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Investment return report for

Sanlam Umbrella Provident Fund: Sanlam Group

on

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Please note that the information in this report prior to 31 December 2022 is based on the investment returns and indices of the Sanlam Staff Umbrella Provident Fund. The bulk of the assets were transferred into the Sanlam Umbrella Provident Fund: Sanlam Group in December 2022, with the returns in the latter Fund being used effective 1 January 2023. Assets in respect of the living annuitants and paid-up members were transferred into the Sanlam Umbrella Provident Fund: Sanlam Group on 1 August 2023.

The underlying investment returns in respect of members who are still in SSUF (i.e. outstanding transfers) will be similar to the investment returns shown in this regard.

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Notes and comments

As from 1 May 2011 the name of the Fund changed from Sanlam Retirement Fund B (Office Staff) to Sanlam Staff Umbrella Provident Fund

As from December 2013, the Oasis Crescent portfolio was replaced by the Sanlam NUR Balanced portfolio. All contributions received for December 2013 for investment in the Oasis Crescent portfolio was invested in the Sanlam NUR Balanced portfolio. The assets invested in the Oasis Crescent portfolio were transferred to the Sanlam NUR Balanced portfolio on 24 February 2014.

With effect from 1 June 2015 the Simeka Lifestage Portfolios were replaced with the Sanlam Lifestage Portfolios and the Allan Gray Domestic Balanced Portfolio was replaced with the Allan Gray Global Balanced Portfolio. The assets were transferred on 29 May 2015. We have restated the indices in respect of the Allan Gray Domestic Balanced Portfolio prior to 1 June 2015 in order to reflect the combined investment return of the two Allan Gray portfolios. The Simeka Lifestage Accumulation indices prior to 1 June 2015 were similarly restated to reflect the combined investment return of the Simeka Accumulation portfolio and the Sanlam Lifestage portfolio. It was however not possible to combine the other Lifestage portfolios due to the different structures of the Simeka Lifestage and the Sanlam Lifestage portfolios.

With effect from 1 November 2018 the SIM Cash Fund was replaced with the SIM Enhanced Cash Fund. We have restated the indices in respect of the SIM Enhanced Cash Fund prior to 1 November 2018 in order to reflect the combined investment return of the two portfolios.

Investment in the SIM Reg28 Property Equity Fund started in January 2020.

The following name changes were effected since March 2020: Sanlam Lifestage Capital Protection Preservation Portfolio changed to Sanlam Capital Protection Portfolio; Sanlam Lifestage Living Annuity Preservation Portfolio changed to Sanlam Living Annuity Target Portfolio; Allan Gray Global Balanced changed to Sanlam Allan Gray Global Balanced and Coronation Managed changed to Sanlam Coronation Managed.

On 10 December 2020 the assets in the Sanlam Allan Gray Global Balanced portfolio was transferred to a direct pooled portfolio with Allan Gray Life Global Balanced.

In May 2021 the assets in the Sanlam Coronation Managed portfolio was transferred to a direct pooled portfolio with Coronation Managed.

As from 1 December 2022 the assets in respect of all active members were transferred to the Sanlam Umbrella Provident Fund.

On 1 August 2023 the assets in respect of living annuitants and paid-up members were transferred to the Sanlam Umbrella Provident Fund.

With effect from 1 October 2023 the SIM Reg28 Property Equity Fund was replaced by The Most Aggressive Portfolio, and The Satrix High Equity Balanced Fund was replaced by The Satrix Enhanced Balanced Tracker Portfolio.

Since October 2023, the Sanlam Wealth Creation and SMM Moderate Absolute Fund have been added as investment portfolios.

Since March 2024, the Sanlam Accumulation, Camissa Balanced, M&G Balanced Fund, Ninety One Balanced Fund, PSG Balanced Fund, Truffle Balanced Fund, SIM Temperance Balanced, SMM Select Balanced, Foord Balanced Fund and Sanlam Living Planet Fund have been added as investment portfolios.

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Sanlam Umbrella Provident Fund: Sanlam Group
Summary of Returns

Return (net of fees and tax) over the period stated below, ended on 1 May 2024

Period		Allan Gray Life Global Balanced	Coronation Managed Portfolio	Satrix High Equity Balanced Fund / Satrix Enhanced Balanced Tracker Portolio	SIM Aggressive Portfolio	SIM Moderate Portfolio	SIM Moderate Absolute Fund	SMM NUR Balanced Fund	Sanlam Stable Bonus Portfolio	Sanlam Monthly Bonus Fund	SIM Enhanced Cash Fund	Sanlam Accumulation Portfolio
3 months	over the period	2.57%	4.35%	3.12%	2.17%	1.65%	0.76%	1.56%	2.43%	2.15%	2.23%	2.87%
6 months	over the period	8.94%	15.79%	13.78%	11.82%	10.81%	6.44%	8.69%	4.71%	4.12%	4.60%	13.65%
9 months	over the period	7.19%	9.39%	6.27%	3.31%	4.19%	5.59%	4.42%	7.31%	6.40%	7.12%	7.32%
12 months	over the period	7.55%	13.00%	9.24%	4.97%	5.75%	6.85%	4.89%	10.09%	9.07%	9.78%	10.73%
24 months	annualised	9.76%	12.31%	9.15%	6.63%	6.78%	7.52%	4.68%	8.42%	7.58%	8.48%	9.59%
36 months	annualised	10.86%	11.06%	9.05%	7.32%	7.30%	7.56%	6.53%	8.18%	7.56%	7.21%	9.02%
60 months	annualised	9.11%	11.22%	8.77%	7.36%	6.64%	7.46%	7.88%	7.48%	6.87%	7.10%	8.72%
120 months	annualised	8.43%	8.80%	-	7.66%	7.32%	7.90%	6.20%	8.39%	7.94%	7.36%	7.56%
Since inception	over the period	1868.87%	1543.58%	55.31%	1072.21%	1431.69%	583.68%	94.86%	873.16%	678.25%	712.83%	248.30%
Since inception	annualised	14.22%	13.30%	7.61%	11.13%	10.60%	9.96%	6.67%	11.40%	10.22%	8.04%	10.07%
Inception date		01/12/2001	01/12/2001	01/05/2018	01/01/2001	01/04/1997	01/02/2004	01/01/2014	01/04/2003	01/04/2003	01/04/1997	01/05/2011
Maximum drawdown	Over last 5 years	14.83%	19.17%	20.48%	18.57%	17.06%	n/a	13.28%	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.87%
Average monthly drawdown	Over last 5 years	1.91%	2.62%	2.70%	2.31%	1.86%	n/a	1.56%	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.43%
TER	as at 31 December 2023	1.35%	0.59%	0.35%	0.45%	0.40%	0.49%	0.94%	1.27%	2.02%	0.15%	0.86%

Period		Sanlam Capital Protection Portfolio	The Most Aggressive Portfolio	SMM Moderate Absolute Fund	Sanlam Wealth Creation	Camissa Balanced	M&G Balanced Fund	Ninety One Balanced Fund	PSG Balanced Fund	Truffle Balanced Fund	SIM Temperance Balanced	SMM Select Balanced	Foord Balanced Fund	Living Planet Fund
3 months	over the period	2.39%	2.88%	1.05%	2.35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 months	over the period	4.64%	13.85%	7.65%	11.71%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 months	over the period	7.20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 months	over the period	9.95%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 months	annualised	8.29%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 months	annualised	8.05%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 months	annualised	7.36%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
120 months	annualised	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Since inception	over the period	91.73%	9.50%	7.28%	10.88%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Since inception	annualised	7.57%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Inception date		01/06/2015	01/10/2023	01/10/2023	01/10/2023	01/03/2024	01/03/2024	01/03/2024	01/03/2024	01/03/2024	01/03/2024	01/03/2024	01/03/2024	01/03/2024
Maximum drawdown	Over last 5 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Average monthly drawdown	Over last 5 years	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TER	as at 31 December 2023	1.37%	1.27%	0.98%	1.05%	1.23%	0.88%	0.81%	1.03%	0.97%	0.73%	1.05%	0.86%	n/a

Please note:

The returns above are net of investment manager fees and retirement fund tax. Retirement fund tax has been abolished since 1 March 2007.
Published rates are time weighted to remove the effect of cashflows and are gross of investment manager fees and retirement fund tax and may therefore differ from returns published in this report.

