

# IFM INCOME FUND | MARCH 2024

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#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The IFM Income Fund is a multi-managed fund whose primary objective is to provide a higher-level return than money market and other income funds by investing in bonds, fixed deposits, other money market instruments, listed debentures, preference shares of an income nature and listed property shares.

## **INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY**

In order to achieve its objective, the IFM Income Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of income-oriented assets. In addition to participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes, the portfolio's investment universe may consist of equity securities, exchange traded funds, preference shares, debentures, debenture bonds, money market instruments, property shares and property related securities listed on exchanges and assets in liquid form. The IFM Income Fund's equity exposure will never exceed 10% of the portfolio's net asset value.

## **RISK PROFILE: LOW**

Low Mod-Low Mod Mod-High	High
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- This portfolio has relatively low equity exposure, resulting in relatively low volatility compared to higher risk portfolios.
- Where the asset allocation contained in this MDD reflects offshore exposure, the portfolio is exposed to currency risks.
- The portfolio is exposed to default and interest rate risks.
- The portfolio is suitable for medium term investment horizons.
- The potential long term investment returns are expected to be lower than higher risk portfolios.

# **INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURES**

**FUND NAME** 

IFM Income Fund

ISIN NUMBER

ZAE000259909

INCEPTION DATE

1 August 2018

BENCHMARK

SteFI Composite Index

DISTRIBUTION

Quarterly declaration dates: 31 Dec, 31 Mar, 30 June and 30 Sep

**TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO** 

Dec '23: 0.93%

# INVESTMENT MANAGER

Nest Asset Management (Pty) Ltd, an authorized Financial Services

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# CUSTODIAN/TRUSTEE

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Tel: 011 282 8000

## MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

Not Applicable

FUND CLASSIFICATION

SA Multi-Asset Income

UNIT PRICE

R106.67

**PORTFOLIO VALUE** 

R321.38 million

**DISTRIBUTION (RPU)** 

Jun '23: 1.73 | Sep '23: 2.25 Dec '23: 1.97 | Mar '24: 2.24

### MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Itransact Fund Managers (RF) (Pty)

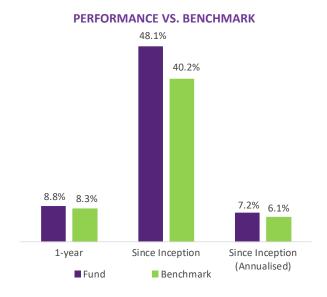
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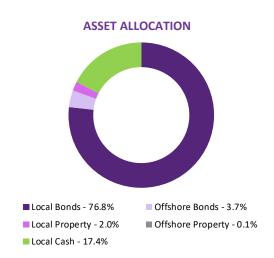
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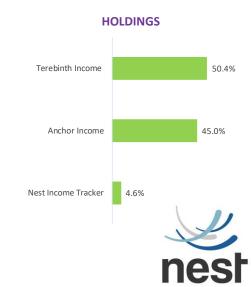
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#### **FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY**

Throughout the month, the global financial markets have been weaving their way through an intricate tapestry of geopolitical uncertainties, pivotal economic data, and the strategic directions undertaken by central banks. In the United States, the Federal Reserve's March Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting heralded a wave of optimism. The dovish tone struck by Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell not only reassured investors, but also hinted at a potential easing of interest rates in the latter part of the year. This, combined with the Fed's upward adjustment of the 2024 GDP growth forecast from 1.4% to 2.1%, injected a notable dose of confidence into the markets. Such optimism helped temper fears that the Federal Reserve might maintain a tight monetary policy, which could risk nudging the economy toward recession.

Domestically, from a monetary policy perspective, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) maintained a cautious stance by keeping the repo rate unchanged at 8.25% during its second Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting of the year. The continued increase in headline CPI inflation remains a point of concern, prompting the MPC to keep a close eye on inflationary pressures. The market had largely anticipated the decision to maintain rates, placing greater emphasis on the SARB's tone for hints at future policy direction. Given the current rate levels, the policy stance is deemed restrictive, aligning with the broader inflation outlook and the imperative to mitigate elevated inflation expectations. Consequently, any prospective rate cuts by the SARB's MPC are anticipated to be cautiously considered (possibly materializing towards the end of 2024) and will be contingent on the domestic and international inflation landscape and the evolution of global interest rate trends as the year unfolds.

## **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).
- 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.

# 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.

#### **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% None

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

Total Expense Ratio	0.93%
Portfolio Transaction Cost	0.00%
Total Investment Charge	0.93%

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 31 December 2023.

### **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.

# **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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

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

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