

27four Balanced Fund of Funds

31 Dec 2023



Fund Information

Investment Manager	27four Investment Managers (Pty) Ltd, a category II licensed financial services provider, FSP No: 31045
Inception Date	18 November 2008
Fund Classification	South African - Multi Asset - Medium Equity
Fund Trustees	Nedbank Investor Services
Management Company	27four Collective Investments (RF)(Pty)Ltd
Regulation 28 Compliant	Yes
Benchmark	South African - Multi Asset - Medium Equity Category Average
Trading Closing Time	13:00
Income Distribution	Bi-annually - 31 March, 30 September
Class	A1
Fund Size	R633,483,309.50
Number Of Units	12,521,532.50
NAV Price	2784.66

Fund Description

The 27four Balanced Fund of Funds is a moderate risk multi-managed, multi-asset class portfolio providing asset class and fund manager diversification by investing in a combination of equity, listed property and fixed income funds, both locally and internationally. Suitable for investors with a medium-term investment horizon. The primary objectives are moderate capital growth and income generation.

Risk Profile



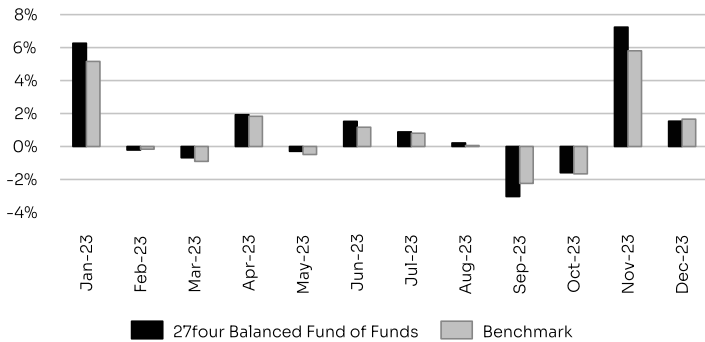
These portfolios are diversified across various asset classes. They hold more equity exposure than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios. The expected volatility is higher than the low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios. Some periods of capital losses can occur. Expected potential long-term investment returns are higher than low risk portfolios over the medium to long-term.

Fund Commentary

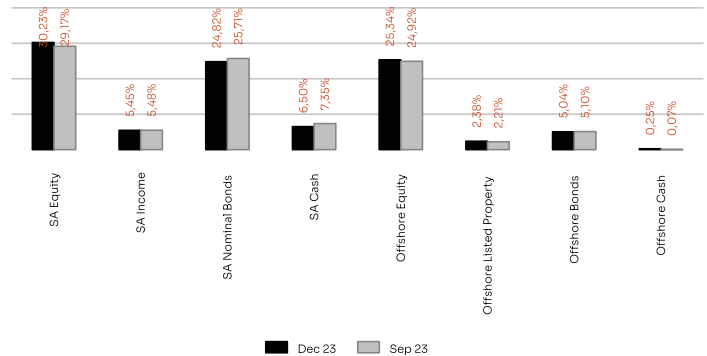
Financial markets started the fourth quarter on the back foot due to resurging inflation and weak economic data, which stoked fears of higher interest rates for a longer period. However, sentiment improved materially during the quarter due to more favorable economic data and dovish comments from central banks, which signaled interest rate cuts in 2024. This was based on the belief that the threat of inflation has decreased compared to the first quarter of 2023. Despite an uptick, domestic inflation remained within the South African Reserve Bank's target range. The mid-term budget reassured investors as the Minister of Finance rolled out measures to contain government spending, solve the energy crisis, upgrade deteriorating infrastructure, enhance ports, and assist State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs). In contrast, developed markets' equity gained 7.41%, offshore property 10.64%, and global bonds 4.53% in rand terms. On the local front, the All-Share Index rose by 6.92%, listed property surged by 15.86%, nominal bonds rose by 8.11%, and the Short-Term Fixed Interest Index yielded 2.09%.

The 27four Balanced Fund gained 7.15%, surpassing the medium equity portfolio category average by 137 basis points. This outperformance is attributed to overweight positions in risky assets, which experienced significant rallies in the fourth quarter, as well as diversification across managers in different asset classes. Looking ahead to 2024, we are cautiously optimistic. We expect that the positive trend in inflation will persist, allowing central banks to end the hiking cycle, which should bode well for financial markets. However, we do not foresee a repetition of the exceptional performance seen in global markets in 2023 due to the base effect (valuations of major asset classes have already expanded in anticipation of this macroeconomic backdrop) and the potential for a severe economic slowdown. We will closely monitor the political landscape, as the upcoming elections have the potential to impact performance should the results deviate from expectations. The portfolio remains aligned with its policy objectives.

Performance Summary



Asset Allocation



Performance Analysis

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Month	1.54%	1.66%
3 Months	7.15%	5.77%
6 Months	5.05%	4.30%
YTD	14.14%	11.25%
1 Year	14.14%	11.25%
3 Years (Annualised)	10.12%	9.36%
5 Years (Annualised)	8.90%	8.55%
Inception (Annualised)	10.31%	8.98%
Inception (Cumulative)	342.89%	268.68%
Highest Rolling 1 Year Return	25.96%	24.15%
Lowest Rolling 1 Year Return	-9.77%	-6.95%