There is currently a two day time lag on member records shown on the administrator's website and the actual position at the fund manager.This means that the investment data for each portfolio, reported on 1/12/2007 (for example) is actually the investment data as at 29/11/2007.

The Allan Gray Global portfolio was opened on 1/6/2015. The monthly returns before this date are the Allan Gray Domestic portfolio's returns.

The Sanlam Lifestage Accumulation portfolio was opened on 1/6/2015. The monthly returns before this date are the Simeka Lifestage Accumulation portfolio's returns.

This report summarises returns for the fund's total portfolio. Returns for a particular member may differ depending on actual cashflow, investment options and accumulated credits.

The maximum drawdown that is shown above is defined as the lowest cumulative negative return that a member's investment has earned over any period within the last 5 years. For example, if the maximum drawdown is 5%, then it means that over the last 5 years there was a period where a member's investment reduced to 95% of its highest value prior to the period of decrease. This measure, is a measurement of how volatile or risky a portfolio is, where the higher the drawdown the more riskier the portfolio.

The average monthly drawdown is defined as the average monthly negative return of all the months which the portfolio experienced a negative return.

The total expense ratio (TER) is a measure of the total cost associated with managing and operating an investment portfolio. These costs consists primarily of management fees and additional expenses, such as platform fees, performance fees etc. The total investment cost of the fund is divided by the fund's total assets to arrive at a percentage amount (using a rolling three year period if available), which represents the TER.

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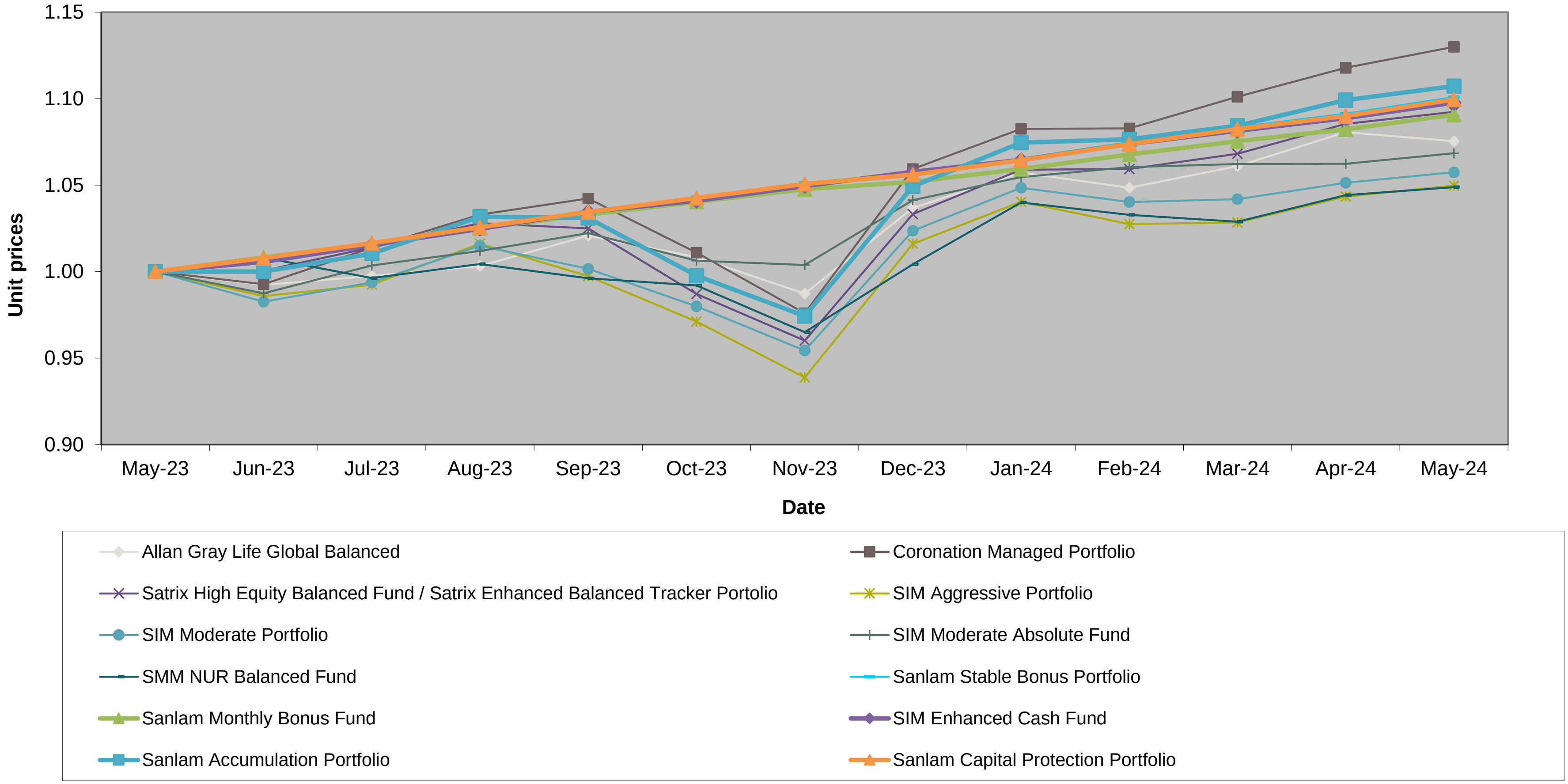
Accumulated returns over a 1 year period (normalised)



