

Who are the investment managers?

STANLIB Asset Management (Pty) Ltd, FSP 719, an authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 2002, manage the investments of the fund.



Henk Viljoen

MCom (Economics)(Cum laude)
Co-head of Fixed Interest

After gaining early experience in the treasury environment at Telkom and at Senbank, Henk joined the then Liberty Asset Management in 1990, and was appointed head of Fixed Income. He retained this role throughout the amalgamation with Standard Corporate and Merchant Bank that formed STANLIB, and for many years led a multi-award-winning team which built an undisputed reputation as the most astute and consistently successful Bonds/Fixed Income unit in the South African industry. In 2008, he handed over responsibility for the day-to-day management of all third-party, life asset and retail bond funds. He retained executive responsibility as head of Fixed Income and chairman of the Interest Rate Committee – the key macro factor forum that determines the duration positioning of STANLIB's fixed income mandates. He now jointly manages the team with Victor Mphahuli.



Eulali Gouws

BCom (Hons)(Accounting), CA (SA), CFA
Portfolio manager

Eulali is a member of STANLIB's multi-award-winning Fixed Income team, which is one of the largest in South Africa. She is a money market portfolio manager as well as a qualified money market, bond and foreign exchange dealer. She also assists with STANLIB's offshore funds. Eulali started her financial services career at KPMG where she was part of the financial engineering group. As part of this team she specialised in the modelling of financial instruments as well as various treasury and market risk operations. After moving to Standard Bank, she joined STANLIB in September 2015. Eulali is a qualified chartered accountant and a CFA charter holder.

Fund review

The fund returned -6.67% for the fourth quarter of 2019 compared to the benchmark return of -6.70%. The fund's market value decreased to R310 million during the quarter, down from R352 million at the end of September 2019. The key contributor to the negative performance was the strengthening of the rand from R15.17/\$ at the end of September to R13.98/\$ at the end of December. The rand remains volatile due to economic uncertainty and a low growth environment in SA. The fund aims to maintain capital value and liquidity while producing a return for investors in line with money market rates.

Market overview

Macroeconomic indicators were mixed in the US. The US GDP came in at 2.0% in the second quarter, unchanged from preliminary estimate, and lower than the 3.1% expansion reported in the first quarter. Investor sentiment also took a hit after the US manufacturing gauge contracted for the first time in three years. The Institute for Supply Management's (ISM) Purchasing Managers' Index fell to 49.1 in August. The group's gauge of new orders dropped to a more than seven-year low, while the production index hit the lowest level since late 2015. Consequently, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut interest rates twice over the quarter by 0.25 percentage points each. Government bond yields slumped to record lows amid renewed fears over a trade war and as the Fed adopted an accommodative monetary policy stance. Meanwhile, the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index gained slightly towards the end of the quarter and came in at 93.2, driven by favourable income trends. This was after it fell from 98.4 to 89.8 between July and August, marking the largest monthly decline since 2012, as the US trade tariff policies, which are subject to repeated reversals and an ongoing overhang of higher future tariffs, dented consumer sentiment.

Looking ahead

The fund continues to focus on high quality issuers, with about 65% invested in entities rated Aa3 or higher. The fund's weighted average maturity remained at 40 days. The fund continues to invest mainly in commercial paper and certificates of deposit with investment companies and banks.

The commentary gives the views of the portfolio manager at the time of writing. Any forecasts or commentary included in this document are not guaranteed to occur.

Change in allocation of the fund over the quarter

Asset type (look through)	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Change
Domestic Cash & Mny Mkt	4.89	0.95	3.94
Domestic Fixed Interest	31.02	31.57	-0.54
Foreign Cash & Mny Mkt	-3.69	-1.48	-2.20
Foreign Fixed Interest	67.78	68.97	-1.19

The portfolio adhered to its portfolio objective over the quarter.

Fund classes

Class	Type	Price (cpu)	Units	NAV (Rand)
B1	Retail	158.17	195,845,260.89	309,759,268.56

All data as at 31 December 2019.

Units – amount of participatory interests (units) in issue in relevant class.

Disclosures

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) are generally medium to long term investments. The value of participatory interests may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending.

The STANLIB US Dollar Currency Fund of Funds is a portfolio of the STANLIB Collective Investment Scheme (the Scheme).

The manager of the Scheme is STANLIB Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Limited (the Manager). The Manager is authorised in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No. 45 of 2002 (CISCA) to administer Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) in Securities. Liberty is a full member of the Association for Savings and Investments of South Africa (ASISA). The Manager is a member of the Liberty Group of Companies. The manager has a right to close a portfolio to new investors in order to manage the portfolio more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. The Manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of a CIS portfolio. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager.

The trustee of the Scheme is Standard Chartered Bank.

The investments of this portfolio are managed, on behalf of the Manager, by STANLIB Asset Management (Pty) Ltd, an authorised financial services provider (FSP), FSP No. 719, under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (FAIS), Act No. 37 of 2002.

Prices are calculated and published on each working day, these prices are available on the Manager's website (www.stanlib.com) and in South African printed news media. This portfolio is valued at 15h00. Forward pricing is used. Investments and repurchases will receive the price of the same day if received prior to 15h00.

This portfolio is permitted to invest in foreign securities. Should the portfolio include any foreign securities these could expose the portfolio to any of the following risks: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information.

This is a portfolio that derives its income primarily from interest-bearing instruments. The yield (if shown) is a current effective yield calculated daily.

This portfolio is a Fund of Funds portfolio. A Fund of Funds portfolio is a portfolio that invests in other portfolios of collective investment schemes, that levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for the Fund of Funds portfolio.

All performance returns and ranking figures quoted are shown in ZAR and are based on data sourced from Morningstar or Statpro and are as at 31 January 2020.

Annualised return figures are the compound annualised growth rate (CAGR) calculated from the cumulative return for the period being measured. These annualised returns provide an indication of the annual return achieved over the period had an investment been held for the entire period. Actual annual figures are available on request from the Manager.

Portfolio performance figures are calculated for the relevant class of the portfolio, for a lump sum investment, on a NAV-NAV basis, with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date. Individual investor performance may differ due to initial fees, actual investment date, date of reinvestment of income and dividend withholding tax. Portfolio performance accounts for all costs that contribute to the calculation of the cost ratios quoted, all returns quoted are after these costs have been accounted for.

Statistics - Positive Months: the number of individual 1 month periods during the specified time period where the return was not negative; Max Gain: the maximum gain in a trough-to-peak incline before a new trough is attained, quoted as the percentage between the trough and the peak. It is an indicator of upside risk over a specified time period (quoted for all periods of 1 year or longer); Max Drawdown: the maximum loss in a peak-to-trough decline before a new peak is attained, quoted as the percentage between the peak and the trough. It is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period (quoted for periods of 1 year or longer, where no value is shown no loss was experienced); Highest and Lowest: the highest and the lowest 1 year return (%) that occurred during the specified time period (quoted for all relevant classes launched 1 year or more prior to current month end date).

Additional information about this product including, but not limited to, brochures, application forms and annual or quarterly reports, can be obtained free of charge, from the Manager and from the Manager's website (www.stanlib.com).

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