Underlying Manager Breakdown

Asset Class	Fund/s
SA Equity	Coronation SA Equity Fund
SA Equity	Fairtree Equity Prescient Fund
SA Equity	Ninety One SA Equity Fund
SA Equity	Rezco Equity Fund
SA Equity	Prescient Equity Top 40 Fund
SA Income	27four Diversified Income Fund UT
SA Nominal Bonds	Momentum Active Bond Fund
SA Nominal Bonds	ABSA Bond Fund
SA Nominal Bonds	Coronation Bond Fund
SA Cash	Coronation JIBAR Plus Fund
SA Cash	ZAR Call Account
Offshore Equity	Global Equity Fund of Funds
Offshore Equity	Ninety One Global Franchise Fund
Offshore Listed Property	Franklin Global Real Estate Fund
Offshore Bonds	Morgan Stanley Global Fixed Income Opportunités Fund
Offshore Cash	USD Call Account

Monthly Fund Performance

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	-	-0.10%	-0.45%	0.54%	1.44%	3.06%	-1.05%	1.42%	-1.85%	1.44%	-0.16%	2.11%	1.70%	2.01%	-2.91%	6.27%
Feb	-	-4.66%	0.51%	0.29%	0.87%	0.71%	1.87%	2.86%	0.16%	0.21%	-0.97%	2.69%	-4.32%	3.19%	0.50%	-0.22%
Mar	-	2.50%	2.77%	-0.02%	2.01%	2.10%	0.93%	1.01%	3.45%	1.33%	-1.40%	1.54%	-10.23%	0.21%	-0.17%	-0.68%
Apr	-	-0.12%	0.50%	1.31%	2.11%	0.38%	1.02%	1.62%	0.12%	1.47%	3.24%	2.63%	8.99%	2.32%	-1.30%	1.93%
May	-	4.86%	-1.77%	0.82%	0.68%	4.13%	1.37%	-0.65%	2.77%	0.14%	-1.39%	-2.92%	1.43%	0.02%	-0.76%	-0.29%
Jun	-	-0.62%	-1.10%	-0.68%	0.85%	-1.75%	1.43%	-0.61%	-1.73%	-1.48%	2.36%	1.65%	2.37%	0.81%	-4.75%	1.53%
Jul	-	4.49%	3.44%	-0.44%	3.57%	1.90%	0.72%	1.93%	0.53%	2.56%	-0.05%	-0.61%	1.52%	2.66%	4.25%	0.89%
Aug	-	2.93%	-1.01%	0.79%	2.57%	1.06%	0.28%	-0.79%	1.33%	0.20%	3.66%	0.13%	0.91%	0.79%	-0.60%	0.22%
Sep	-	0.12%	4.16%	0.79%	0.32%	3.22%	0.02%	0.19%	-1.24%	1.01%	-2.55%	0.97%	-2.61%	-1.18%	-3.38%	-3.04%
Oct	-	3.14%	2.04%	3.62%	2.22%	2.16%	0.78%	4.26%	-2.03%	3.17%	-2.48%	1.40%	-2.96%	2.89%	3.92%	-1.59%
Nov	2.53%	-0.34%	0.20%	-0.20%	2.44%	0.06%	1.21%	-0.07%	0.23%	0.16%	-1.06%	-0.64%	6.68%	1.42%	3.70%	7.24%
Dec	1.82%	1.60%	2.37%	1.93%	0.50%	2.45%	0.94%	-0.02%	0.83%	-1.80%	-0.08%	0.74%	2.16%	3.70%	-0.94%	1.54%
Yr.	4.40%	14.27%	12.08%	9.03%	21.37%	21.15%	9.91%	11.60%	2.41%	8.62%	-1.13%	9.97%	4.31%	20.41%	-2.85%	14.14%

Risk Analysis

	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility (Annualised)	7.69%	6.92%
% Positive Months	69.23%	65.93%
% Negative Months	30.77%	34.07%
Best Month	8.99%	7.87%
Worst Month	-10.23%	-8.20%
Average Negative Months	-1.48%	-1.30%
Maximum Drawdown	-14.12%	-11.35%
Tracking Error	2.09%	-
Sharpe Ratio	0.49	-

Investment Terms

	Fees
Initial Fee	0.00%
Annual Management Fee	0.63% excl VAT
Minimum Investment Size	R5000 lump sum or R500 monthly debit order

Income Distribution

1st working day after declaration

2023/09/30 : 81.56 cents per unit

2023/03/31 : 37.29 cents per unit

2022/09/30 : 42.82 cents per unit

2022/03/31 : 32.18 cents per unit

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The investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown and income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

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.

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The investment performance is for illustrative purposes only

Glossary

Annualised performance: Annualised performance show 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.

Best month: Largest increase in any single month.

Highest & lowest return: The highest and lowest returns over any 1 year period since the inception date.

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

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

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.

Tracking error: The volatility of the difference in returns between a Fund and its Benchmark. Also known as active risk.

% positive months: The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

Fund Specific Risks

Currency exchange risk: Changes in the relative values of individual currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

Default risk: The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments (e.g. bonds) 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.

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.

Developing Market (excluding SA) risk: Some of the countries invested in may have less developed legal, political, economic and/or other systems. These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than those in countries generally regarded as being more developed.

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.

Foreign investment risk: Foreign securities investments may be subject to risks pertaining to overseas jurisdictions and markets, including (but not limited to) local liquidity, macroeconomic, political, tax, settlement risks and currency fluctuations.

Geographic / Sector risk: For investments primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors, their resulting value may fluctuate more than portfolios that are more broadly invested.

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.

Liquidity risk: If there are insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments, the result may lead to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than expected.

Property risk: Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in real estate itself. Real estate prices

TER Breakdown

	Fees
Management Fee	0.72%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Cost	0.64%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.36%
Transaction Cost (TC)	0.11%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	1.47%

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