# 27four Shari'ah Balanced Fund of Funds

31 Mar 2025

Fund Information	
Investment Manager	27four Investment Managers (Pty) Ltd, a category II licensed financial services provider, FSP No: 31045
Inception Date	06 May 2011
Fund Classification	Since January 2013: South African - Multi Asset - High Equity. Prior: South African - Multi Asset - Medium Equity
<b>Regulation 28 Compliant</b>	Yes
Management Company	27four Collective Investments (RF)(Pty)Ltd
Fund Trustees	The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited
Benchmark	Since January 2013: South African - Multi Asset - High Equity Category Average. Prior: South African - Multi Asset - Medium Equity Category Average
Trading Closing Time	13:00
Income Distribution	Annual - 31 March
Class	A1
Fund Size	R533,242,520.46
Number Of Units	91,673,637.52
NAV Price	198.60

#### **Fund Description**

The 27four Shari'ah Balanced Fund of Funds is a moderately high risk multi-managed, multiasset class portfolio providing asset class and fund manager diversification by investing in a combination of Shari'ah compliant equity funds, Islamic income and commodity products both locally and internationally. Suitable for investors with a long-term investment horizon. The primary objectives are moderate to aggressive capital growth and income generation.

#### **Risk Profile**



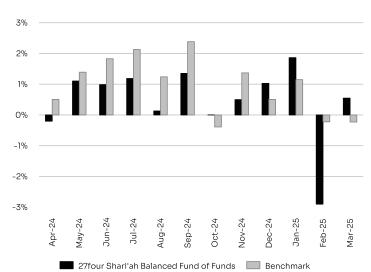
These portfolios are diversified across various asset classes. They hold more equity exposure than low risk portfolios but are not fully invested in equity. The expected volatility is higher than the low risk portfolios. Some periods of capital losses can occur. Expected potential long-term investment returns are much higher than low risk portfolios over the medium to long-term.

#### Fund Commentary

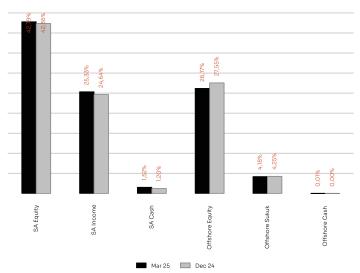
Financial markets delivered mixed performances in the first quarter, mirroring a fragmented macroeconomic environment. Despite prevailing challenges—including global market volatility, and domestic political concerns linked to the Government of National Unity (GNU)—local assets demonstrated notable resilience. Domestically, Shari'ah-compliant funds benefited from the strong performance of the resource sector, which surged 33.74%, while industrials gained 4.27% and financials declined 1.72%. On the global front, markets were unsettled by the Trump administration's renewed imposition of tariffs, which raised stagflation risks and resulted in downward revisions to global growth forecasts and U.S. equity outlooks. In response to easing inflationary trends, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) reduced the reported by 25 basis points to 7.50% during the quarter. Against this backdrop, the 27four Shari'ah Balanced Fund of Funds delivered a return of -0.55%, underperforming the ASISA High Equity category average return of 0.69%. The fund's performance was weighed down primarily by its offshore equity allocation, particularly exposure to the iShares MSCI World Islamic ETF and the 27four Shari'ah Active Equity Fund. However, the fund benefited from its resource exposure via other local equity managers, as well as positive contributions from income instruments. Looking ahead, we expect the Trump presidency to remain a key source of uncertainty. Beyond tariffs, we are anticipating further controversial policy rollouts from Trump. These may include intensified immigration enforcement, deregulatory pushes in energy and finance, and the potential establishment of new federal agencies like the proposed "External Revenue Service." Each of these could carry significant implications for global markets and geopolitical relations – further reinforcing the need for a diversified, flexible, and risk-aware portfolio approach.

On tariffs, the April 2 "Liberation Day" measures marked a major escalation, triggering retaliation from China, the EU, and Canada. We believe tariffs are not merely tactical for Trump—they are central to his broader agenda of reshoring manufacturing and funding extended tax cuts. As a result, the global trade landscape is likely to undergo lasting structural change. While we do not expect the full suite of proposed tariffs to be implemented—given likely pushback from trading partners and the economic impact on U.S. consumers and businesses—we believe a more protectionist baseline is now firmly in place. Against this backdrop, our base case has shifted to one of sub-trend growth and elevated inflation. In response, we are maintaining our bias toward domestic assets, Europe, and China, while reducing exposure to expensive U.S. equities. Our focus remains on diversification, structural tailwinds, and the flexibility to adapt to shifting policy and market dynamics. The portfolio has adhered to its policy objective.

#### **Performance Summary**



### Asset Allocation





# **Performance Analysis**

Underlying Manager Brea	kdown
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Fund Benchmark		Asset Class	Fund/s		
0.55%	-0.23%	SA Equity	Sentio SCI Hikma Shariah General Equity Fund		
-0.55%	0.69%	SA Equity	27four Shari'ah Active Equity Fund		
0.97%	2.18%		2710th Shari an Active Equity Fund		
0.55%	0.69%	SA Equity	Mianzo Islamic SA Equity Fund		
-0.55 /0	0.09 %	SA Equity	Camissa Islamic Equity Fund		
5.64%	12.25%	SA Equity	Old Mutual Albaraka Equity		
4.67%	8.83%	SA Equity			
10.100/	12.06%	SA Income	27four Shari'ah Income Fund		
10.19%	13.20%	SA Islamic Fixed-Term Deposits	SA Islamic Fixed-Term Deposits		
6.85%	8.49%	SA Non Interest Popring Cook	SA Non-Interest Bearing Cash		
151.48%	210.97%	SA NON-Interest bearing Cash	SA Non-Interest bearing Cash		
07.000/	20 700/	Offshore Equity	iShares MSCI EM Islamic UCITS		
27.20%	30.72%	Offshore Sukuk	Franklin Templeton Global Sukuk Fund		
-7.64%	-10.46%	Offshore Cash	USD Call Account		
	0.55% -0.55% 0.97% -0.55% 5.64% 4.67% 10.19% 6.85% 151.48% 27.28%	0.55% -0.23%   -0.55% 0.69%   0.97% 2.18%   -0.55% 0.69%   -0.55% 8.83%   4.67% 8.83%   10.19% 13.26%   6.85% 8.49%   151.48% 210.97%	Numerical Definition <thdefinition< th=""> Definition <thdefinition< th=""> Definition Definition</thdefinition<></thdefinition<>		

