CrusaderSterling PENSIONS

CPL VALUE FUND I

Address: 14B, Keffi street, S.W. Ikoyi, Lagos

AUGUST 2025

CREATING WEALTH FOR RETIREMENT

Strategy Overview

The Fund investments is subject to regulatory guidelines and limits as set by the National Pension Commission (PENCOM), and can be allocated as follows:-

- Govt. Securities

I. Fed Govt. (including FGN Eurobonds) (60%)

II.State/ Local Govt.(20%) -Guaranteed/ ISPO

III.State/ Local Govt.(3%) - Not Guaranteed

- Corporate Bond/Debt (35%)
- Supra-national Bonds (20%)
- Money Market Instruments (30%)
- Ordinary Share (including GDRs) (30%)
- Private Equity (10%)
- Infrastructure Funds (10%)
- Open-Close End/Hybrid Fund (25%)

Launch	73-mth	74-mth	75-mth	76-mth	77-mth	78-mth	79-mth	80-mth	81-mth	82-mth	83-mth	84-mth	85-mth	
Jul-18	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	April 25	May 25	June 25	July 25	Aug 25	Cumu-lative
Unit Price N1.00	2.1344	2.1266	2.1607	2.1990	2.2506	2.3084	2.3429	2.3761	2.4133	2.4733	2.5893	2.7499	2.7323	***
% Return	113%	113%	116%	119%	125%	131%	134%	138%	141%	147%	159%	175%	173%	173%

Investment Objective

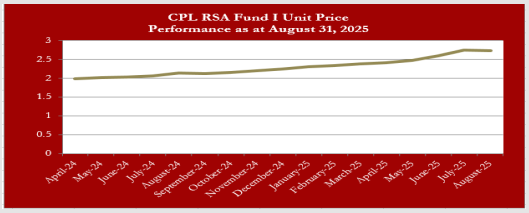
Maximizing total returns by investing in securities and instruments that would deliver long term capital appreciation and income growth without compromising the safety of the funds.

CPL VALUE FUND

As of August 31, 2025, CPL RSA Fund I closed with a unit price of N2.7323. The Fund's assets were strategically invested within regulatory limits, ensuring a balanced allocation across various asset classes. The Fund delivered an impressive return of 173% to date under our management, reflecting the strength of our investment strategy.

The allocation includes a mix of FGN Bonds (44.49%), Ordinary Shares (27.69%), Corporate Bonds (5.44%), Infrastructure Fund (0.46%), Money Market (20.41%), and Call Accounts (1.51%).

CrusaderSterling Pensions Limited remain committed to delivering continued value for contributors.



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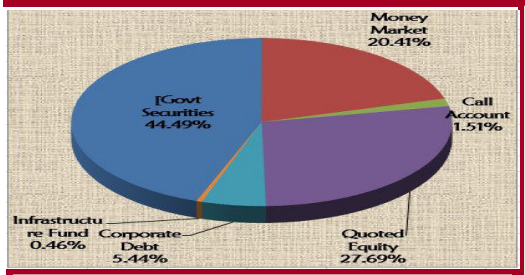

Industry Update

- Total pension assets rose by 2.17% to ₦24.63trillion as of June 2025, up from ₦24.11trillion in May 2025—highlighting the industry's resilience and continued value creation for stakeholders.
- RSA Fund 1 recorded a notable 3.21% growth, with assets increasing to ₦329.59billion in June from ₦319.34billion in May 2025.
- The sustained growth in total assets and fund performance reflects the country's ongoing commitment to a robust and sustainable pension system.

Outlook for next month..

- In the interbank market, rates are expected to remain stable, barring any significant liquidity shocks.
- Across African markets, investor sentiment remains closely tied to global trade conditions and shifting expectations around U.S. monetary policy.
- Growing optimism over a possible Fed rate cut is fueling demand for high-yielding emerging market debt, supporting bond price gains and compressing yields—a trend that is expected to persist in the short term.
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Regulatory Update:

Presidency Directs Reforms to Enhance Pension System and Protect Retirees

President Bola Tinubu has mandated the accelerated implementation of the free healthcare access initiative for low-income retirees under the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS). Describing the program as a vital aspect of social protection and retirement dignity, the President emphasized the urgency of extending this safety net to vulnerable pensioners.

In addition, he called for the immediate implementation of long-overdue pension adjustments and the establishment of a minimum pension guarantee, aimed at providing a basic income floor for the most at-risk retirees within the CPS framework.

