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HIGH INCOME FOCUSED
ASSET ALLOCATION



TALENTED
ACTIVE MANAGERS



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EXPOSURES



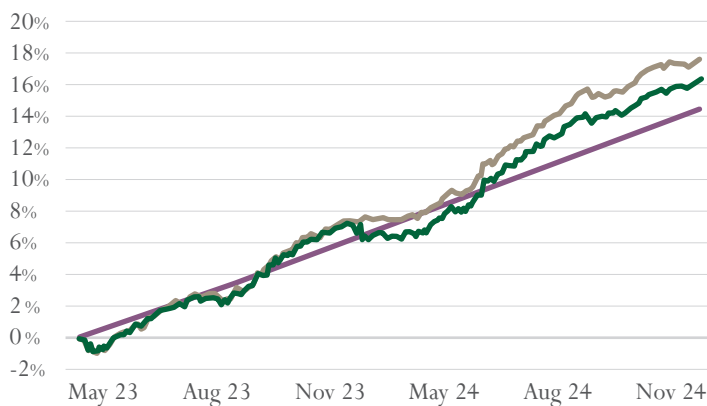
RISK
CONSCIOUS

TO OUTPERFORM CASH AND MONEY
MARKET FUNDS, WITH A FOCUS ON
PRESERVING CAPITAL IN THE SHORT TERM.

INVESTMENT POLICY

A portfolio of predominantly domestic income generating investment opportunities, including talented active managers, passive strategies, and direct securities. The fund may invest in other funds as well as listed and unlisted securities, both domestically and offshore. Allowable investments as well as position size and asset allocation will conform to the parameters of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act and Regulation 28 of the Pension Fund Act.

SINCE INCEPTION PERFORMANCE



16.54% Fund 18.01% Benchmark 14.65% SA Cash

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

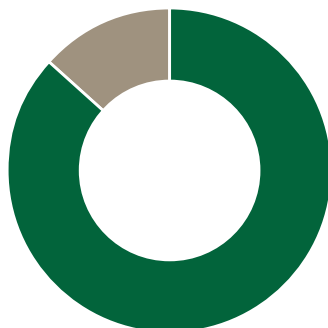
| % | 1m | 3m | 6m | YTD | 1y | 3y | 5y | Since Inception | Rolling 12-month return | |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|-------------------------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | Max | Min |
| Fund | 0.49 | 2.15 | 4.56 | 0.49 | 8.84 | - | - | 9.13 | 11.41 | 8.67 |
| Benchmark | 0.55 | 2.08 | 4.79 | 0.55 | 9.96 | 8.42 | 7.49 | 9.91 | 12.73 | 9.83 |
| SA Cash | 0.63 | 1.92 | 3.95 | 0.63 | 8.12 | 7.06 | 5.79 | 8.11 | 8.23 | 8.12 |

Performance for periods longer than 1-year are annualised.

IMPLEMENTATION

86.8% Third Party Active Managers

13.2% Passive / Direct



FUND INFORMATION

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| Portfolio manager | Stonehage Fleming Investment Management (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd |
| Fund classification | ASISA South Africa Multi Asset Income |
| Benchmark | ASISA SA MA Income Category Average |
| Fund size (ZAR m) | 1,266.32 |
| Valuation time | 17:00 |
| Transaction time | 13:00 |
| Portfolio currency | ZAR |

SHARE CLASS INFORMATION

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ISIN | ZAE000321212 |
| Ticker | SOYFA1 |
| Inception date | 2 May 2023 |
| Number of units | 32,749,340.89 |
| Unit price (ZAc) | 105.74 |
| Minimum lump sum | R 10,000.00 |
| Minimum monthly debit order | R 500.00 |
| Distribution frequency | Quarterly |
| Distribution date | 31 Mar, 30 Jun, 30 Sep, 31 Dec |
| Latest distribution (cpu) | 1.3 |

FEE BREAKDOWN

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Management fee | 0.48% (ex VAT) |
| Total expense ratio (TER) | 0.97% |
| Transaction cost (TC) | 0.02% |
| Total investment charge (TIC) | 0.99% |

FUND STATISTICS

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| Modified Duration | 1.51 |
| Current Gross Yield | 9.14% |

