



Standard Investment Bank Marks 30 Years of Kenyan Excellence

n 1995, a determined banker named **James Wangunyu** stepped into a modest office at Rehani House with five staff members, a single phone line, and an unshakeable belief that Kenya deserved an investment institution built on integrity, professionalism, and African ingenuity. That small team would grow into what is today **Standard Investment Bank** (**SIB**) – a fully-fledged company with **over 250 employees**, offices in Nairobi and Mombasa, more than

■ ly-fledged company with **over 250 employees**, offices in Nairobi and Mombasa, more than **100,000 equities clients**, and **upwards of 50,000 investors** across its flagship Mansa-X Funds. In just 30 years, SIB has established itself as one of Kenya's most respected financial institutions – a leader in multi-asset investing, a champion of Shariah-compliant wealth solutions, and a driver of innovation in African capital markets.

Over this period, the firm has also been instrumental in shaping Kenya's corporate finance landscape, executing more than 60 transactions valued at over Ksh270 billion; and a mainstay in the fixed income space, trading government securities worth more than Ksh2.56 trillion since incep-



A Vision Born in a Small Office

enya's financial markets were still emerging in the mid-1990s – largely manual, underserved, and misunderstood. But James Wangunyu saw opportunity where others saw limitations. He founded Standard Stocks, the precursor to Standard Investment Bank (SIB), with three founding principles: Integrity before ambition; world-class service for every Kenyan investor; and discipline and transparency as the foundation of trust.

By the year 2000, Standard Stocks was trading the largest volume of stocks in Kenya, earning recognition as the Best Performing Stock Broker and the Best Investment Bank by the prestigious Think Business Awards, and proving that ethical leadership and client trust could outperform even the largest competitors.

Becoming Standard Investment Bank

In 2003, Standard Stocks acquired the Capital Mar-



Mr Wangunyu at the Rehani House offices in 1998.

kets Authority (CMA) Investment Banking Licence, officially transforming into Standard Investment Bank. This marked the beginning of an era characterised by bold market leadership and major contributions to Kenya's capital markets.

Over the next decade, SIB's Corporate Finance division advised on more than 60 landmark transactions, including:The Ken-Gen IPO, The Kenya Re IPO, The Family Bank and DTB Rights Issues, The Kenya Airways Rights Issue, the NSE Demutualisation and IPO and the Cooperative Bank IPO among many others.

These transactions have helped shape Kenya's and East Africa's modern financial market structure and positioned SIB as a trusted advisor in both public and private sector capital rais-

SIB EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS: The Team that Delivers Trust



Founder and Managing Director, James Wangunyu.



Executive Director, CEO FourFront, Donald Wangunyu.



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Executive Director, Strategy and Operations, Nickay Wangunyu.



Director, Fixed Income,



Congratulations

to Standard Investment Bank on celebrating 30 years of excellence. Over the past three decades, SIB has distinguished itself as a trusted partner reflecting your dedication, innovation, and professionalism to empower investors on their path to long-term wealth creation.

We commend your achievements and wish you continued success in the years ahead.

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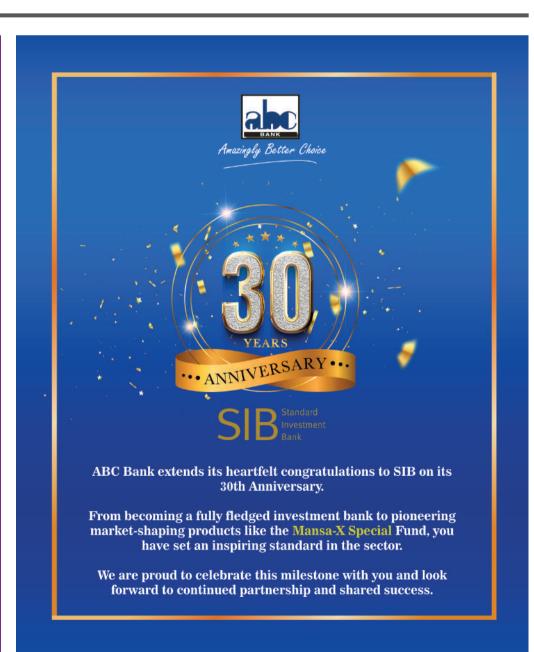
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Mansa-X: African Heritage Meets Modern Investing

n December 2018, SIB acquired the Money Manager License from the Capital Markets Authority, following the enactment of the Online Forex Trading Regulations 2017. The Mansa-X Fund was then launched in 2019, a pioneering multi-asset strategy fund inspired by the legacy of Mansa Musa – the 14th-century emperor celebrated for his disciplined trade networks, expansive economic influence, and unmatched stewardship of wealth.

Built on the belief that African excellence can shape modern investment solutions, Mansa-X opened the door for local investors to access globally diversified portfolios managed with local expertise.

The Fund was initially launched as a Ksh-denominated strategy. However, as its reputation grew, so did demand from a new segment of investors, particularly the Kenyan diaspora community and local clients seeking to deploy their USD reserves without the need to convert them into Ksh. In response, SIB introduced the Mansa-X USD variant in October 2022, expanding access and cementing Mansa-X as a truly multi-currency, multi-asset solution.