The President also directed the urgent resolution of the long-standing police pension issue, stressing that officers who have served the nation deserve to retire with dignity and security. These directives followed a briefing from the Director General (DG) on ongoing sector reforms.

The DG updated the President on efforts to safeguard pension fund value amid inflationary and macroeconomic pressures. Plans are also underway to introduce foreign currency contributions, allowing Nigerians in the diaspora to participate in the pension system. The President expressed strong support for these initiatives, reiterating his administration's commitment to inclusive growth and protection for ordinary Nigerians.

Important Notice on Benefits Application Processing – Effective 1 June 2025

Effective 1 June 2025, the Commission will no longer approve or issue "No Objection" letters for the following categories of benefits applications prior to payment processing by Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs):

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- Resolution of errors in pension contributions remitted by employers for the Private Sector and Self-Funded Agencies
- Refunds to individuals exempted from participating in the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS).

New Process Timeline:

PFAs are now responsible for processing, approving, and disbursing payments for the above-listed benefit applications. This process must be completed within two (2) working days after all required documentation is finalized and the Pension Fund Custodian (PFC) is instructed to effect the payment. The Commission must be copied (informed) on all such transactions

Mandatory BVN Requirement for RSA Registration & Data Recapture

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CrusaderSterling PENSIONS

CPL VALUE FUND II

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AUGUST 2025

CREATING WEALTH FOR RETIREMENT

Strategy Overview

The Fund investments is subject to regulatory guidelines and limits as set by the National Pension Commission (PENCOM), and can be allocated as follows:-

- Govt. Securities

I. Fed Govt. (including FGN Eurobonds) (70%)

II.State/ Local Govt.(20%) -Guaranteed/ ISPO

III.State/ Local Govt.(3%) - Not Guaranteed

- Corporate Bond/Debt (40%)
- Supra-national Bonds (20%)
- Infrastructural Funds (5%)
- Money Market Instruments (30%)
- Ordinary Share (including GDRs) (25%)
- Private Equity (5%)
- Open Close –end Hybrid Funds (20%)

Launch	217mth	217mth	218mth	219mth	220mth	221mth	222mth	223mth	224mth	225mth	226mth	227mth	
Jul-06	Sept. 24	Oct. 24	Nov. 24	Dec. 24	Jan. 25	Feb. 25	Mar. 25	April 25	May 25	June.25	July 25	Aug. 25	Cumu-lative
Unit Price N1.00	N9.32	N9.58	N9.72	N9.93	N10.19	N10.2919	N10.4082	N10.6037	N10.7889	N11.1821	N11.9531	11.8598	***
% Return	832	858	872	893	919	929	941	960	979	1018	1095	1086	1086%

Investment Objective

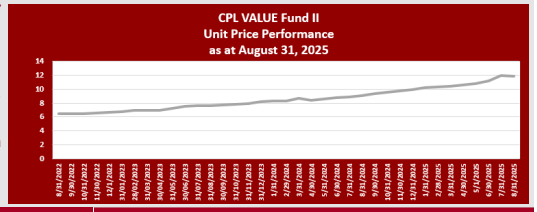
Maximizing total returns by investing in securities and instruments that would deliver long term capital appreciation and income growth without compromising the safety of the funds.

CPL VALUE FUND

CPL RSA Fund II successfully closed on August 31, 2025, with a unit price of N11.8598. The assets within the Fund have been invested in full compliance with regulatory limits, with the following allocation: Government Securities (49.43%), Corporate Debt (4.60%), Money Market (18.84%), Quoted Equities (24.89%), Hybrid Fund/REITs (0.15%), Infrastructure Fund (0.46%), Private Equities (1.56%), and Call Account (0.07%).

Achieved a remarkable return of 1086% on funds under our management to date, reinforcing CrusaderSterling Pension Limited's position as the leader in terms of return on investment.

The graph included in this report illustrates the Fund's performance from July 2022 to August 2025.



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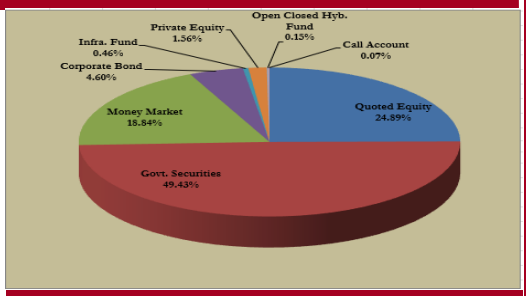

Industry Update

- Total pension assets rose by 2.17% to ₦24.63trillion as of June 2025, up from ₦24.11trillion in May 2025—highlighting the industry's resilience and continued value creation for stakeholders.
- RSA Fund II also experienced growth, with its assets growing by 2.57%, reaching N10.298Trillion at the close of June 2025, compared to N10.04Trillion in May 2025.

