# STRATEGIC BOND STRATEGY

INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGY FACT SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024



## LONG TERM OBJECTIVE

The Coronation Strategic Bond Strategy is an actively managed fixed interest solution that allocates across all the different fixed income instruments. The Strategy has a flexible mandate with no duration or term restrictions. The Strategy invests in the traditional fixed interest assets, but can also invest in listed property, preference shares and inflation-linked bonds, which are typically excluded in most specialist mandates. This flexibility allows the Strategy to maximise every opportunity in the domestic fixed interest space and produce superior returns for clients. The Strategy aims to consistently outperform the JSE ASSA All Bond Index over the medium to long term.

### **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

Coronation is a long-term, valuation-driven investment house. Our aim is to identify mispriced assets trading at discounts to their fair value through extensive proprietary research. The fixed income portfolios are positioned on a long term strategic market view, but this is balanced by taking advantage of shorter-term tactical opportunities when the market lags or runs ahead of that strategic view. As active managers, we consider investment decisions across the full spectrum of potential return enhancers. These include duration and yield curve positions, inflation-linked assets as well as yield enhancement through credit enhanced assets. We aim to maximise returns by actively combining both a top-down and a bottom-up approach to portfolio construction.

### STRATEGY RETURNS GROSS OF FEES

| Period                       | Strategy | Benchmark | Active Return |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Since Inception (cumulative) | 362.4%   | 309.4%    | 53.0%         |
| Since Inception p.a.         | 9.6%     | 8.8%      | 0.8%          |
| Latest 15 years p.a.         | 9.5%     | 8.9%      | 0.6%          |
| Latest 10 years p.a.         | 8.7%     | 8.5%      | 0.2%          |
| Latest 5 years p.a.          | 9.1%     | 9.1%      | 0.0%          |
| Latest 3 years p.a.          | 9.6%     | 9.0%      | 0.6%          |
| Latest 1 year                | 20.3%    | 18.6%     | 1.7%          |
| Year to date                 | 13.4%    | 12.3%     | 1.1%          |
| Month                        | 2.9%     | 2.4%      | 0.5%          |

## **ASSET ALLOCATION**

| Asset Type                    | % Strategy |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Fixed Rate Government Bonds   | 81.6%      |
| Government ILBs               | 7.1%       |
| Floating Rate NCDs            | 3.3%       |
| Fixed Rate Other              | 3.3%       |
| Property                      | 2.0%       |
| Fixed Rate Corporate Bonds    | 1.0%       |
| Cash                          | 0.8%       |
| Corporate ILBs                | 0.5%       |
| Floating Rate Corporate Bonds | 0.3%       |
| Other                         | 0.1%       |

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Inception Date01 January 2008Strategy Size †R3.84 billion

Strategy Status Open

Mandate Benchmark JSE ASSA All Bond Index (ALBI)

Dealing FrequencyDailyBase CurrencyZAR

†Strategy assets under management as at the most recent quarter end.

## **GROWTH OF R100M INVESTMENT**



Benchmark: JSE ASSA All Bond Index (ALBI)

### **EFFECTIVE MATURITY PROFILE\***

| Term          | % Strategy | % Benchmark |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| 0 to 1 year   | 5.1%       | 28.7%       |
| 1 to 3 years  | 0.7%       | 18.7%       |
| 3 to 7 years  | 12.8%      | 13.8%       |
| 7 to 12 years | 46.8%      | 19.2%       |
| Over 12 years | 32.7%      | 29.9%       |

## **STRATEGY STATISTICS\***

|  | Strategy | Benchmark |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Modified Duration (incl. inflation-linked bonds) | 6.1      | 5.9       |
| Modified Duration (excl. inflation-linked bonds) | 5.7      | 5.9       |

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## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**



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Nishan is Head of Fixed Interest at Coronation and a portfolio manager across all fixed interest strategies. He joined Coronation in 2012 has 21 years' investment experience.



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Seamus is a portfolio manager and analyst within the Fixed Interest investment unit with more than 20 years' investment experience. He manages assets within Coronation's specialist bond strategies. He also co-manages the Coronation Global Bond and Granite Hedge funds as well as the Global Strategic USD and Bond unit trust funds.



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