

# 27four Shari'ah Income Fund

31 Mar 2024



## Fund Information

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| <b>Investment Manager</b>      | 27four Investment Managers (Pty) Ltd, a category II licensed financial services provider, FSP No: 31045 |
| <b>Inception Date</b>          | 15 March 2017                                                                                           |
| <b>Fund Classification</b>     | South African - Multi Asset - Income                                                                    |
| <b>Management Company</b>      | 27four Collective Investments (RF)(Pty)Ltd                                                              |
| <b>Fund Trustees</b>           | The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited                                                               |
| <b>Regulation 28 Compliant</b> | Yes                                                                                                     |
| <b>Benchmark</b>               | 110% STeFI                                                                                              |
| <b>Trading Closing Time</b>    | 13:00                                                                                                   |
| <b>Income Distribution</b>     | Quarterly - 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, 31 December                                                |
| <b>Class</b>                   | A1                                                                                                      |
| <b>Fund Size</b>               | R443,523,595.90                                                                                         |
| <b>Number Of Units</b>         | 282,434,783.37                                                                                          |
| <b>NAV Price</b>               | 109.54                                                                                                  |

## Fund Description

The 27four Shari'ah Income Fund is a Shari'ah compliant portfolio focusing on income generating assets. It aims to provide relative capital stability and optimal income returns. In order to achieve its investment objectives, the fund will utilise a combination investments in fixed income securities, listed property and other income generating securities that are Shari'ah compliant in both South Africa and internationally, which have a fixed maturity date and either have a predetermined cash flow profile or are linked to benchmark yields.

## Risk Profile



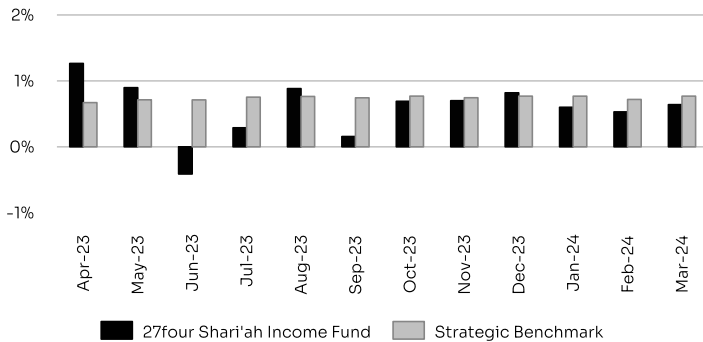
Generally low risk portfolios have minimal equity exposure or no equity exposure, resulting in far less volatility than more aggressively mandated portfolios and in turn the probability of capital loss (permanent/temporary) is less likely. However, expected potential long-term investment returns could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

## Fund Commentary

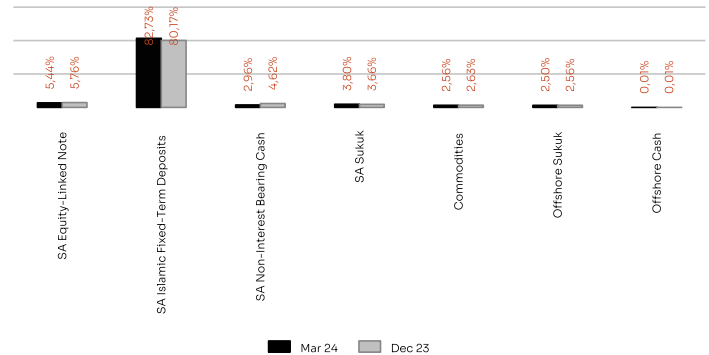
The macroeconomic environment continued to be supportive of income during the quarter. Domestic inflation moved farther from the central bank's preferred 4.5% midpoint after rising to 5.6% in February 2024, up from January's 5.3%, slightly above market forecasts of 5.5%. This has led investors to scale back expectations for rate cuts, with the forward rates agreements now pricing less than 30 basis points cut over the next 12 months. The South African Reserve Bank also remained cautious, holding the repo rate steady at 8.25% in the two meetings it held during the first quarter of 2024 and maintaining a somewhat hawkish posture.

Against this backdrop, the 27four Shari'ah Income Fund grew 1.78% during the first quarter, supported by strong performance from long-term SA Islamic fixed-term deposits, offshore sukuk, and gold holdings. However, the fund lagged its benchmark, which gained 2.27% during the quarter, largely due to the detractor from platinum holdings and subdued returns from SA equity-linked notes. Despite disappointing inflation prints in the first quarter, we still think interest rates have peaked. We remain optimistic that inflation pressures will recede, allowing the SARB to cut rates at some point, albeit later than initially expected. We continue to proactively extend the portfolio's duration to lock in higher yields. The fund continues to adhere to its policy objective.

