

Fund Objective

The objective of this portfolio is to provide investors with a high level of income whilst maximising returns above cash over a 2 year period. Capital preservation is of a primary importance and is achieved through the diversification across a variety of high yielding assets and a selection of skillful managers with complementary strategies.

Fund Strategy

This is an actively-managed, flexible income fund which invests primarily in fixed interest instruments (including bonds, money market instruments and cash deposits), debentures, preference shares and property securities as well as any other income enhancing security. The portfolio will also be allowed to invest in listed and unlisted financial instruments (derivatives) as allowed by the Act from time to time. The fund is Regulation 28 compliant and is limited to 10% in equities.

Why choose this fund?

- The fund offers a high quality, well-diversified portfolio of collective investment schemes at a reasonable cost.
- It is appropriate for investors looking for a high level of income, where the preservation of capital is of primary importance.
- The fund is Regulation 28 compliant.

Fund Information

ASISA Fund Classification	SA Multi Asset Income
Risk Profile	Conservative
Benchmark	STeFI + 1%
Fee Class Launch date	06 June 2018
Portfolio Launch date	06 June 2018
Minimum investment	LISP Dependent
Portfolio Size	R 192 million
Quarterly Distributions	31/12/23: 20.11 cents per unit 30/09/23: 19.32 cents per unit 30/06/23: 20.05 cents per unit 31/03/23: 17.27 cents per unit
Income decl. dates	31/03 30/06 30/09 31/12
Income price dates	1st working day in January, April, July and October
Portfolio valuation time	17:00
Transaction cut off time	15:00
Daily price information	The Local newspaper and www.sanlamunitrusts.co.za
Repurchase period	2 to 3 working days

Fees (Incl. VAT)	B1-Class (%)
Advice initial fee	Neg.*
Manager initial fee (max.)	0.00
Advice annual fee	Neg.*
Manager annual fee (max.)	0.34
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.91

* Advice fee | Any advice fee is negotiable between the client and their financial advisor. An annual advice fee negotiated is paid via a repurchase of units from the investor.

* This fund is also available via certain LISPS (Linked Investment Services Providers), who levy their own fees.

Obtain a personalised cost estimate before investing by visiting www.sanlamunitrustsmdd.co.za and using our Effective Annual Cost (EAC) calculator. Alternatively, contact us at 0860 100 266.

PERIOD: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2023

Total Expense Ratio (TER) | 0.91% of the value of the Financial Product was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's.

Transaction Cost (TC) | 0.02% of the value of the Financial Product was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impacts Financial Product 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 Financial Product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

Total Investment Charges (TER + TC) | 0.93% of the value of the Financial Product was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product.

A fund of fund unit trust only invests in other unit trusts, which levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for these funds. The fund manager may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down.

Income funds derive from interest-bearing instruments as defined. The yield is a current yield and is calculated daily.

Fund Composition

Securities (%)	29-Feb
Amplify SCI Strategic Income (Terebinth)	25.0
Prescient Income Provider	18.0
Granate BCI Multi Income	17.5
Nedgroup Investments Flexible Income (Abax)	12.0
SIM Flexible Income	10.0
BCI Income Plus (Fairtree)	9.8
Coronation Strategic Income	7.0
Cash (RSA)	0.7

Sanlam Collective Investments (SCI*)

Performance (Annualised) as at 29 Feb 2024 on a rolling monthly basis*

B1-Class	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
1 Year	9.72	9.30
3 Year	7.59	6.95
5 Year	7.13	6.98
Since inception	7.16	7.14

An annualised rate of return is the average rate of return per year, measured over a period either longer or shorter than one year, such as a month, or two years, annualised for comparison with a one-year return.

Performance (Cumulative) as at 29 Feb 2024 on a rolling monthly basis*

B1-Class	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
1 Year	9.72	9.30
3 Year	24.54	22.32
5 Year	41.07	40.15
Since inception	48.67	48.52

Cumulative return is the aggregate return of the portfolio for a specified period.

Risk statistics: 3 years to 29 Feb 2024

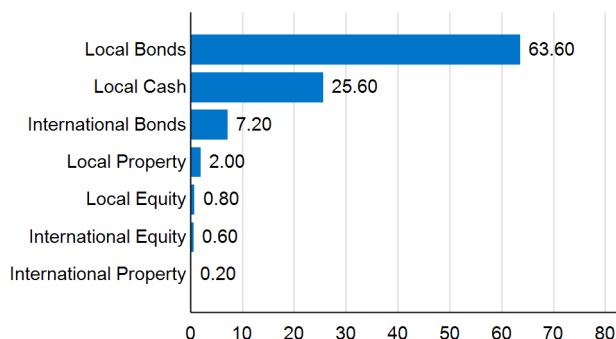
Std Deviation (Ann)	2.32
Sharpe Ratio (Ann)	0.71

Actual highest and lowest annual returns*

Highest Annual %	10.35
Lowest Annual %	3.51

*The highest and lowest 12 month returns are based on a 12 month rolling period over 10 years or since inception where the performance history does not exist for 10 years.