CONSERVATIVE

MODERATE

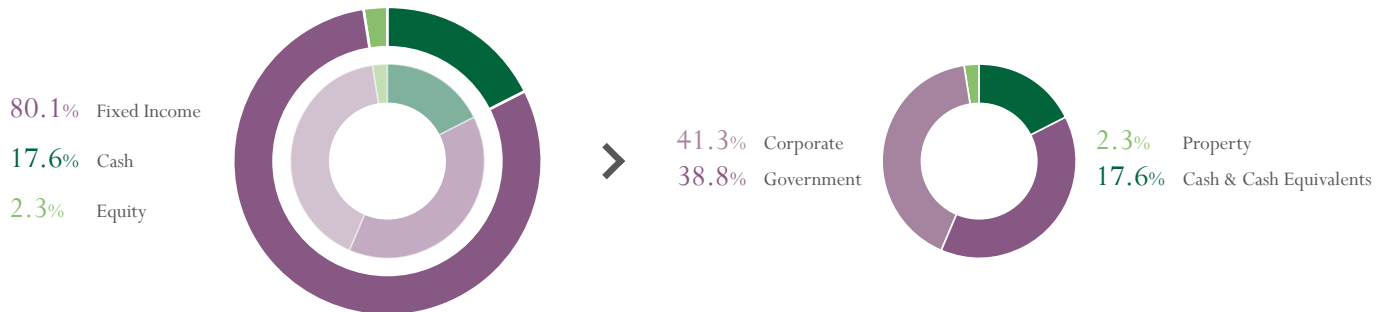
AGGRESSIVE

Generally, conservative portfolios have minimal equity exposure or no equity exposure, resulting in far less volatility than a more aggressive mandated portfolio and in turn the probability of capital loss (permanent/ temporary) is less likely. However, expected potential long-term investment returns could be lower over the medium to long-term.

DISCLOSURE

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The portfolio has adhered to its investment policy and there were no material changes to the composition of the portfolio.

ASSET ALLOCATION



QUARTERLY FUND COMMENTARY (AS OF Q4 2024)

The outcome of the December meeting of the US Federal Reserve Bank’s Federal Open Market Committee’s (“FOMC”) exerted pressure on domestic assets in the final month of 2024, reminding us of the sensitivities of South African asset prices to developments outside our borders. Continued strong economic data, and uncertainty around policies to be implemented by the incoming administration had members guide for the pace of any further interest cuts to be more gradually implemented – driving yields and the US dollar higher, and risk assets lower.

Risk-off sentiment caused the South African rand to end the quarter 9.3% weaker against the US dollar with the broad dollar index strengthening by 7.6%. This indicates a strong reaction of the US dollar to perceptions of potential paths for monetary policy and fiscal policy uncertainty ahead of the incoming US administration, effectively putting the rand’s rally on hold.

But let’s not succumb to the habit of remembering something for how it concluded, and rather consider the economic and financial market good fortune that transpired throughout the year. Inflation continued to cool off, with most central banks about two-thirds of the way through interest rate cutting cycles. A recession did not transpire in the US. In fact, US equities had another stellar year, with the S&P 500 index up 25.0% in US dollar

In South Africa, the outcome of the National Elections was markedly positive. Here too, inflation is contained, business and consumer confidence are at multi-year highs, and loadshedding is no longer the main topic discussed in social settings.

From a financial perspective, the JSE All Share index (SA equities) ended the year up 13.4% in rand terms, but small cap companies and longer duration government bonds were the primary beneficiaries of investor optimism about the changing prospects of the economy with the index of small companies (JSE Small Cap) rallying 35.6% over 2024.

The bond market (JSE All Bond) delivered the strongest 1-year return (17.2%) in over a decade, outpacing the emerging market peers and developed market counterparts by some margin. A large part of this is also driven by monetary policy easing across the globe, due to realised inflation cooling and expectations for future inflation being lower – global

bonds returned -5.3% (US dollar) in the fourth quarter. But the lion’s share of the rally can be attributed to compression of SA-specific country (economic and political) risk premia.

We now view SA government bonds to be close to fair value. That is, prior risk premia have been largely priced out by the market and, from here, it will depend on economic growth and further fiscal consolidation materialising.

Short-term money market rates have reduced to reflect the lower repo rate. While longer-term (12-month) maturities are not paying what they used to (now around 8.1%) they are still high in real terms: the SARB forecasts inflation to average below 4.0% in 2025 and 4.6% in 2026. At that, these instruments continue to be a welcome asset to hold in our portfolios.