Date	Allan Gray Life Global Balanced	Coronation Managed Portfolio	Satrix High Equity Balanced Fund / Satrix Enhanced Balanced Tracker Portfolio	SIM Aggressive Portfolio	SIM Moderate Portfolio	SIM Moderate Absolute Fund	SMM NUR Balanced Fund	Sanlam Stable Bonus Portfolio	Sanlam Monthly Bonus Fund	SIM Enhanced Cash Fund	Sanlam Accumulation Portfolio	Sanlam Capital Protection Portfolio
01/04/1997												
01/04/1998					13.6324%					12.6426%		
01/04/1999					-5.9713%					12.8228%		
01/04/2000					20.5913%					10.2822%		
01/04/2001					1.0744%					8.0508%		
01/04/2002				17.0589%	21.0537%					7.6405%		
01/04/2003	7.5164%	-10.7429%		-15.8278%	-16.8623%					9.2647%		
01/04/2004	39.6442%	31.1712%		30.1632%	28.5413%			9.9586%	9.1328%	9.0776%		
01/04/2005	27.9380%	30.5741%		24.3055%	23.1469%	17.8401%		13.6792%	13.2321%	6.7219%		
01/04/2006	51.4694%	39.8202%		41.6838%	38.1823%	24.8608%		16.8567%	14.3839%	5.9364%		
01/04/2007	34.0414%	31.4300%		26.8533%	25.5951%	11.3995%		28.4994%	24.7521%	7.2396%		
01/04/2008	6.3896%	6.4116%		1.8890%	4.5498%	4.3736%		20.7842%	17.7529%	9.9480%		
01/04/2009	-6.3619%	-13.3158%		-16.8026%	-13.4727%	0.0349%		6.2459%	4.9728%	12.9413%		
01/04/2010	25.5198%	34.7806%		30.2366%	27.4248%	14.6549%		7.4506%	6.3261%	8.1344%		
01/04/2011	14.8836%	13.4262%		12.8901%	11.5959%	9.3801%		10.3148%	9.3228%	6.7340%		
01/04/2012	11.5654%	10.7640%		10.9967%	11.7619%	12.3430%		9.3258%	8.3150%	5.6901%		
01/04/2013	18.1177%	25.2486%		18.4258%	21.0930%	13.3083%		13.8390%	11.6747%	5.5286%	22.5578%	
01/04/2014	13.8276%	22.5697%		21.8587%	18.9870%	14.0677%		20.2658%	16.6642%	5.5591%	21.7086%	
01/04/2015	10.8640%	11.4575%		14.2618%	17.4663%	11.3549%	3.2258%	14.6226%	15.2296%	6.4305%	16.2270%	
01/04/2016	12.8337%	5.0060%		5.8295%	5.6327%	8.7585%	4.9714%	10.3626%	9.9649%	6.9358%	1.1287%	
01/04/2017	4.8350%	7.3373%		6.9436%	3.9740%	6.9527%	4.6747%	8.3261%	7.7722%	8.1690%	3.3682%	8.1949%
01/04/2018	5.1661%	2.9044%		3.9651%	5.3983%	5.0832%	2.0876%	8.1264%	7.4945%	8.0455%	4.2280%	8.0038%
01/04/2019	6.2111%	4.2653%		8.6205%	6.5181%	9.7943%	8.6761%	6.5429%	5.8215%	8.3168%	5.4557%	6.4241%
01/04/2020	-12.4659%	-14.6685%	-15.3570%	-12.6221%	-12.3158%	0.2467%	-10.3007%	7.1792%	6.4184%	8.4801%	-13.7766%	7.0530%
01/04/2021	31.5418%	47.1775%	40.8333%	34.2944%	28.7105%	15.5004%	34.2302%	5.7262%	5.2234%	5.7224%	38.9276%	5.6310%
01/04/2022	12.1491%	11.8318%	13.8094%	11.6396%	11.4942%	8.7573%	13.0358%	7.6226%	7.4813%	4.7738%	11.8118%	7.4957%
01/05/2022	1.5158%	-1.5169%	-2.2320%	-1.4540%	-1.1831%	-0.1240%	-0.8635%	0.6235%	0.5969%	0.3796%	-1.7943%	0.6188%
01/06/2022	-0.0863%	0.3538%	0.0280%	0.1104%	-0.0650%	0.0008%	-0.4519%	0.5945%	0.5685%	0.4848%	-0.2460%	0.5837%
01/07/2022	-3.3271%	-5.3893%	-3.9591%	-4.5636%	-3.8738%	-2.8757%	-4.3567%	0.3123%	0.2753%	0.3732%	-4.0995%	0.3028%
01/08/2022	1.7612%	4.1987%	2.6103%	2.8035%	2.8091%	2.2428%	2.0473%	0.1491%	0.1239%	0.4935%	2.7396%	0.1571%
01/09/2022	-0.7447%	0.0343%	-0.3602%	-0.6545%	-0.2868%	0.4288%	-0.2095%	0.5226%	0.4984%	0.5962%	0.0937%	0.5102%
01/10/2022	-0.7916%	-3.2231%	-4.1271%	-3.8875%	-3.7269%	-2.3827%	-1.5888%	0.5740%	0.5436%	0.3612%	-4.7170%	0.5633%
01/11/2022	5.1896%	4.7405%	5.1602%	4.3630%	3.8762%	3.0314%	2.5091%	0.5061%	0.2987%	0.7796%	4.7592%	0.4891%
01/12/2022	2.4437%	5.7009%	4.1423%	5.6743%	4.7489%	2.8796%	2.6004%	0.2206%	0.1799%	0.6035%	4.2116%	0.2117%
01/01/2023	0.0206%	-1.4268%	-1.1992%	-0.8453%	-0.5573%	-0.5944%	-0.8020%	0.5764%	0.5615%	0.7962%	-0.6200%	0.5655%
01/02/2023	5.2330%	8.0280%	5.8480%	6.6230%	5.5440%	4.7080%	4.2890%	0.6240%	0.6000%	0.6850%	6.3410%	0.6180%
01/03/2023	0.7840%	-0.0990%	-0.3510%	-1.1630%	-0.7810%	-0.0470%	-0.9930%	0.7310%	0.7060%	0.5370%	-0.7350%	0.7200%
01/04/2023	-100.0000%	-3.2410%	-1.4880%	-1.9890%	-1.5190%	-0.7750%	0.1250%	0.9360%	0.8500%	0.8100%	-1.0790%	0.9280%
01/05/2023	3.0960%	2.2760%	3.0180%	2.2480%	1.9140%	1.5610%	1.5200%	0.8280%	0.7420%	0.4550%	2.1320%	0.8170%
01/06/2023	-0.7740%	-0.7230%	0.0590%	-1.4130%	-1.7450%	-1.2530%	0.8040%	0.7950%	0.8290%	0.5640%	-0.0060%	0.7850%
01/07/2023	0.5370%	2.1220%	1.3450%	0.6710%	1.1410%	1.6350%	-1.1700%	0.8610%	0.7710%	0.9620%	1.0480%	0.8510%
01/08/2023	0.5740%	1.8890%	1.3720%	2.3850%	2.1320%	0.8320%	0.8220%	0.9190%	0.8880%	0.9320%	2.1160%	0.9090%
01/09/2023	1.7420%	0.9020%	-0.2870%	-1.8460%	-1.3130%	1.0170%	-0.8310%	0.8670%	0.7750%	0.9590%	-0.0680%	0.8530%
01/10/2023	-1.2120%	-3.0080%	-3.6954%	-2.6340%	-2.1700%	-1.5630%	-0.4080%	0.8000%	0.7110%	0.6140%	-3.2380%	0.7900%
01/11/2023	-2.0980%	-3.4640%	-2.7380%	-3.3290%	-2.6050%	-0.2400%	-2.7250%	0.7950%	0.6960%	0.8200%	-2.3470%	0.7810%
01/12/2023	5.0200%	8.5410%	7.6210%	8.2260%	7.2520%	3.7390%	4.0660%	0.5170%	0.4110%	0.7810%	7.6940%	0.5060%
01/01/2024	1.9730%	2.2030%	2.4790%	2.3920%	2.4380%	1.2800%	3.5650%	0.8010%	0.7100%	0.6550%	2.4100%	0.7950%
01/02/2024	-0.8260%	0.0230%	0.0410%	-1.2380%	-0.7850%	0.5440%	-0.6960%	0.8900%	0.7890%	0.8610%	0.1790%	0.8810%
01/03/2024	1.1840%	1.6840%	0.8350%	0.1020%	0.1480%	0.1640%	-0.3820%	0.8100%	0.7170%	0.7100%	0.7370%	0.7980%
01/04/2024	1.8560%	1.5240%	1.6230%	1.4470%	0.9100%	0.0110%	1.4940%	0.7250%	0.6400%	0.6820%	1.3640%	0.7080%
01/05/2024	-0.4780%	1.0830%	0.6360%	0.6100%	0.5880%	0.5800%	0.4450%	0.8740%	0.7800%	0.8240%	0.7397%	0.8680%

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01/11/2023	-3.8270%	-0.3480%	-0.7500%									
01/12/2023	7.8930%	4.3410%	6.3250%									
01/01/2024	2.4880%	1.5030%	2.0240%									
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01/03/2024	0.5730%	0.5000%	1.0340%									
01/04/2024	1.7790%	0.0710%	0.8200%	2.3730%	0.5810%	0.4840%	1.3670%	0.7950%	1.1070%	0.8310%	1.9060%	0.0000%
01/05/2024	0.5090%	0.4740%	0.4740%	1.7120%	0.9420%	2.0990%	1.2540%	1.5360%	0.7370%	1.4930%	1.4900%	1.5400%

