

# STONEHAGE FLEMING

## **INCOME PRESCIENT FUND**

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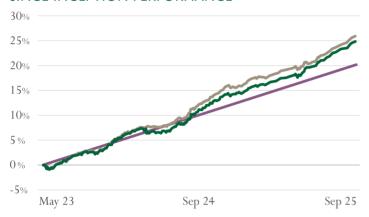


TO OUTPERFORM CASH AND MONEY
MARKET FUNDS, WITH A FOCUS ON
PRESERVING CAPITAL IN THE SHORT TERM.

## **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



**24.86% Fund** 25.98% Benchmark 20.16% SA Cash

## HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

							Since Inception		
%	Im	3m	6m	YTD	lу	(Ann)	(Cum)	Max	Min
Fund	1.11	2.99	6.09	7.67	9.49	9.63	24.86	11.41	8.67
Benchmark	1.17	3.09	5.67	7.33	8.97	10.04	25.98	12.73	8.97
SA Cash	0.56	1.75	3.58	5.47	7.52	7.90	20.16	8.23	7.52

Performance for periods longer than 1-year are annualised.

## IMPLEMENTATION



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.

## **FUND INFORMATION**

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)	1,257.11
Valuation time	17:00
Transaction time	13:00
Portfolio currency	ZAR

## SHARE CLASS INFORMATION

ISIN	ZAE000321212
Ticker	SOYFA1
Inception date	2 May 2023
Number of units	32,048,751.52
Unit price (ZAc)	109.17
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)	1.27

## FEE BREAKDOWN

Management fee	0.48% (ex VAT)
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.99%
Transaction cost (TC)	0.01%
Total investment charge (TIC)	0.99%

## **FUND STATISTICS**

Modified Duration	1.73
Current Gross Yield	8.55%

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## **ASSET ALLOCATION**



## QUARTERLY FUND COMMENTARY (AS OF Q3 2025)

The third quarter of 2025 saw South African assets delivering robust returns, driven by a favourable combination of global and local factors. A weaker US dollar and surging gold prices improved South Africa's terms of trade, strengthening the rand and supporting fiscal outcomes. These local tailwinds unfolded against a broader macro backdrop shaped by expectations of interest rate cuts by the Fed, elevated geopolitical risks, and growing concerns over the US fiscal outlook. Additionally, central banks - most notably China and other emerging markets - continued diversifying away from the US dollar into gold, further amplifying the positive momentum for commodity-linked economies like South Africa.

Alongside these favourable macroeconomic trends, recent changes in the South African Reserve Bank's inflation targeting framework are set to influence both inflation expectations and interest rates. The South African Reserve Bank's move toward a lower inflation target has anchored expectations and underpinned the bond market, in particular longer duration government bonds, with the yield on the 10-year SA government bond shifting 1.0% lower (from 10.3%) since the end of last year.

Foreign investor flows have been steadily returning to the South African bond market, with notable net purchases totalling R77bn in September and cumulative holdings up R164bn year-to-date. While still below the 42.8% peak seen in 2018, foreign ownership has now risen to 26.8% of total outstanding government bonds. The upcoming Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) is a key event, with markets watching for continued fiscal discipline and reform momentum.

Although short-term macroeconomic indicators remain encouraging, structural headwinds continue to overshadow the longer-term outlook. These challenges include muted global growth, sluggish reform progress, persistently low business confidence, declining investment activity, and underlying fiscal vulnerabilities.

At the same time, the shifting political landscape, including coalition politics and ongoing reform, remains a key factor for investors to monitor. South Africa's political and economic environment remains challenging, with the Madlanga Inquiry possibly exposing further corruption, and political interference in the SAPS, eroding confidence in the ANC and raising calls for reform. Still, structural reforms, especially the upcoming "GAIN" strategy, are progressing (albeit slowly), and recent data show some economic resilience.

Our portfolio remains positioned to deliver on its mandate in a variety of market and economic environments, maintaining exposure to cash and money market instruments that offer compelling real returns, while selectively holding longer-duration assets. We view the current SA 10-year generic government yield as marginally undervalued relative to its fair value, with additional yield compression likely if the MPC delivers a cumulative 50bps in rate cuts over the next nine months and CPI inflation moderates into 2026. As always, we prioritize capital preservation and risk management as we navigate both opportunities and uncertainties in the fixed income landscape.

### **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.



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#### **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 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 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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