# Monthly Fund Performance

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jan	-	2.12%	1.68%	-0.17%	0.74%	-2.15%	1.72%	0.77%	0.00%	0.07%	2.94%	-1.37%	4.02%	-0.80%	1.86%
Feb	-	1.03%	-0.52%	1.80%	3.07%	1.10%	-0.95%	-2.56%	2.91%	-4.18%	3.09%	1.24%	-0.32%	0.19%	-2.90%
Mar	-	-0.21%	0.89%	1.10%	-0.65%	1.20%	1.43%	-0.78%	1.46%	-6.35%	2.20%	-0.54%	-0.61%	1.76%	0.55%
Apr	-	0.17%	-1.81%	1.28%	2.16%	1.69%	0.51%	2.98%	1.35%	6.96%	0.56%	-0.27%	2.86%	-0.20%	-
May	0.31%	-1.16%	5.57%	1.05%	-0.34%	1.06%	-0.75%	-0.53%	-2.31%	-0.40%	0.41%	-0.85%	-0.03%	1.10%	-
Jun	-1.06%	0.23%	-2.73%	1.50%	-1.29%	-2.37%	-0.95%	1.92%	2.23%	3.02%	-0.16%	-4.71%	-0.95%	0.99%	-
Jul	-0.92%	1.46%	2.91%	1.26%	2.47%	1.42%	3.23%	-0.81%	-1.19%	1.92%	2.40%	2.54%	0.33%	1.19%	-
Aug	-0.91%	1.12%	2.06%	0.05%	-0.55%	1.48%	1.18%	4.46%	0.11%	0.97%	0.62%	-0.40%	-1.27%	0.13%	-
Sep	-0.50%	1.37%	2.40%	-0.24%	-1.32%	-0.75%	0.84%	-1.73%	0.55%	-1.32%	0.15%	-1.42%	-1.17%	1.35%	-
Oct	4.03%	1.98%	2.27%	-1.20%	3.51%	-2.10%	3.73%	-1.89%	1.94%	-2.67%	3.01%	3.78%	-2.56%	0.00%	-
Nov	-0.23%	0.91%	-0.20%	-0.03%	0.47%	1.34%	-1.24%	-2.71%	-0.54%	5.31%	2.27%	2.09%	5.44%	0.50%	-
Dec	-0.51%	1.66%	1.22%	0.83%	1.05%	-0.32%	-2.37%	0.46%	0.75%	2.72%	2.27%	-1.41%	2.59%	1.03%	-
Yr.	0.11%	11.16%	14.33%	7.43%	9.56%	1.47%	6.38%	-0.69%	7.39%	5.38%	21.55%	-1.58%	8.30%	7.43%	-0.55%

# Risk Analysis

Risk Analysis			Investment Terms	Investment Terms				
	Fund	Benchmark		Fees				
Volatility (Annualised)	6.72%	7.73%	Initial Fee	0.00%				
% Positive Months	61.08%	64.67%	Annual Management Fee	0.80% excl VAT				
% Negative Months	38.92%	35.33%	Minimum Investment Size	R5000 lump sum or R500 monthly debit order				
Best Month	6.96%	9.60%	Income Distribution	Shariah Advisory Committee				
Worst Month	-6.35%	-9.99%	income Distribution	-				
Average Negative Months	-1.27%	-1.46%	lst working day after declaration	n Mufti Ahmed Suliman (Chairman) Mufti Mohammed Ashraf				
Maximum Drawdown	-10.26%	-14.09%	2024/03/31 : 3.74 cents per u	nit Mufti Zaid Haspatel				
racking Error	3.04%	-	2023/03/31 : 3.62 cents per u	init				
Sharpe Ratio	0.07	-	2022/03/31 : 3.04 cents per u	unit				
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#### Disclaimer

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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. CISs 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. 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, auditors 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 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 TERs do not include information gathered over a full year. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Investment Manager.

A Fund of Funds is a portfolio that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes, which levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for these portfolios. Where a current yield has been included for Funds that derive its 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. Where foreign securities are included in a portfolio there may be 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. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no quarantees.

#### 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

Please note that all documents, notifications of deposit, investment, redemption and switch applications must be received by 27four by or before 13:00 (SA), to be transacted at the net asset value price for that day. Where all required documentation is not received before the stated cut-off time 27four shall not be obliged to transact at the net asset value price as agreed to. Funds are priced at either 3pm or 5pm depending on the nature of the Fund. Prices are published daily and are available on the 27four platform services website

Performance has been calculated using net NAV to NAV numbers with income reinvested. The portfolio performance figures are calculated for the relevant class of the portfolio. 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. The performance for each period shown reflects the return for investors who have been fully invested for that period. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment date, and dividend withholding tax. Full performance calculations are available from the lnvestment Manager on request.

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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#### TER Breakdown

	Fees				
Management Fee	0.92%				
Performance Fees	0.00%				
Other Cost	0.87%				
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.79%				
Transaction Cost (TC)	0.12%				
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	1.91%				

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