Portfolio Detail



Portfolio Manager(s) Comment

Both the UK and Japan moved into a technical recession in Q4 2023 after posting two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth. UK Prime Minister Rushi Sunak is under pressure to find ways to stimulate the UK economy and address the country's cost of living crisis. Japan battled with high economic uncertainty and inflation, which weighed heavily on private consumption and foreign investment.

US inflation rose more than expected in January because of stubbornly high shelter prices which impacted consumers. A preliminary Reuters poll showed that China's manufacturing activity contracted in February as factory owners struggled to secure local and international orders. Eurozone business activity fell for the ninth month in a row, but the rate of decline eased in January.

In SA, President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered his State of the Nation Address and Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana presented the National Budget. In these speeches, government updated citizens on the steps it will take to move the economy in the right direction.

After a positive start to 2024, global equity markets accelerated in February, with the MSCI World Index ending the month at 4.24% in dollar terms. Emerging markets (EMs) underperformed developed markets (DMs) for four consecutive months before February but managed to slightly beat DMs, with the MSCI EM Index ending positively at 4.77% month-on-month (m/m) in dollar terms. Chinese equities rallied strongly due to economic stimulus and contributed to the performance of the MSCI EM Index. Although it was announced that Japan slipped into a recession, the Nikkei still managed to end the month positively at 7.99% in yen terms. Both Global Bonds and Global Property entered negative territory at -1.26% m/m and -0.55% m/m in dollar terms. Tech stocks contributed to the S&P 500's positive performance of 5.34% m/m in dollar terms, with Nvidia, Meta and Amazon being the top contributors. The Dow Jones Index was positive at 2.5% m/m in dollar terms and the FTSE gained 0.19% m/m in pound.

The South African stock market was in negative territory in February, when the FTSE/JSE All-Share Index ended at -2.44% in rand terms. Industrials and Financials were negative, at -0.79% m/m and -1.2% m/m, but Resources was the biggest laggard, at -6.92% m/m. Local Property and Cash were both positive for the month, at 0.82% and 0.65% respectively in rand. The bond market underperformed, with the FTSE/JSE All-Bond Index ending at -0.58% m/m in rand terms. Bonds of 1-3 years ended the month at -0.04%, with bonds of 3-7 years at -0.88%, bonds of 7-12 years at -0.78% and bonds of above 12 years ending at -0.53%.

Expectations of sustained higher US interest rates boosted the dollar, which was stronger against all major DM and most major EM currencies in February. The rand was among the worst-performing currencies. It depreciated against the US dollar by -3.05% m/m, the euro by -2.68% m/m and the pound by -2.4% m/m. However, the currency appreciated against the Japanese yen by 2.39% m/m.

Portfolio Management

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Risk Profile (Conservative)

This portfolio aims to ensure stable income flows and capital preservation is of primary importance. The portfolio invests in a combination of low-risk asset classes, but exposure to equities is limited to protect against volatility and risk of capital losses. It aims to provide a high level of income, while maximising returns above cash. Capital preservation is achieved through diversification across a variety of high yielding assets.

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Glossary of Terms

Capital preservation

This is an investment strategy where the primary goal is to preserve (protect) capital and prevent losses in a portfolio. Preserving capital is a priority for retirees and those approaching retirement, since they may be relying on their investments to generate income to cover their living expenses, and have limited time to recoup losses if markets experience a downturn.

Derivatives

Derivatives are instruments generally used as an instrument to protect against risk (capital losses), but can also be used for speculative purposes. Examples are futures, options and swaps.

Diversification

This is a strategy designed to reduce risk within a portfolio by combining a variety of investments (or asset classes) such as equities, bonds, cash or property. This is designed to reduce the risk (and protect against capital losses) within a portfolio. Diversification allows for more consistent performance under a wide range of economic conditions as it smoothes out the impact of negative market events. The positive performance of some investments or asset classes should neutralize the negative performance of others.

Fixed-interest securities

A fixed interest security is basically a loan to the government or a company. With most, you get interest payments for as long as you hold the security. The amount of interest you will get (called the coupon) is expressed as a percentage of the nominal value. Since the nominal value is typically R100, if a security has a coupon of 6%, you will get R6 a year interest for each nominal unit (R100) of stock that you have.

The interest provides you with a fixed amount at regular intervals. So this is usually a very predictable way of getting an income from your investment.

Income Funds

Income funds are invested in a variety of interest-bearing assets such as bonds and fixed deposits.

Regulation 28

Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act sets out prudent investment limits on certain asset classes in investment funds. It applies specifically to investments in Retirement Annuities and Preservation Funds. The allowed maximum exposures to certain asset classes is:

- 75% for equities,
- 25% for property,
- 45% for foreign (offshore) assets

Sharpe ratio

The Sharpe ratio measures risk-adjusted performance of an investment or portfolio. It measures the amount of risk associated with the returns generated by the portfolio and indicates whether a portfolio's returns are due to excessive risk or not. The greater a portfolio's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been (i.e. a higher return with a contained risk profile, where the portfolio manager is not taking excessive risk to achieve those returns).

Total Expense Ratio (TER)

This refers to the total costs associated with managing and operating an investment's administration, financial planning and servicing fees. Costs consist of management fees and expenses such as trading, legal and auditor fees and other operational expenses. The total cost of the fund is divided by the fund's total assets under management to arrive at a percentage amount, which represents the TER.

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