Mansa-X has over the years delivered consistent alpha returns to investors even amidst turbulent markets. Since inception, the fund has sustained an impressive Average Net

Return of 18.13 percent, outperforming most other local investment options. Mansa-X USD, on the other hand, has achieved an Average Net Return of 12.53 percent since its inception, setting it apart from its peers. Itisthis performance that earned SIB the distinction of Best Hedge Fund Manager – Kenya, on numerous occasions.

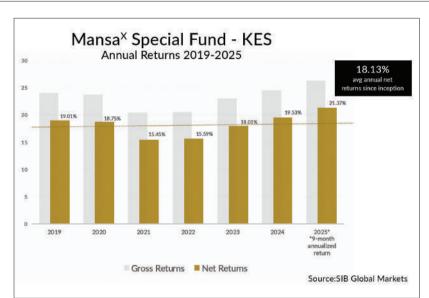
SIB Najah and Mansa-X Shariah: Opening Doors for Faith-Based Investors

As investor needs evolved, SIB recognised the importance of offering ethical, faith-aligned investment solutions. In 2023, the firm launched SIB Najah, its Islamic investment banking division and introduced the Mansa-X Shariah Special Fund, in both Ksh and USD denominations.

Today, Mansa-X Shariah is the largest Shariah-compliant investment solution in Kenya, managing over Ksh3 billion in assets.

This milestone has opened doors for thousands of Muslim and ethical investors seeking professionally managed, globally diversified portfolios that align with their values.

SIB Najah represents SIB's commitment to inclusive wealth creation, ensuring that no community is left behind.



Transition to the Standard Investment Trust Funds

In 2024, the Mansa-X Fund (Ksh and USD) and the Mansa-X Shariah Fund (Ksh and USD) were transitioned into the Mansa-X Special Fund (Ksh and USD) and the Mansa-X Shariah Special Fund (Ksh and USD) under the umbrella of the Standard Investment Trust Funds. This followed SIB's successful acquisition of the Special Collective Investment Schemes Licence from the Capital Markets Authority.

This milestone empowered the funds to manage larger pools of investor capital while qualifying them for applicable tax incentives.

Today, the Standard Investment Trust Funds (Mansa-X Special Funds) serves over 50,000 investors and manages more than Ksh110 billion, making it one of East Africa's largest and most trusted alternative investment products.

Indeed, as per the Capital Markets Authority Collective Investment

Schemes report for Q3 2025, the Standard Investment Trust Funds ranked as the 2nd Largest Collective Investment Scheme in Kenya and the Largest Special Collective Investment Scheme in the country by Assets Under Management.

FourFront Management: Powering the Future of Market Innovation at SIB

SIB further expanded its innovation footprint in 2019 with the establishment of FourFront Management – the firm's technology and digital-solutions division. FourFront was created to design, test and deploy advanced trading infrastructure for the Nairobi Securities Exchange, reinforcing SIB's commitment to market modernisation.

As Kenya's first and only licensed Robo-Advisor, FourFront delivers international-grade capabilities to both retail and professional traders, enhancing opportunity targeting, trading speed and the consistency of returns. Its innovations range from algorithm-driven actionable insights to securities-lending market-structure tools, proprietary quantitative strategies and trading-capital efficiency solutions, all integral to SIB's ongoing mission to elevate the standards of Kenya's investment landscape.

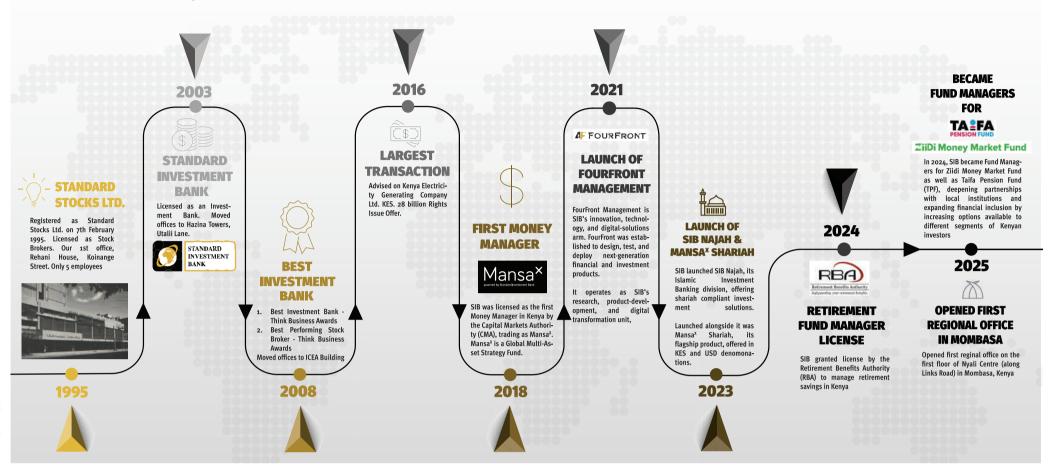


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The Next 30 Years: **Leading African Capital Markets Going Forward**

Looking ahead, SIB's next chapter is defined by an ambitious but clear vision for leadership across African capital markets. The firm is positioning itself for Pan-African expansion, building investment solutions that serve not only Kenya but the wider East African region, and, ultimately, the continent. Islamic finance will remain a central pillar of this growth, with SIB Najah and the Mansa-X Shariah Funds set to evolve into continental benchmarks for faith-aligned investing.