## Performance Summary



## Asset Allocation



## Performance Analysis

|                               | Fund   | Strategic Benchmark |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 1 Month                       | 0.64%  | 0.77%               |
| 3 Months                      | 1.78%  | 2.27%               |
| 6 Months                      | 4.05%  | 4.62%               |
| YTD                           | 1.78%  | 2.27%               |
| 1 Year                        | 7.28%  | 9.27%               |
| 3 Years (Annualised)          | 6.20%  | 6.71%               |
| 5 Years (Annualised)          | 6.53%  | 6.62%               |
| Inception (Annualised)        | 6.06%  | 7.05%               |
| Inception (Cumulative)        | 50.97% | 61.08%              |
| Highest Rolling 1 Year Return | 8.88%  | 9.27%               |
| Lowest Rolling 1 Year Return  | 0.35%  | 4.17%               |

## Maturity Spread

|                      | Percentage |
|----------------------|------------|
| Maturity 0-1 Months  | 1.23%      |
| Maturity 1-3 Months  | 8.29%      |
| Maturity 3-6 Months  | 2.99%      |
| Maturity 6-12 Months | 2.87%      |
| Maturity 12+ Months  | 76.58%     |

## Monthly Fund Performance

|     | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020  | 2021  | 2022   | 2023   | 2024  |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Jan | -      | -2.58% | -0.23% | 1.45% | 0.54% | 0.37%  | 0.38%  | 0.60% |
| Feb | -      | -1.16% | 1.23%  | 0.72% | 0.56% | 0.50%  | 0.86%  | 0.53% |
| Mar | -      | 0.51%  | 1.27%  | 0.28% | 0.38% | 0.32%  | -0.26% | 0.64% |
| Apr | 0.36%  | 1.53%  | 0.40%  | 0.86% | 0.36% | 0.63%  | 1.26%  | -     |
| May | 0.48%  | 0.16%  | 0.87%  | 0.53% | 0.19% | 0.23%  | 0.90%  | -     |
| Jun | 0.72%  | 1.65%  | 0.26%  | 0.63% | 0.25% | 0.48%  | -0.41% | -     |
| Jul | 0.95%  | -0.14% | 0.78%  | 0.85% | 0.50% | -0.03% | 0.29%  | -     |
| Aug | 0.86%  | 2.54%  | 1.79%  | 0.54% | 0.92% | 0.71%  | 0.88%  | -     |
| Sep | 0.85%  | -0.51% | 0.23%  | 0.08% | 0.46% | 0.26%  | 0.16%  | -     |
| Oct | 1.74%  | 0.97%  | 0.52%  | 0.20% | 0.32% | 0.51%  | 0.69%  | -     |
| Nov | -0.22% | -1.25% | -0.13% | 0.40% | 0.78% | 0.56%  | 0.70%  | -     |
| Dec | -1.25% | 1.26%  | -0.12% | 1.02% | 0.75% | 1.00%  | 0.82%  | -     |
| Yr. | 4.55%  | 2.90%  | 7.07%  | 7.82% | 6.18% | 5.68%  | 6.44%  | 1.78% |

## Risk Analysis

|                         | Fund   | Strategic Benchmark |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Volatility (Annualised) | 2.41%  | 0.49%               |
| % Positive Months       | 84.52% | 100.00%             |
| % Negative Months       | 15.48% | -                   |
| Best Month              | 2.54%  | 0.77%               |
| Worst Month             | -2.58% | 0.31%               |
| Average Negative Months | -0.64% | -                   |
| Maximum Drawdown        | -5.12% | -                   |
| Tracking Error          | 2.43%  | -                   |
| Sharpe Ratio            | -0.14  | -                   |

## Investment Terms

|                         | Fees                                       |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Initial Fee             | 0.00%                                      |
| Annual Management Fee   | 0.50% excl VAT                             |
| Minimum Investment Size | R5000 lump sum or R500 monthly debit order |

## Income Distribution

|                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st working day after declaration |                       |
| 2023/09/30                        | : 1.58 cents per unit |
| 2023/06/30                        | : 1.36 cents per unit |
| 2023/03/31                        | : 1.27 cents per unit |
| 2022/12/31                        | : 1.25 cents per unit |

## Shariah Advisory Committee

Mufti Ahmed Suliman (Chairman)  
Mufti Mohammed Ashraf  
Mufti Zaid Haspatel

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## 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                       | 0.57%        |
| Performance Fees                     | 0.00%        |
| Other Cost                           | 0.04%        |
| <b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>     | <b>0.61%</b> |
| Transaction Cost (TC)                | 0.00%        |
| <b>Total Investment Charge (TIC)</b> | <b>0.61%</b> |

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