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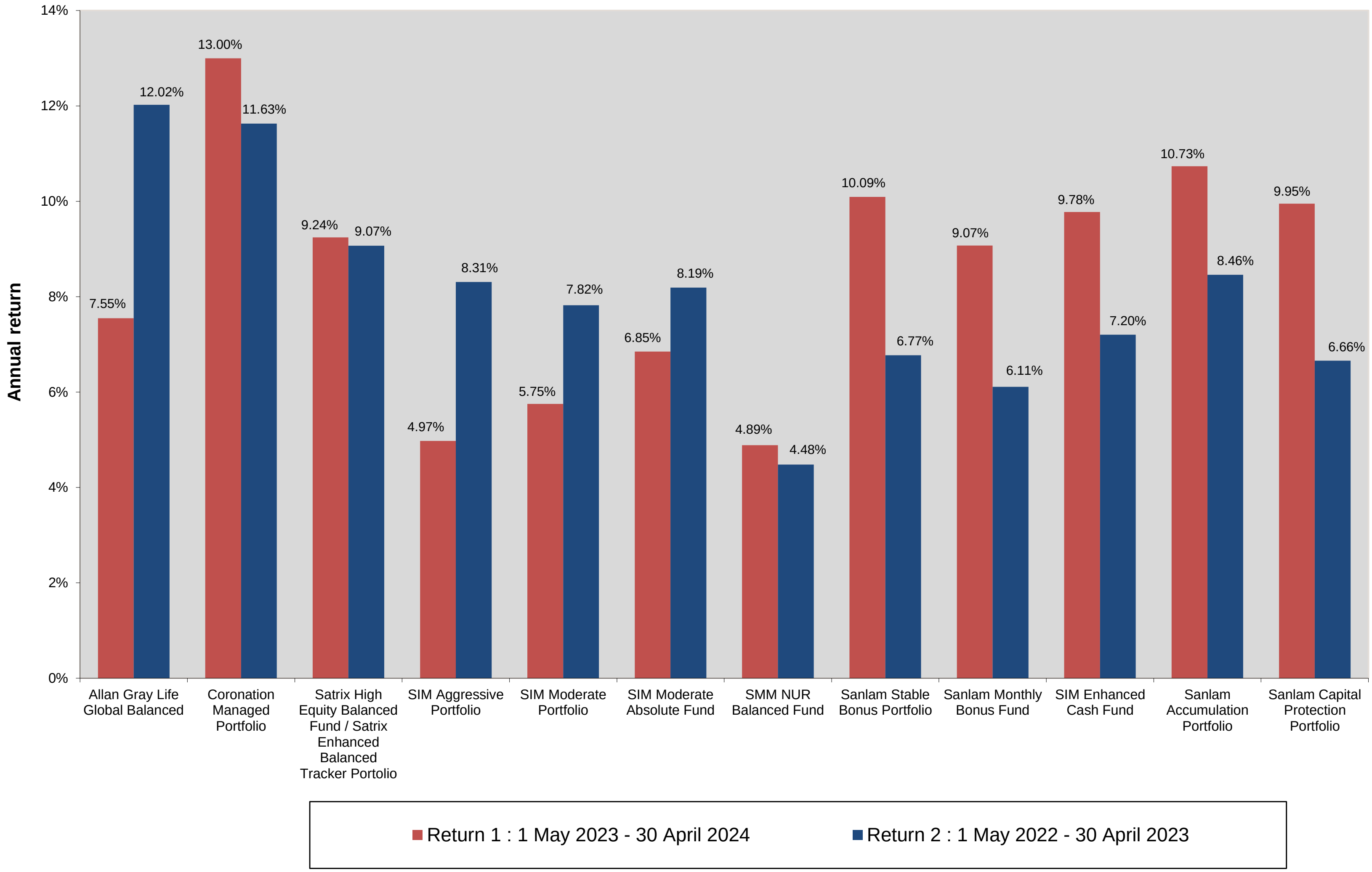
Comparison of annualised returns for the last 2 years



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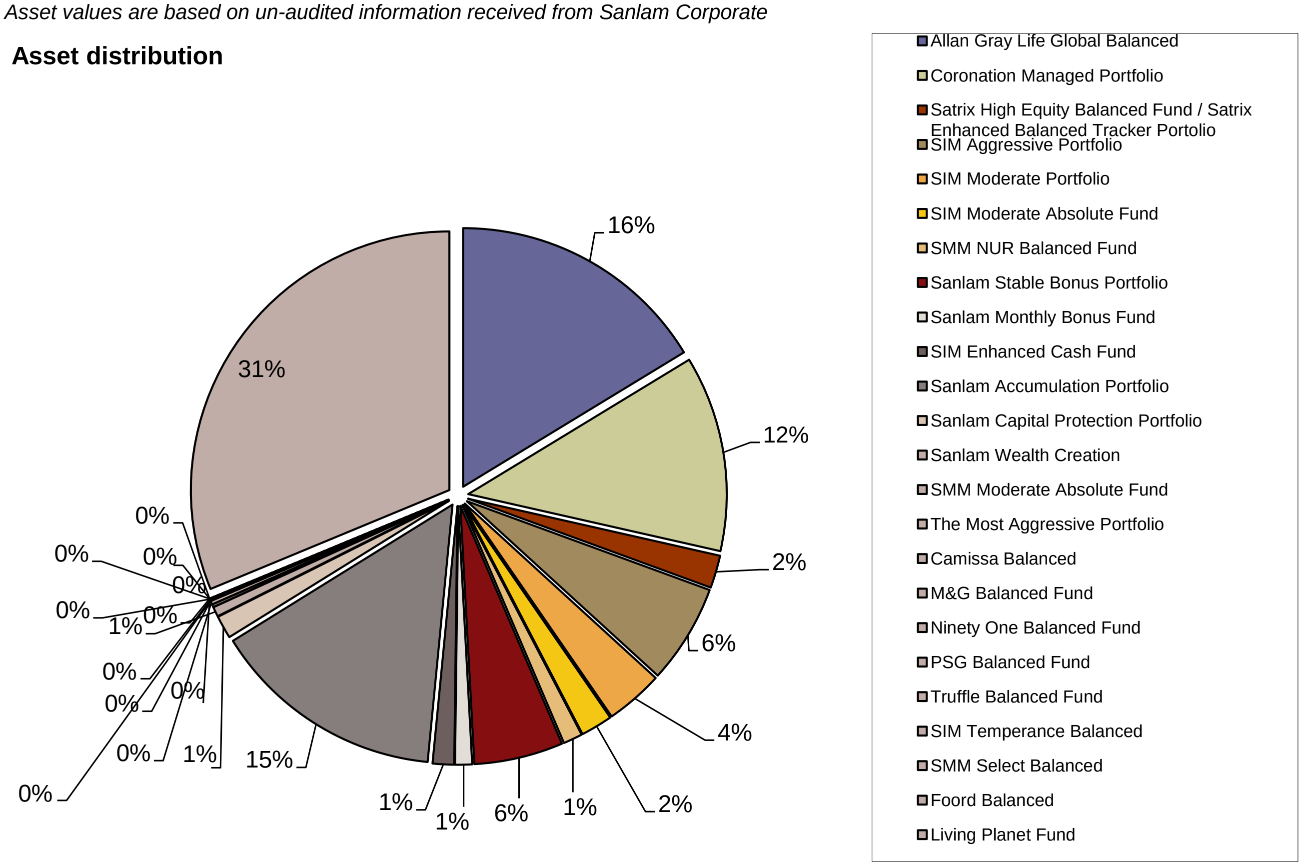
Asset Distribution as per Investment Portfolio