Technology will also shape the future of SIB, with a strong focus on AI-driven insights, digital on-boarding, real-time analytics and a suite of future-ready tools designed to enhance transparency and investor experience. Alongside innovation is a commitment to inclusive wealth creation, ensuring that the youth, the diaspora, SMEs, pension schemes and faith-based communities all gain access to structured, professionally managed investment opportunities.

SIB will continue to advance sustainable capital markets, championing green finance, infrastructure investment vehicles, and responsible governance frameworks that align Africa with global standards. As the firm prepares to move into its new headquarters, these priorities reinforce one message: SIB is ready to lead the next era of investment excellence in Africa.



Congratulations Standard Investment Bank on your 30 years of excellence in the investment banking sector.

Taji Flex is honored to stand alongside SIB as a trusted fintech partner, supporting the digital capabilities that elevate your investment services and enrich client experiences. As we continue advancing innovative solutions that drive efficiency and excellence, we celebrate this important milestone with you and look forward to a future of shared growth, strengthened collaboration and continued success together.

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Congratulations to Standard Investment Bank for 3 decades of remarkable growth, dedicated focus to the development of the capital markets industry and a true passion for innovation and success.

From the Board and Management of the Kenya Association of Stockbrokers and Investment Banks.

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Chartafai LLP extends its formal congratulations to Standard Investment Bank on its 30th anniversary. Sustaining operations for three decades in Kenya's financial sector reflects a consistent strategic focus, disciplined execution, and the ability to adapt to a continually evolving regulatory and economic environment.

Chartafai acknowledges Standard Investment Bank's longstanding contribution to market development, financial innovation, and the strengthening of investor engagement throughout this period.

We recognize the significance of this milestone and convey our best wishes to Standard Investment Bank as it embarks on its next phase of institutional growth within Kenya's capital markets.



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A Kenyan Story, an African Legacy, a Future Built on Trust

rom a banker's dream at Rehani House to a 250-person institution serving tens of thousands of investors, Standard Investment Bank's 30-year journey reflects what disciplined vision, ethical leadership and African ingenuity can achieve.

As SIB marks this milestone, one truth stands clear: Africa's financial future will be shaped by institutions that honour their heritage, innovate boldly, and place clients at the heart of everything they do.

SIB is proud to be one of them, and is excited about the next 30 years of possibility.

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A 2020 photo of SIB staff.



Family Bank Ltd. proudly congratulates Standard Investment Bank (SIB) on three decades of excellence, innovation, and trust.

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The Founder Behind the SIB Legacy

James Wangunyu, a former Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Nairobi Securities Exchange, is recognised as one of Kenya's most influential financial leaders. This influence was cemented and celebrated in October 2025 when the National Heroes Council declared Mr. Wangunyu a National Hero in Entrepreneurship and Industry under the Capital Markets & Investment Banking Category. His philosophy remains at the heart of SIB's evolution. "When finance serves people, prosperity follows," he says.

Guided by his Catholic faith and decades of hands-on market experience, he continues to steer SIB with humility, discipline, and unwavering commitment to clients.







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The Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc (NSE) is pleased to extend its highest commendation to Standard Investment Bank (SIB) as it marks an extraordinary 30 years of impact, leadership, and service to Kenya's financial markets.

This landmark anniversary stands as a powerful testament to SIB's enduring vision, strategic resilience, and unwavering commitment to excellence within the capital markets ecosystem.

For three decades, SIB has been a formidable force in shaping the evolution, depth, and sophistication of Kenya's investment landscape

As one of the Exchange's most influential market participants, the firm has consistently enabled both local and international investors to access a wide spectrum of opportunities on the NSE.

At the same time, SIB has supported issuers through the structuring of transformative transactions that continue to drive efficient, sustainable, and transparent capital formation. SIB's steadfast commitment to innovation has played a pivotal role in elevating the competitiveness of Kenya's markets.

Its ability to anticipate change, pioneer new products, and expand service offerings reflects the firm's position as a true trailblazer—one whose strategic foresight aligns with the shared ambition of positioning Kenya as a leading investment hub on the continent. As SIB enters its next phase of growth, the NSE challenges the firm to continue raising the bar: to lead boldly in innovation, champion deeper market development, and drive initiatives that strengthen the resilience, vibrancy, and global relevance of Kenya's capital markets for generations to come.

The NSE congratulates Standard Investment Bank on this remarkable milestone. We honour your achievements, celebrate your contribution, and look forward to continued collaboration in shaping the future of our capital markets.

Congratulations once again on 30 years of excellence and leadership.

Mr. Frank Mwiti Chief Executive Officer NSE