# **STANLIB Flexible Income Fund**



Fund information update at 28 February 2025

### What is the fund's objective?

The objective of this fund is to offer investors a maximum overall return, incorporating both income and capital growth. A key feature is that the fund is designed to take advantage of exposure to incomegenerating investments through various interest-rate environments.

### What does the fund invest in?

The fund invests in a flexible mix of predominantly non-equity securities, such as bonds, cash, listed property and other money market instruments. It invests mainly in South African investment markets but may allocate capital to foreign markets up to the limits allowed by the ASISA South African-Multi Asset-Income portfolio category.

### What possible risks are associated with this fund?

Risks include interest rate fluctuations, economic risk inflation, general market conditions and the risk of rates moving in a direction contrary to what was expected. Where foreign instruments are included in the fund there may be additional macroeconomic risks and currency fluctuations. The effect of these changes could result in volatile income returns and a change from time to time to the capital value of the fund.

Risk rating				
Conservative	Moderately conservative	Moderate	Moderately aggressive	Aggressive

## What is the suggested investment period for this fund?

Minimum period					
1 Month	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years

### Who should consider investing in this fund?

Investors who require specialist fixed interest fund as part of a diversified portfolio and prefer one actively managed solution for all their fixed interest needs would find this fund suitable. It has a longer term investment horizon than traditional money market income funds.

### Income

Issue Date: 16 March 2025

**Distribution** Net income is calculated and accrued daily and is declared and distributed quarterly.

Declaration 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, 31 December

## General fund information

Manager(s) Victor Mphaphuli and Sylvester Kobo

Size (NAV) R 10.29 billion

Classification South African - Multi Asset - Income Benchmark 110% STeFI Composite Index

Regulation 28 Complies

Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act sets the limits in terms of the maximum exposure the retirement fund and the individual retirement fund member's savings (i.e. your savings) may have to various asset classes. For more information please refer to the Regulation 28 Guidelines available on our website (www.stanlib.com). This Fund complies with this Regulation.

Class B2

**Launch** 29 April 2004 **ISIN number** ZAE000048666

JSE code STFI

Minimum investment requirements -

Lump sum R 10 million Monthly N/A

#### What are the costs to invest in this fund?

Maximum charges including VAT		
	Class B2	
Initial fee (adviser)	3.450%	
Annual fee (manager)	0.460%	
Performance fee	N/A	

**Annual fee (manager)** – this is a service charge (% based) applicable to each class of a fund, that is levied on the value of your portfolio. It is calculated and accrued daily and recovered monthly from the income awaiting distribution in the fund.

Cost ratios (annual) including VAT as at 31 December 2024				
Class B2				
Based on period from:	01/01/2022			
Total Expense	0.61%			
Transaction Costs	0.01%			
Total Investment Charge	0.62%			
1 Year Total Expense	0.61%			

**Total Expense (TER):** This ratio shows the charges, levies and fees relating to the management of the portfolio and is expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio, calculated over the period shown and annualised to the most recently completed quarter. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER should not be regarded as an indication of future TERs.

**Transaction Costs (TC):** This ratio shows the percentage of the value of the fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the fund's underlying assets. TC 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.

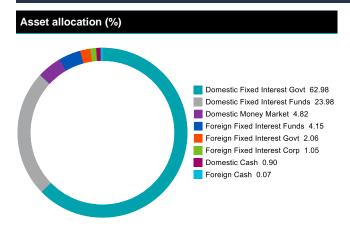
**Total Investment Charges (TIC):** This ratio is simply the sum of the TER and TC, showing the percentage of the value of the fund incurred as costs relating to the investment of the fund. It should be noted that performance figures account for all costs included in the TIC ratio, so you should not deduct the TIC from performance figures, the performance is already net of the TIC.

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Monthly update at 28 February 2025

## **Holdings**





## **Performance and Income**

Class B2 Launch: 29 April 2004 Benchmark: 110% STeFl Composite Index

Returns (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	7yrs	10yrs
Class B2					
Class	12.68	10.20	9.05	8.72	8.40
Benchmark	9.21	8.20	6.83	7.16	7.28

Returns (%) shown are cumulative for all periods shorter than or equal to 1 year and annualised for all periods greater than 1 year.

C	um	ulative performance (%) over 5 Years
	60 -	
	50 -	
	40 -	
Percentage	30 -	
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	10 -	
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		<ul><li>Class B2 (54.24%)</li><li>Benchmark (39.19%)</li></ul>

Statistics (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	7yrs	10yrs
Class B2					
Positive Months	10	29	49	71	102
Max Gain	13.03	34.45	58.70	79.54	123.94
Max Drawdown	-1.13	-1.31	-2.82	-2.82	-2.82
Highest	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Lowest	9.02	4.73	4.73	2.13	2.13

Highest – this reflects the highest 12 month return during the period. Lowest - this reflects the lowest 12 month return during the period.

Amount declared (cents per unit)			
	Class B2		
28 March 24	2.24		
28 June 24	2.57		
30 September 24	2.53		
31 December 24	2.45		
In last 12 months	9.79		
In 2024	9.79		

## **STANLIB Flexible Income Fund**



Important information update at 28 February 2025

### **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 Flexible Income Fund 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.

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 28 February 2025.

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 exdividend 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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