Asset Distribution as at 1 May 2024		
Investment Portfolio	Market Value	Exposure
Allan Gray Life Global Balanced	R 2,722,626,591.00	16.30%
Coronation Managed Portfolio	R 2,043,901,687.00	12.24%
Satrix High Equity Balanced Fund / Satrix Enhanced Balanced Tracker Portolio	R 341,256,973.00	2.04%
SIM Aggressive Portfolio	R 1,035,038,862.00	6.20%
SIM Moderate Portfolio	R 602,167,243.00	3.61%
SIM Moderate Absolute Fund	R 332,063,701.00	1.99%
SMM NUR Balanced Fund	R 200,668,382.00	1.20%
Sanlam Stable Bonus Portfolio	R 928,822,509.00	5.56%
Sanlam Monthly Bonus Fund	R 177,456,777.00	1.06%
SIM Enhanced Cash Fund	R 223,635,590.00	1.34%
Sanlam Accumulation Portfolio	R 2,442,800,373.00	14.63%
Sanlam Capital Protection Portfolio	R 239,229,791.00	1.43%
Sanlam Wealth Creation	R 102,365,122.00	0.61%
SMM Moderate Absolute Fund	R 27,526,061.00	0.16%
The Most Aggressive Portfolio	R 38,313,664.00	0.23%
Camissa Balanced	R 691,578.00	0.00%
M&G Balanced Fund	R 3,665,354.00	0.02%
Ninety One Balanced Fund	R 10,829,671.00	0.06%
PSG Balanced Fund	R 7,848,264.00	0.05%
Truffle Balanced Fund	R 382,421.00	0.00%
SIM Temperance Balanced	R 854.00	0.00%
SMM Select Balanced	R 480,226.00	0.00%
Foord Balanced	R 522,004.00	0.00%
Living Planet Fund	R 233,379.00	0.00%
Glacier	R 5,218,715,807.00	31.25%
Total assets	**R 16,701,242,884.00**	**100.00%**

Asset values are based on un-audited information received from Sanlam Corporate

Asset distribution



Global Equities

Global equities rallied for a fifth consecutive month in March as better-than-expected economic data releases and upward revisions to consensus earnings estimates outweighed investor concerns about higher-for-longer interest rates. The MSCI World Index gained about 3.2% in US dollars and 1.9% in rands, while the MSCI Emerging Markets Index gained a more subdued 2.5% in US dollars and 1.2% in rands. Unlike the previous month, when state-owned Chinese asset managers aggressively bought equity ETFs that lifted the CSI 300 Index by 9.1%, in March the CSI 300 eked out a small gain of 0.1% (in US dollars), pointing to a pause in ETF purchases. Even though Chinese equities are still cheap, trading on a forward price-to-earnings ratio of 11.4X, investors appear reluctant to increase their exposure, given rising geopolitical tensions with the EU and the US, and uncertainty about the regulatory environment in China.

At month-end, Fed funds futures were pricing in only two rate cuts for the year – down from six cuts at the beginning of the year - after a second consecutive month of inflation misses in the US. Inflation misses continued in April, with March headline and core inflation again coming in hotter-than-expected at 3.5% and 3.8% respectively, ahead of the 3.4% and 3.7% estimates. More worrying is that shelter inflation eased only marginally to 5.9% from 6% in the previous month, while core services wage inflation, excluding shelter, increased to 4.4% from 4.3%. In the case of shelter inflation, it should be noted that the lead and lag between house prices and shelter inflation is around 18 months, suggesting that the disinflation trend is still intact, although not in a straight line. While the base case view is for a soft landing, recession risks will increase if rate cuts keep getting deferred.

Equities rallied on the back of increases in Global Composite Purchasing Manager Indices (PMIs) in both developed and developing countries, consistent with the increase from 1.9% to 2.9% in the Bloomberg global GDP tracker. In the US, manufacturing PMIs were higher, with the ISM Index increasing to 50.3 index points, the first reading above 50 since October 2022. In contrast, services PMIs were marginally lower, though still in expansionary territory. While an upward revision to Q4 GDP growth to 3.4% also supported equities, the Atlanta Fed GDPNow indicator points to growth slowing to 2.3% in Q1, which would still be above potential GDP growth of about 1.8%. But the employment sub-index for the ISM manufacturing and services sectors fell to 47.4 and 48.5 points, suggesting that unemployment could rise over the coming quarters. This would also be consistent with the "Mel Rule", which has triggered a recession alert. The Sahm Rule, which is also premised on average movements in the unemployment rate, has yet to trigger a recession warning. The rule triggers a recession when the three-month moving average of the unemployment rate rises by 0.5% or more relative to its low during the previous 12 months. With non-farm payroll data resilient at 303 000 in March, well ahead of the 214 000 expected by the market, there are no clear signs of an imminent crack in the jobs market. Given the job openings rate is stable at 5.3%, the hiring rate little changed at 3.7% and the quits rate unchanged at 2.2%, further declines would be needed before unemployment rises meaningfully from the current 3.8% level.

In China, the National Statistical Bureau and the Caixin Manufacturing PMIs increased to 50.8 and 51.1 points respectively, with the new-orders-to-inventories ratio pointing to an acceleration in production over the coming quarters. As the global manufacturing PMI also expanded for a second consecutive month to 50.6, commodity prices gained over the month. Although China's industrial complex supports commodity prices following a sharp rebound in exports in January and February (up 10.6% y/y in yuan), and ramped up production of EVs, batteries and renewable energy equipment, supply constraints by miners have also helped to underpin prices. Further commodity price gains are likely to come from newly-imposed US and UK sanctions (in April) on Russian production of industrial commodities (aluminium, nickel and copper) on the London Metals Exchange, effective from13 April. These sanctions are expected to offset a contraction in Chinese exports in March, which declined by some 3.8% year/year. Hopes for interest rate cuts also faded as China continues to drain liquidity from markets through its Medium-Term Lending Facility to lend support to the yuan. Given this backdrop, the risk is that deflation could become more entrenched, weighing on earnings and investor sentiment. While the slump in property investment is a headwind for commodities, particularly copper and iron ore, China's "green transition" is underpinning green commodities. Copper prices gained about 4.1% last month, aluminium prices 4.9% and Brent crude 6.2% on the more positive manufacturing outlook.

While the Composite PMI for the Eurozone is back in expansionary territory, the manufacturing PMI is still contracting but off its lows. This reflects weak consumer demand from high interest rates. Unlike the US where the interest rate transmission mechanism has been slow to reduce consumption expenditure, given fixed rate mortgages of up to 30 years, the transmission mechanism in the EU is more sensitive to interest rates since homeowners are unable to fix their mortgages for such extended periods of time. As a result, inflation has been moving lower – along with falling energy costs - with both headline and core inflation beating the street. The March report (released in early April) showed that headline and core inflation slowed further to 2.4% and 2.9% respectively, lower than consensus estimates of 2.5% and 3%. The European Central Bank (ECB) also revised its year-end inflation forecast down from 2.7% to 2.3%, suggesting it will be one of the first major central banks to cut interest rates, as early as June. Since the rate cuts are in response to lower inflation rather than a pending recession, equities are likely to post further gains. While global equity ETF inflows in March totalled US$96.6 billion, sector rotation favouring EU markets was visible. Industrials, materials and energy gained - sectors that are regarded as cyclical and highly dependent on the business cycle – whereas outflows were seen in technology and healthcare.