While much good has come post the National Elections, a lot of work lies ahead – especially from a logistical perspective. We look for the rubber to hit the road in the first half of 2025 if the positive momentum is to be maintained and higher consumer and business optimism to follow through to increased consumption and capital expenditure.

Our outlook for the South African financial markets is optimistic, but subject to some risks and uncertainties. Our optimism rests on there being opportunity under the coalition government for continued structural reform and fiscal consolidation, with asset valuations still attractive. Together with inflation rolling over, allowing the SARB to continue cutting interest rates this year (following other global central banks) providing financial relief to under pressure consumers.

Higher duration positions within the portfolio weighed on performance in December amid the bond market selloff. However, this positioning contributed positively to overall returns for 2024, as South African bonds emerged as a key beneficiary of the post-election optimism. For the year, the portfolio delivered returns in line with its target of SA Cash + 1.5%.

We remain alert to the opportunities and risks unfolding. Believing the South African bond and equity markets to remain resilient, but volatile, we are following a balanced and diversified approach to allocating client capital.

FUND MANAGER



BRYN HATTY, CA(SA), CFA

Bryn is the Chief Investment Officer for Stonehage Fleming Investment Management in South Africa and is responsible for the leadership and development of the domestic investment offering. Prior to joining Stonehage Fleming, he worked as a Portfolio Manager at Old Mutual Investment Group. During this time, he managed a range of portfolios including hedge funds, long-only absolute returns funds as well as an equity fund. He also has a number of years’ experience doing structuring for South African institutional and corporate clients. Bryn served on the Financial Derivatives Advisory Committee for the South African Futures Exchange (SAFEX) for over 10 years. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant as well as a CFA charterholder and studied Business Science at the University of Cape Town.

DEPUTY FUND MANAGER



JAN-DAAN VAN WYK, CFA

JD is a Senior Research Analyst within the Stonehage Fleming Investment Management team and permanent member of the Investment Committee, responsible for developing and implementing investment strategy. He focusses on economic and market research as well as manager selection and portfolio construction. Prior to joining Stonehage Fleming, JD worked at an M&A Advisory consultancy, and as a finance lecturer before that. He studied Investment Management at the University of Johannesburg and is a CFA charterholder. JD was a Board Member of the CFA Society of South Africa from 2018 to 2024.

GLOSSARY SUMMARY

Annualised Performance: Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1-year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

Highest & Lowest Return: The highest and lowest returns for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.

NAV: The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

Alpha: Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

FUND SPECIFIC RISKS

Default Risk: The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The issuers credit quality is vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

Interest Rate Risk: The value of fixed income investments (e.g., bonds) tends to be inversely related to interest and inflation rates. Hence their value decreases when interest rates and/or inflation rises.

Derivatives Risk: The use of derivatives could increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses in a Fund. As such, large changes in value and potentially large financial losses could result.

Derivative Counterparty Risk: A counterparty to a derivative transaction may experience a breakdown in meeting its obligations thereby leading to financial loss.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) should be considered as medium to long-term investments. The value may go up as well as down and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS's are traded at the ruling price and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing. The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. There is no guarantee in respect of capital or returns in a portfolio. A CIS may be closed to new investors in order for it to be managed more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. CIS prices are calculated on a net asset basis, which is the total value of all the assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (brokerage, STT, VAT, auditor's fees, bank charges, trustee and custodian fees and the annual management fee) from the portfolio divided by the number of participatory interests (units) in issue. Forward pricing is used. The Fund's Total Expense Ratio (TER) reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. During the phase in period TER's do not include information gathered over a full year. Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

Where a current yield has been included for funds that derive their income primarily from interest-bearing income, the yield is a weighted average yield of all underlying interest-bearing instruments as at the last day of the month. This yield is subject to change as market rates and underlying investments change.

The Manager retains full legal responsibility for any third-party-named portfolio. Where foreign securities are included in a portfolio there

Sharpe Ratio: The Sharpe ratio is used to indicate the excess return the portfolio delivers over the risk free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.

Standard Deviation: The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

Max Drawdown: The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

Max Gain: Largest increase in any single month

Property Risk: Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in real estate itself. Real estate prices move in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional, and national economic and political conditions, interest rates and tax considerations.

Geographic / Sector Risk: For investments primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors, their resulting value may decrease whilst portfolios more broadly invested might grow.

Equity Investment Risk: Value of equities (e.g., shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g., bankruptcy), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

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