Outlook for next month.

- In the interbank market, rates are expected to remain stable, barring any significant liquidity shocks.
- Across African markets, investor sentiment remains closely tied to global trade conditions and shifting expectations around U.S. monetary policy.
- Growing optimism over a possible Fed rate cut is fueling demand for high-yielding emerging market debt, supporting bond price gains and compressing yields—a trend that is expected to persist in the short term.
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Regulatory Update:

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In addition, he called for the immediate implementation of long-overdue pension adjustments and the establishment of a minimum pension guarantee, aimed at providing a basic income floor for the most at-risk retirees within the CPS framework.

The President also directed the urgent resolution of the long-standing police pension issue, stressing that officers who have served the nation deserve to retire with dignity and security. These directives followed a briefing from the Director General (DG) on ongoing sector reforms.

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- Retirement under Life Annuity
- Access to Retirement Savings Account (RSA) Benefits due to Temporary Loss of Employment
- En Bloc Payments for retirees whose RSA balances are insufficient to provide a reasonable pension
- Payment of Pre-Pension Reform Act Benefits to retirees in the private sector
- Withdrawal of Voluntary Contributions
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- Refunds to individuals exempted from participating in the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS).

New Process Timeline:

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CPL VALUE FUND III

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AUGUST 2025

CREATING WEALTH FOR RETIREMENT

Strategy Overview

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- Corporate Bond/Debt (45%)
- Supra-national Bonds (20%)
- Money Market Instruments (35%)
- Ordinary Share (including GDRs) (10%)
- Open-Close End/Hybrid Fund (10%)

Launch Jul-18	July 24	Aug. 24	Sept. 24	Oct. 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	April 25	May 25	June 25	July 25	Aug. 25	Cum
Unit Price	2.1925	2.2379	2.2833	2.3307	2.3733	2.4102	2.4659	2.4799	2.5080	2.5537	2.5883	2.6630	2.8048	2.7938	***
% Return	119	123	128	133	137	141	147	148	151	155	159	166	180	179	179%

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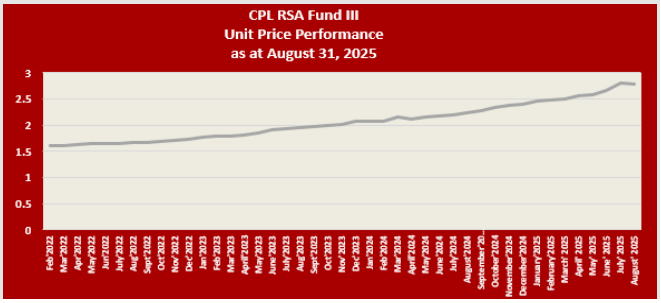
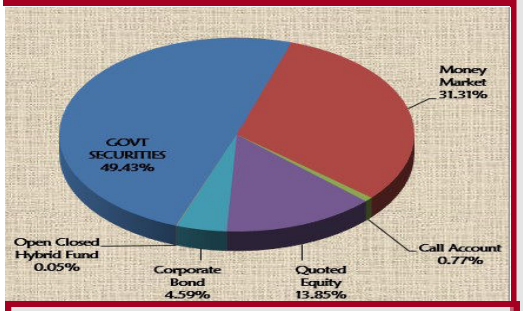


CPL VALUE FUND

CPL Value Fund successfully closed on August 30, 2025, with a unit price of N2.7938. The Fund's assets have been invested in full compliance with regulatory limits, with the following allocation: Government Securities (49.43%), Corporate Debt (4.59%), Money Market (31.31%), Quoted Equities (13.85%), Hybrid Fund/REITs (0.05%), and Call Account (0.77%).

CURRENT ASSET ALLOCATION



Industry Update

- Total pension assets rose by 2.17% to ₦24.63trillion as of June 2025, up from ₦24.11trillion in May 2025—highlighting the industry's resilience and continued value creation for stakeholders.
- RSA Fund III also experienced growth, with its assets growing by 1.17%, reaching N6.39Trillion at the close of June 2025, compared to N6.32Trillion in May 2025.

