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# Britam Imarika Fund Commentary
# 30 April 2018

## Markets Review

- **Annual inflation dropped to 3.73% in April 2018 from 4.18% recorded in March 2018.** This was mainly as a result of a drop in year on year food inflation which decreased from 2.19% in March 2018 to 0.26% in April 2018.

- **Short-term interest rates as indicated by the 91-Day, 182-Day and 364-Day Treasury bill rates showed varied movement in April.** While the 91-Day and 182-Day Treasury bills dropped by 0.005% and 0.117% respectively, the 364-Day Treasury bill rate increased slightly by 0.017% to close at 11.143%. The 91-Day Treasury bill rate closed at 8.000% and the 182-Day rate settled at 10.268%.

- **Fixed Income markets interest rates rose within the month increasing by an average of 0.010%.** In the April 2018 bond auction, the Central Bank of Kenya offered KES 40.0Bn of FXD1/2008/15Re and FXD1/2018/20Re.Total bids received amounted to KES 32.77Bn at market weighted average rates of 12.348% and 13.397% respectively. The Central Bank accepted KES 26.94Bn at an average rate of 12.317% for the FXD1/2008/15Re and 13.327% for the FXD1/2018/20Re.

- **Equities markets declined slightly during the month;** the NSE-20 Share Index shed 110.28points in the month to close at 3,735.06 points. The index is up 0.623% since the beginning of the year. The NSE All Share Index (NASI) decreased by 11.7 points in April to close at 179.53 points. Year to date, the NASI is up 0.623%.

## Imarika Fund Performance
The Funds annualized return stands at 13.18% pa.

## Outlook and Strategy
We seek to achieve sustained performance in the long-run by ensuring we take guided investment decisions. We target a well-diversified balanced asset allocation to drive returns and ensure capital protection. We understand that with carefully selected and diversified securities, we can maximize risk-adjusted returns and ensure market beating returns. We continue to take advantage of the current interest rate regime and pursue careful selection within the Equities market.