit write back on financial assets	134,107	-
Total income	1,986,438	1,655,077
Expenses		
Service fees	(30,398)	(22,711)
Expected credit loss on investments	-	(354,974)
Profit before income tax	1,956,040	1,277,392
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit for the year	1,956,040	1,277,392
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,956,040	1,277,392

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income is an extract from the Financial Statements which have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP and have received an unqualified opinion.

Statement of financial position

	31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2024
	Shs'000	Shs'000
Assets		
Investment in unquoted shares	1,374,503	1,134,896
Investment in property funds	791,728	843,917
Corporate securities at amortised cost	482,262	691,969
Corporate securities at fair value through profit and loss	-	118,188
Government securities at fair value through profit and loss	3,580,880	2,514,277
Deposits with financial institutions	40,034	115,254
Cash and bank balances	22,645	16,943
Other receivables	451	-
Total assets	6,292,503	5,435,444
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Payables and accrued expenses	21,607	24,400
Net assets attributable to unitholders	5,411,044	5,411,044
Fund Balance		
Unit holder balances	6,270,896	5,411,044

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By order of the Fund Manager,
Britam Asset Managers (Kenya) Limited

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