

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The IFM Bond Fund is a multi-managed fund whose primary objective is to maximise returns from a diverse range of primarily South African Bonds.

**INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

To achieve the Fund investment objective, the IFM Bond Fund may in addition to participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes, invest in a combination of assets in liquid form and a combination of gilts and interest-bearing securities, including loan stock, semi-gilts, notes, debentures, debenture bonds, preference shares, money market instruments, bonds, corporate debt, convertible equities and non-equity securities which are consistent with the Fund’s investment policy.

**RISK PROFILE: MODERATE-LOW**

Low	<b>Mod-Low</b>	Mod	Mod-High	High
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- This portfolio is exposed to default and interest rate risks, resulting in low to moderate volatility when compared to higher risk portfolios.
- This portfolio has no equity exposure.
- The portfolio is not directly exposed to currency risk.
- The portfolio is suitable for medium term investment horizons.
- The potential long term investment returns are expected to be lower than higher risk portfolios.

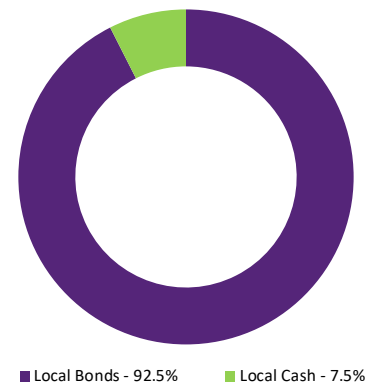
**PERFORMANCE VS. BENCHMARK**



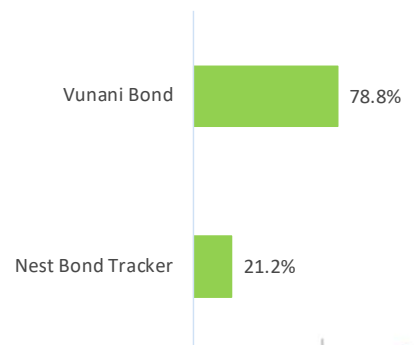
**INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURES**

<b>FUND NAME</b> IFM Bond Fund	<b>MINIMUM INVESTMENTS</b> Not Applicable
<b>ISIN NUMBER</b> ZAE000259974	<b>FUND CLASSIFICATION</b> ASISA SA Interest Bearing Variable
<b>INCEPTION DATE</b> 3 June 2019	<b>UNIT PRICE</b> R93.67
<b>BENCHMARK</b> JSE/BESA All Bond Index (ALBI)	<b>PORTFOLIO VALUE</b> R1.08 billion
<b>DISTRIBUTION DATES</b> Semi-annual declaration dates: 31 Mar and 30 Sep	<b>DISTRIBUTION (RPU)</b> Mar '23: 4.45   Sep '23: 4.72
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**ASSET ALLOCATION**



**HOLDINGS**



**FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY**

As the curtain closed on 2023, international markets found themselves riding the wave of a rally in global risk assets. The once looming concerns about imminent recessions and inflation have eased, creating a favourable environment for central banks to consider trimming interest rates. However, amidst the optimism, cautionary flags fly high, with ongoing conflicts in Europe and the Middle East casting shadows over the global economic horizon.

Fixed income markets generally performed well over the last quarter of the year. Positive returns were backed by rising spreads, a declining dollar, and expectations of early central bank cuts. The two most successful sovereign markets during the quarter were in Europe: UK Gilts delivered 8.6% due to a longer tenure in the index, while Italian returns increased to 7.5% due to narrowing spreads compared to German Bunds.

As a result of the above, the FTSE WGBI USD Index produced a strong 4Q gain, up 8.1% (YTD: +5.4%). Locally, the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) also performed well, increasing by 8.0% (YTD: +9.6%), with longer dated instruments (7-12+ Yrs) outperforming the shorter dated equivalents (1-3Yrs) for the year.

**FEES AND FAIS DISCLOSURE**

Initial Fees (IFM) (Incl VAT)	0.00%
Initial Advisory Fee (Max) (Incl VAT)	3.45%
Ongoing Advisory Fee (Max) (Incl VAT)	1.15%
Annual Management Fees (Incl VAT)	0.86%
Performance Fee	None

**TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER) & TRANSACTION COST**

Total Expense Ratio	0.88%
Portfolio Transaction Cost	0.00%
Total Investment Charge	0.88%

A Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure of a portfolio's annual expenses, fees and charges, expressed as a percentage of the average daily value of the portfolio. These expenses include the annual management fees, VAT, audit fees, bank charges and costs incurred in any underlying funds. A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER ratio imply a good return. The current TER ratio cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER ratios. Performance return information and prices are always stated net of the expenses, fees and charges included in the TER ratio. The TER and transaction costs calculations are based on the portfolio's direct costs for the period ended 30 September 2023.

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

- Additional information, including application forms, annual or quarterly reports can be obtained from IFM, free of charge or can be accessed on our website ([www.itransactfm.co.za](http://www.itransactfm.co.za)).
- Valuation takes place daily and prices can be viewed in the daily newspaper.
- Upon request the Manager will provide the investor with quarterly portfolio investment holdings reports.

**FUND MANAGER**



Simon du Plooy has a MSc Financial Mathematics degree. He spent five years in the banking industry, at Absa and RMB, where he conducted risk analysis for trading desks and hedge funds. He joined Corion in 2009 as part of the investment team and in 2013 took on the role as Portfolio Manager.

**FAIS CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

Please note that your financial advisor may be a related party to IFM. It is your financial advisor's responsibility to disclose all fees he/she receives from any related party. The portfolio's TER includes all fees paid by the portfolio to IFM, the trustees, the auditors, banks, the co-naming partner, underlying portfolios, and any other investment consultants/ managers as well as distribution fees and LISP rebates, if applicable. The portfolio's performance numbers are calculated net of the TER expenses. The investment manager earns a portion of the service charge and performance fees where applicable.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

<b>Valuation time</b>	17h00
<b>Transaction cut-off time</b>	15h00
<b>Payment reference</b>	Initials & Surname / Account Number

Please send proof of deposit to fax (011) 561 6812 or e-mail: [admin@itransactfm.co.za](mailto:admin@itransactfm.co.za)

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