Outlook for next month.

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Launch	Sept. 24	Oct.. 24	Nov.. 24	Dec.. 24	Jan. 25	Feb. 25	Mar. 25	April. 25	May. 25	June. 25	July. 25	Aug. 25	Cumulative
Price	N6.2531	N6.3457	N6.4444	N6.5347	N6.6433	N6.7111	N6.7938	N6.9030	N7.002	N7.1354	N7.3407	N7.3744	***
% Return	525	535	544	553	564	571	579	590	600	614	634	637	637%

Investment Objective

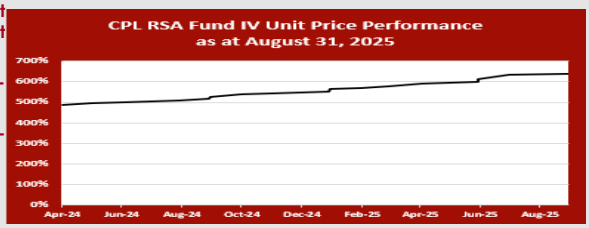
Maximizing total returns by investing in securities and instruments that would deliver long term capital appreciation and income growth without compromising the safety of the funds.

CPL VALUE FUND

Retiree Fund closed on August 31, 2025, with a unit price of N7.3744. The Fund's assets have been invested in full compliance with regulatory limits, with the following allocation: Government Securities (64.05%), Corporate Debt (6.67%), Money Market (23.84%), Quoted Equities (5.30%), and Call Account (0.14%).

Delivered a remarkable return of 637% on Retiree Funds under our management to date .

The graph included in this report illustrates the Fund's performance from April 2024 to August 2025.



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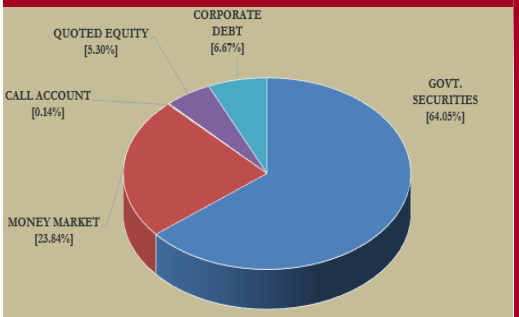

Industry Update

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- RSA Fund IV also experienced growth, with its assets growing by 2.14%, reaching N1.83Triillion at the close of June 2025, compared to N1.79Trillion in May 2025.

Outlook for next month.

- In the interbank market, rates are expected to remain stable, barring any significant liquidity shocks.
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Payment of Pre-Pension Reform Act Benefits to retirees in the private sector; Withdrawal of Voluntary Contributions; Payments towards equity contributions for residential mortgages by RSA holders; Payment of Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF); Contributions to retirees whose NSITF contributions have been transferred to their RSAs; Requests for changes in the periodicity of pension payments; Resolution of errors in pension contributions remitted by employers for the Private Sector and Self-Funded Agencies; Refunds to individuals exempted from participating in the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS).

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REVISED REGULATION ON ADMINISTRATION OF RETIREMENT AND TERMINAL BENEFITS.

The revised regulations on the Administration of Retirement and Terminal Benefits include the following:

- Where the RSA balance of a retiree cannot provide a monthly/quarterly pension or annuity of at least one third of the prevailing minimum wage of N30,000 per month, the retiree shall be allowed to take the entire RSA balance as an enbloc payment.
- A retiree shall be eligible for pension arrears, only for the period between the date of retirement and date of consolidation of his/her RSA. In the case of retirees from self-funding agencies and private sector, pension arrears shall be for no more than 6 months.
- Where a retiree on Programmed Withdrawal secures employment, he/she may request for the suspension of his/her monthly pension in writing and by filling a consent form and resume normal mandatory RSA contribution.
- A PFA shall, under no circumstance, alter the periodicity of pension to a retiree without the prior consent of the retiree and with the approval of the Commission.
- A retiree is at liberty to change the periodicity of payment not more than once in twelve (12) months.
- Where there is an additional remittance into the RSA of a retiree, the additional remittances shall first be applied to augment pension up to 50% of the retiree's final salary and the balance may be paid out as lump sum.
- Where the retiree's pension is already up to 50% of final salary, the retiree may choose to collect the entire additional remittances as lump sum.
- There shall be periodic pension enhancement which is subject to returns on investment in the RSA and PENCOMS directive.