Upward revisions to consensus earnings estimates for both the MSCI World and MSCI Emerging Market indices were a further driver of returns in March. Forward earnings per share for the MSCI World Index were revised higher to 3.4% from 3.1% previously, whereas emerging market earnings were revised sharply higher from 3.8% to 17.4%. While the big jump in forward earnings per share for the MSCI World Index occurred in February following better-than-expected "Magnificent Five" results, the upward revisions to emerging market earnings took place in March, probably due to rate cuts in some emerging markets and an expansion of the AI trade to emerging markets. As a result, the forward price-to-earnings ratio for the MSCI World Index increased to 19.4X from 18.8X previously, ahead of the longer-term mean of 16.1X. In contrast, the forward price-to-earnings ratio for the MSCI Emerging Market Index decreased from 14X earnings to 12.5X earnings, comfortably below the 13.5X mean. Due to the stretched valuation of the MSCI World Index and an uncertain interest rate outlook globally, coupled with the risk of a shallow rate cutting cycle, a neutral weighting is retained in global equities over the next two quarters. On a six-to-twelve-month view, however, equities are overweighted on rate cut expectations later in the year and buoyant consensus earnings estimates in the second forecast year.

Global Bonds and Listed Property

US inflation misses in March triggered a mid-month increase in bond yields across most developed markets, as investors digested a second consecutive month of higher-than-expected inflation. While rate cut expectations were pared back from three rate cuts of 25-basis points each to only two rate cuts this year, the yield on the Bloomberg Capital Global Aggregate Bond Index ended the month lower at 3.74%, down from 3.8% the month before. Due to the lower yields, the Bloomberg Capital Global Aggregate Bond Index returned about 0.6% in US dollars and -0.8% in rands. Emerging market bonds outperformed their developed market counterparts to yield 1.7% in US dollars and 0.4% in rands as spreads narrowed on central bank interest rate cuts (Mexico, Brazil, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Colombia). In contrast, US two-year and 10-year yields ended the month largely unchanged at 4.63% and 4.25% respectively. Real bond yields also pushed higher mid-month following the inflation releases, only to end the month lower. The US 10-year Tip yield fell from 1.92% to 1.88%, while the yield on the Bloomberg Capital Global Government Inflation-Linked Bond Index eased from 1.41% to 1.32%. As a result, inflation-linked bonds yielded 1.1% in US dollars.

With real yields lower, US five-year breakeven inflation ticked up marginally to 2.44%, while the 10-year breakeven rate was largely unchanged at 2.32%. While the market's response to the inflation print was mooted in March, a third consecutive inflation miss in April (after the March CPI release) triggered a more forceful response from the bond market: two-year and 10-year US Treasury yields rose by 15 and 12 basis points to 4.9% and 4.52% respectively. After hawkish comments from US Fed members such as Neel Kashkari warning of no rate cuts this year and Raphael Bostic calling for only one rate cut this year, bond yields could still push higher in the event of further inflation misses or better-than-expected economic data releases. Even though shelter inflation is proving sticky, while services wage inflation excluding shelter is rising, the disinflationary trend remains intact.

As both the ISM manufacturing and services employment sub-indices are in contractionary territory, wage growth is expected to slow over the remainder of the year. Also, rising productivity in the US has resulted in a decrease in unit labour costs to about 2.4%, lending further support to lower wage growth. In view of the deferred and shallower rate cutting cycle, a neutral position is recommended in global nominal bonds over the near term (six months). With the Fed funds futures pricing in the first rate cut in only six months' time, bonds are overweighted on a six- to twelve-month view as duration is expected to be rewarded. In the event that inflation proves to be structurally higher – with the neutral rate of interest higher than the 2.5% assumed by the Fed - a neutral position is retained in global inflation-linked bonds as an insurance against a bad inflation outcome. A barbell strategy is also recommended: an overweight position to the short end of the curve while duration is added to the longer end of the curve.

After two consecutive months of negative returns, global listed property stocks rallied on the back of flat to slightly lower bond yields, shrugging off expectations of a higher-for-longer and shallower interest rate cycle. The FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Markets Property Index gained about 3.6% in US dollars and 2.3% in rands as the sector rerated on a price-to-book basis, up from 1.27X to 1.31X, still well below the 1.46X mean. The apartment sector was the top performer (6.6%) after better-than-expected operating updates, followed by the malls (6.3%) and office sectors (5.3%). Data centres (-4.9%) were the worst performing sector and the manufactured homes (-3.4%) sector also delivered negative returns. Since REITs currently trade at a 12% discount to net asset value and offer an attractive dividend yield of about 4.5%, there is still value to be found in listed property. Higher-for-longer interest rates could limit the ability of companies to refinance expiring loans at lower rates, so forward earnings growth could come under pressure. With US$929 billion of commercial real estate debt falling due this year, about 20% of the total, defaults could rise in a higher-for-longer environment, placing pressure on banks to offload debt at steep discounts. Despite loan-to-value ratios being stable at around 34%, the sector is downweighted from neutral to underweight, until the rate cutting cycle commences, probably in the fourth quarter of the year.

SA Equities

For the first time this year, South African equities posted positive returns in March, buoyed by a 12.8% surge in resource stocks. The primary drivers included precious metals and mining stocks (18.6%), and industrial metals counters (8%) contributing positively to returns on higher industrial commodity prices. Within precious metals, Harmony Gold (40.4%), DRDGold (24%) and Gold Fields (22.5%) led the gainers, whereas industrial metals counters were supported by gains in Glencore (14.2%) and Anglo American (12.6%). Telecom stocks (10%) were underpinned by gains in Blue Label Telecom (30%), MTN (12.3%) and Multichoice (8.8%), while technology stocks gained on Altron (6.9%), Naspers (6.4%) and Prosus (6.1%). Defensive sectors such as healthcare (5%) were supported by gains in Aspen (11.9%), whereas consumer staples (0.5%) were led by Dis-Chem (6.5%), Bid Corp Ltd (4.1%) and British American Tobacco (3%). Although industrials (-0.6%) were weaker as a sector, positive gains were made by Kap Industrial (13%), Raubex Group (10.4%) and Bidvest Group (5.8%). The biggest losers were the financial (-3.4%) and consumer discretionary (-3%) sectors, which were dragged lower by deferred interest rate cuts and concerns about rising consumer debt defaults. Within financials, Quilter PLC (9.6%), Investec PLC (5.5%) and Nedbank (4.3%) led the winners, and Remgro (-16.1%), Discovery (-11.2) and Absa (-9.4%) brought up the rear. In the consumer discretionary sector, Truworths (10.8%) and Cashbuild (10.1%) were the outperformers, whereas Richemont (-5.9%), Famous Brands (-5.6%) and Woolworths (-5.5%) underperformed.

The domestic economy narrowly averted a technical recession in the fourth quarter of 2023, but growth of 0.1% quarter/quarter fell short of the consensus estimate of 0.2%. On the production side of the economy, the biggest detractors from growth included agriculture (-9.7%) due to decreased production of field crops, animal products and horticulture products. Other sectors detracting from growth included trade, catering and accommodation (-2.9%) due to decreased economic activity for wholesale trade, retail trade, motor trade, accommodation and food and beverages. Construction was also lower by 1.4% due to declines in residential buildings and construction works. In contrast, the transport, storage and communication sector recorded positive growth of 2.9% as a result of increased activity for land transport, air transport, transport support services and communications. The mining sector contributed positively, gaining 2.4% on increased output of platinum group metals (PGMs), coal, chromium ore and diamonds. On the expenditure side of the economy, household final consumption expenditure was positive, recording growth of 0.2%, while net exports contributed negatively following export growth of 0.6% and import growth of about 4%. Negative growth was also recorded in general government consumption expenditure (-0.3%) and gross fixed capital formation (-0.2%). Within gross fixed capital formation, residential buildings (-3.9%), transport equipment (-3%), construction works (-1.1%) and machinery and other equipment (-0.4%) weighed on growth.

While the growth outlook for 2024 is still subdued, GDP is expected to grow by about 1.2% compared with the 0.6% recorded in 2023. The start to the first quarter was mixed: retail sales and mining production contracted by 3.2% and 0.8% month/month respectively in January, whereas manufacturing production increased by 0.8% month/month. Economic weakness is also reflected in the S&P Global PMI – a broad-based measure of economic activity - and the Absa Manufacturing PMI, both of which contracted in March. The Absa new orders-to-inventories ratio declined, painting a subdued picture of manufacturing production over the coming quarters, but the expected business conditions index rose sharply to 62.1, probably reflecting expectations of reduced stages of load shedding and improvements in Transnet's logistics network. Supplier delivery delays improved, but prices paid increased, largely due to fuel costs.

Similarly, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB)'s leading economic indicator to end-January weakened slightly on a year/year basis, suggesting growth will remain under pressure over the coming quarters. However, the level of the leading indicator is consistent with positive earnings growth in the mid-single digits, not too dissimilar to consensus estimates of 7.5% and a nominal GDP estimate of about 6.5%. Along with a forward dividend yield of around 4% and a small rerating, total returns in the mid-teens are expected from domestic equities, similar to those from domestic nominal bonds. With bonds offering a better risk-adjusted return, one can be forgiven for wanting to overweight domestic bonds at the expense of domestic equities. However, a number of key event risks over the coming months could become a headwind for both asset classes, particularly domestic bonds.

Recent polls show the ANC's support declining below 40% ahead of the May elections and that of the newly formed MK party rising to around 13%. A coalition government appears the most likely outcome, with an ANC-MK-EFF grouping on the one hand and an ANC-DA grouping on the other. Since both groupings could secure a 50% majority if recent polls are to be believed, it is uncertain which of the two groupings will win the elections. Given the huge disparity in economic policies between these groupings, a sharp rise in the country's sovereign risk premium is expected to be priced into the market. This may offer domestic investors the opportunity to add to their bond positions at higher yields. Equities, in turn, are upweighted from underweight to neutral on expectations of rand depreciation.

The second event risk is the implementation of the two-pot retirement system, which is expected to result in a 3% outflow from pension funds in September. This could put downward pressure on both equities and bonds, supporting a greater allocation to cash in the near term. This will, however, be a tactical trade based purely on the event risk. After the implementation of the two-pot retirement system, an overweight position is recommended for both domestic equities andbonds, premised on a soft-landing outcome for the global economy.

SA Bonds and Listed Property

Unlike their global counterparts, South African bond yields increased over the month, due to inflation misses and uncertainty about the May election outcome. Foreigners were net sellers of bonds totalling R25.1 billion as they shied away from the local market ahead of the national and provincial elections. With the outcome largely binary from an economic policy point of view, as either an ANC-EFF-MK grouping or an ANC-DA grouping could win the elections, the rand is expected to weaken and bond yields to rise in the run-up to the elections. The yield on the All-Bond Index increased by 51 basis points to 12.05%, dragging returns down by 1.9% in rands and 0.6% in US dollars. Conversely, the yield on the CILI Inflation-Linked Bond Index was largely unchanged at 5% as investors hedged themselves against a bad inflation outcome. Inflation-linkers yielded a small positive return of 0.3% in rands, largely driven by the inflation carry. Unsurprisingly, five-year and 10-year breakeven inflation rose sharply to 5.9% and 7% respectively, up from 5.3% and 6.4% the previous month. Both headline and core inflation came in higher, at 5.6% and 5% respectively, than the 5.5% and 4.9% expected by the market. Comments by the SARB Governor that an inflation target range of between 3% and 4%, rather than the current 3% to 6% range, would be more appropriate for the country, also aided the sell-off.

A hawkish Monetary Policy Committee statement following the March meeting contributed to the rise in yields. The SARB expects inflation will only return to the mid-point of the target range towards the end of 2025, a year later than previously projected. As a result, FRAs are pricing in only one rate cut this year, down from two rate cuts previously. The country's fiscal outlook presented another headwind. While the Treasury's decision to tap the SARB's Gold and Foreign Exchange Contingency Reserve Account (GFECRA) for R150 billion (30% of the total) over the next three years is expected to reduce debt service costs and rein in the country's rising debt-to-GDP ratio, the estimated funding requirement this year of 6.1% of GDP is still uncomfortably high and well ahead of the 4.5% public sector borrowing requirement. A higher growth rate is needed to generate additional revenue for the fiscus. The investment view is to be neutral nominal domestic bonds over the next six months and to overweight bonds on a six- to twelve-month view once the Fed starts cutting rates. A further event risk is the implementation of the two-pot retirement system in September, which will prompt outflows from domestic asset classes as pension fund members draw down on their savings pot. A neutral weighting is retained in inflation-linked bonds over the investment horizon as a hedge against inflation risk, possibly arising from higher oil prices linked to the conflict in the Middle East and low crude inventory levels, and food price shocks due to the El Niño weather phenomenon.

Due to the rise in domestic bond yields, along with expectations that interest rates will remain higher-for-longer, domestic listed property stocks sold off. The SAPY Index declined by 1% in rands (+0.3% in US dollars). The sector rerated slightly relative to bonds, with the property-to-bond yield ratio easing to 0.53X from 0.55X, well above the 0.85X mean. This suggests that property stocks are expensive relative to bonds, even though they trade at a substantial discount to net asset value. While the operating metrics of property companies reporting over the results season were encouraging – with office vacancy rates and retail rental escalations improving - the failure of net operating income growth to translate into earnings growth was due to pressure from the high interest rate environment. With expected rate cuts being deferred until late in the year, an underweight position is retained in South African listed property. The best-performing stocks in the month included Shaftesbury Capital (15.9%), Hammerson PLC (12.3%) and Attaq (11.2%), while Hyprop (-6.4%), Fortress Reit (-5.7%) and Growthpoint (-3.8%) brought up the rear.

SA Cash

South African cash yielded 0.7% in rands and 2% in dollars in March, outperforming all of the broad asset classes except for equities and global listed property. Following a hawkish MPC statement after the March meeting, FRAs priced in fewer rate cuts, from two 25-basis point rate cuts to only one this year. The market's more bearish outlook is however at odds with the interest rate cuts derived from the SARB's Quarterly Projection Model (QPM), which now projects only two rate cuts this year, down from three rate cuts at the time of the previous MPC meeting. The change in market pricing followed the MPC's assessment that inflation would only return to the mid-point of the target range towards the end of 2025, a year later than previously projected. Although the QPM's inflation forecasts were largely unchanged, with only the 2024 figure being revised marginally higher from 5% to 5.1%, the MPC warned of potentially higher food inflation due to unusually hot and dry conditions (El Niño) at a critical time in the growing season. Maize futures prices are up around 36% so far this year, highlighting the inflation risk. At the end of March, the National Crop Estimates Committee lowered its 2023/24 white maize production forecast to 6.9 million tonnes, a 25% decrease from the previous year. As the terms of trade weaken, the currency could also come under renewed pressure - particularly ahead of the elections – resulting in higher imported inflation. With the balance of risks tilted to the upside, the MPC held rates steady in a unanimous vote.

MARKET COMMENTARY

Alpha	Measures the difference between a portfolio’s actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk.
ALSI	Index comprising all shares listed on JSE, weighted by market cap.
Active Risk	Risk taken by constructing a portfolio that is different from the benchmark.
ALBI	Index comprising all bonds listed on the Bond Exchange of SA.
Asset Allocation	The weightings given to every asset class, when a portfolio is constructed.
Barra Factor	The correlation a portfolio shows to a specific characteristic like liquidity.
Benchmark	The chosen reference index for comparison.
BETA	BETA is calculated using regression analysis. It may be thought of as the tendency of a security’s returns to respond to swings in the market. A beta of 1 indicates that the security’s price will move with the market. A beta of less than 1 means that the security will be less volatile than the market. A beta of greater than 1 indicates that the security’s price will be more volatile than the market. For example, if a stock’s beta is 1.2, it’s theoretically 20% more volatile than the market.
Convexity	A measure of the curvature in the relationship between bond prices and bond yields. Positive convexity corresponds to curvature that opens upward. Negative convexity corresponds to curvature that opens downward.
Div Yield	Dividend yield of the share or index, stated as an annual percentage.
FRA	Forward Rate Agreement. An agreement that specifies an interest rate to be paid for a fixed period starting on a future date (e.g. 6x3 = 3 month interest rate starting in 6 months’ time) applied to a notional amount. It reflects the market’s expectation of the interest rate to apply over the future period.
Information Ratio	Measures the excess return of a manager divided by the amount of risk a manager takes relative to a benchmark. Alternatively, the information ratio is the excess return divided by the tracking error. The ratio therefore shows the risk-adjusted excess return of a fund over the benchmark.
JPM Global Bonds	JP Morgan Global Bond Index, often used as a benchmark for global bonds.
Mandate	Agreement in place between manager and client.
Modified Duration	Measurable change in the value of a security in response to a change in interest rates.
MSCI World	Morgan Stanley's Composite Index for global equity, an industry benchmark.
SRI	Socially Responsible Investments
Standard Deviation	A measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. This is a widely-used measure of risk. There are, however, many other measures that can be used.
STeFi	Alexander Forbes' Money Market benchmark index.
Term Structure	Relationship between spot rates of zero-coupon securities and their term to maturity.
Total Risk	Sum of benchmark's risk and active risk taken.
Tracking Error	Tracking errors are reported as a “standard deviation percentage” difference. Basically it is the difference between the return received and the return of the benchmark. A tracking error of 5% implies that if the market goes up by 10% a year, the portfolio performance is expected to be between 5% and 15% over the next 12 months.

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PERFORMANCE STATISTICS
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FTSE/JSE INDICES

Index	Current Index	Apr-24	3 Months	12 Months	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
All Share Index	76076	2.95%	3.68%	1.14%	8.81%	9.41%	10.61%
SWIX	14363	2.95%	3.58%	2.30%	6.45%	6.40%	9.28%
SWIX 40	13015	3.18%	4.36%	1.09%	5.85%	6.23%	9.31%
Top 40	69925	3.18%	4.46%	-0.04%	8.89%	9.89%	10.89%
SA Listed Property Index	331	-0.59%	-0.79%	13.67%	9.61%	-0.04%	2.70%
Resource 20	61271	7.09%	14.69%	-8.23%	1.67%	11.31%	7.57%
Industrial 25	105022	1.43%	3.69%	1.53%	9.18%	9.56%	11.68%
Financial 15	16591	2.67%	-1.75%	12.00%	16.19%	4.31%	9.01%

INTERNATIONAL

Index	Current Index	Apr-24	3 Months	12 Months	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
CAC 40 Index (Paris)	7985	-2.69%	4.29%	6.59%	8.40%	7.41%	6.96%
DAX Index (Frankfort)	17932	-3.03%	6.08%	12.62%	5.81%	7.75%	7.13%
DJ Industrial Index (New York)	37816	-5.00%	-0.88%	10.90%	3.74%	7.30%	9.70%
FTSE 100 Index (London)	8144	2.41%	6.73%	3.48%	5.33%	1.88%	2.79%
Hang Seng Index (Hong Kong)	17763	7.39%	14.71%	-10.71%	-14.80%	-9.77%	0.18%
MSCI Emerging Markets Free Index US$	1046	0.26%	7.19%	7.05%	-8.10%	-0.62%	0.43%
MSCI World Index Gross Dividends US$	15287	-3.67%	3.74%	18.96%	6.14%	11.00%	10.80%
NASDAQ Composite Index (New York)	15658	-4.41%	3.26%	28.06%	3.89%	14.10%	15.47%
Nikkei 225 Index (Tokyo)	38406	-4.86%	5.84%	33.09%	10.05%	11.53%	12.33%
Shanghai Securities Index (China)	3105	2.09%	11.34%	-6.57%	-3.42%	0.17%	-0.84%
S&P 500 Index (New York)	5036	-4.16%	3.92%	20.78%	6.39%	11.32%	11.59%

FIXED INTEREST

Indicator	Apr-24	3 Months	12 Months	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
ALBI	1.37%	-1.15%	6.81%	7.22%	7.18%	7.04%
STeFI	0.68%	2.04%	8.46%	6.22%	6.02%	6.11%

INFLATION

Indicator	Apr-24	3 Months	12 Months	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
SA CPI	0.79%	1.86%	5.32%	6.11%	5.13%	2.91%
SA PPI	1.09%	1.70%	-20.05%	-0.36%	1.46%	4.66%
US CPI	0.65%	1.82%	3.48%	5.65%	4.20%	2.59%
CH CPI	-1.06%	0.19%	-0.10%	0.69%	1.33%	2.07%

Note: Inflation figures have a one month lag period

EXCHANGE RATES

Spot Prices	30-Apr-24	31-Mar-24	31-Jan-24	30-Apr-23	30-Apr-21
ZAR/US$	R 18.79	R 18.67	R 18.69	R 18.29	R 14.50
ZAR/EUR	R 20.05	R 20.38	R 20.21	R 20.15	R 17.42
ZAR/GBP	R 23.47	R 23.84	R 23.71	R 22.98	R 20.03

COMMODITIES

Spot Prices	30-Apr-24	31-Mar-24	31-Jan-24	30-Apr-23	30-Apr-21
Gold US$/oz	$2,307.00	$2,214.35	$2,053.25	$1,982.55	$1,767.65
Platinum US$/oz	$939.00	$907.00	$924.00	$1,074.00	$1,218.00
Oil (Brent) US$/barrel	$86.33	$87.00	$80.55	$80.33	$66.76

INTEREST RATES

Rate	30-Apr-24	31-Mar-24	31-Jan-24	30-Apr-23	30-Apr-21
SA REPO RATE	8.25%	8.25%	8.25%	7.75%	3.50%
ECB INTEREST RATE	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	3.50%	0.00%
US FEDERAL RATE	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	5.00%	0.25%

Note: Information stated as at the date indicated

BEST PERFORMING STOCKS OF THE MONTH ON THE JSE

Stock	1 Month	3 Month	6 Months	12 Months	PE Ratio
Anglo American Plc	32.64%	36.47%	29.46%	10.04%	16.36
Capitec	11.07%	16.51%	40.67%	46.14%	25.44
Northham Platinum	10.80%	-0.79%	11.24%	-30.11%	13.49
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	8.21%	15.65%	9.09%	-52.32%	9.24
Mondi Plc	7.68%	6.74%	8.53%	12.84%	12.40

WORST PERFORMING STOCKS OF THE MONTH ON THE JSE

Stock	1 Month	3 Month	6 Months	12 Months	PE Ratio
Anglo American Platinum Corporation	-13.89%	-16.97%	6.05%	-38.91%	12.43
Sasol Ltd	-8.97%	-18.85%	-43.58%	-43.81%	3.43
Richemont	-8.30%	-5.96%	19.42%	-12.19%	39.29
Vodacom	-8.22%	-3.12%	-10.85%	-27.77%	9.96
Bidcorp	-6.55%	-4.97%	9.15%	3.67%	19.13