# CORONATION SA INCOME FUND

Fund Information as at 31 August 2024

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## WHAT IS THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE?

SA Income Fund aims to achieve a higher return than a traditional money market or ultra-short duration income fund.

## WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

SA Income can invest in South African bonds, fixed deposits, and other interest- bearing securities which have a fixed maturity date and either have a predetermined cash flow profile or are linked to benchmark yields.

The fund does not invest in any equity securities, real estate securities or cumulative preference shares. The fund will not invest in any assets deemed offshore for SARB reporting purposes.

The fund is mandated to use derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes.

## IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS

**Risk Profile**

2/10
Conservative

**Maximum growth/ minimum income exposures**

Growth Assets: 0%
Income Assets: 100%

SA Income is tactically managed to secure an attractive return, while protecting capital. The fund's weighted average modified duration is limited to a maximum of two.

Its investments are carefully researched by a large and experienced investment team and subjected to a strict risk management process. The fund is actively positioned to balance long-term strategic positions with shorter-term tactical opportunities to achieve the best possible income.

While the fund is managed in a conservative and defensive manner, there are no guarantees it will always outperform cash over short periods of time. Capital losses are possible, especially in the case of negative credit events affecting underlying holdings.

## HOW LONG SHOULD INVESTORS REMAIN INVESTED?

The recommended investment term is six months and longer. Given its lack of exposure to growth assets, the fund is not suited for investment terms of longer than five years.

## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER INVESTING IN THE FUND?

Investors who

- are looking for an intelligent alternative to cash or bank deposits over periods from 6 to 36 months;
- seek managed exposure to South African income generating investments;
- believe in the benefits of active management within the fixed interest universe;
- do not have appetite for exposure to offshore assets;
- the fund is particularly suited to those who require exposure to South African interest bearing securities as part of a diversified portfolio.

## WHAT COSTS CAN I EXPECT TO PAY?

The annual management fee is 0.65%.

Fund expenses that are incurred in the fund include trading, custody and audit charges. All performance information is disclosed after deducting all fees and other fund costs.

We do not charge fees to access or withdraw from the fund.

More detail is available on www.coronation.com.

## WHO ARE THE FUND MANAGERS?

NISHAN MAHARAJ
BSc (Hons), MBA

MAURO LONGANO
BScEng (Hons), CA (SA)

## GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Launch Date | 29 November 2023 |
| Fund Class | A |
| Benchmark | Alexander Forbes STeFI Composite Index |
| ASISA Fund Category | South African – Interest Bearing – Short Term |
| Regulation 28 | Complies |
| Income Distribution | Quarterly (March, June, September, December) |
| Investment minimum | R5 000 or R500/m debit order |
| ISIN Code | ZAE000327565 |
| JSE Code | CSSIA |

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CLASS A as at 31 August 2024

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| ASISA Fund Category | South African – Interest Bearing – Short Term |
| Launch date | 29 November 2023 |
| Fund size | R270.08 million |
| NAV | 102.59 cents |
| Benchmark | AF STeFI Composite Index |
| Portfolio manager/s | Nishan Maharaj and Mauro Longano |

| | 1 Year * | 3 Year * |
|---|---|---|
| Total Expense Ratio | 0.78% | 0.80% |
| Fund management fee | 0.65% | 0.65% |
| Fund expenses | 0.03% | 0.05% |
| VAT | 0.10% | 0.10% |
| Transaction costs (inc. VAT) | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Total Investment Charge | 0.78% | 0.80% |

## PERFORMANCE AND RISK STATISTICS

### PERFORMANCE FOR VARIOUS PERIODS (AFTER FEES)

| | Fund | Benchmark | Active Return |
|---|---|---|---|
| Since Launch (unannualised) | 7.3% | 6.4% | 1.0% |
| Year to date | 6.3% | 5.6% | 0.7% |

| | |
|---|---|
| Yield (Net of Fees) | 8.6% |

### RISK STATISTICS

| Current | Fund |
|---|---|
| Weighted average time to maturity (credit) | 1.5 years |
| Modified Duration | 1.2 years |
| Modified Duration (ex Inflation Linked Bonds) | 0.6 years |

Risk statistics will be published once a 12-month record has been established.

## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

### ASSET ALLOCATION BY INSTRUMENT TYPE

| | % of Fund |
|---|---|
| Cash and Money Market NCDs | 38.5% |
| Fixed Rate bonds | 18.6% |
| Inflation-Linked bonds | 23.9% |
| Floating Rate bonds | 16.1% |
| Credit Linked Notes (CLNs) | 2.9% |
| Total | 100.0% |

### ASSET ALLOCATION BY ISSUER TYPE

| | % of Fund |
|---|---|
| Banks and Insurers: NCDs & Deposits | 38.5% |
| Government | 28.6% |
| Banks: Senior Debt | 17.7% |
| Other Corporates | 7.0% |
| Insurers | 3.1% |
| State Owned Enterprises | 2.4% |
| Banks: Subordinated debt (<12m) | 1.8% |
| Banks: Subordinated debt (>12m) | 0.9% |
| Total | 100.0% |

### CREDIT RATINGS

| | % of Fund |
|---|---|
| AAA+ to A- | 96.3% |
| BBB+ to B- | 0.4% |
| CCC+ to C- | 0.0% |
| CLNs | 2.9% |
| No Rating | 0.4% |

### TOP 5 CREDIT EXPOSURE

| | % of Fund |
|---|---|
| Republic Of South Africa | 31.0% |
| Nedbank Ltd | 15.5% |
| Firstrand Bank Ltd | 14.5% |
| Absa Bank Ltd | 13.6% |
| Standard Bank Of SA Ltd | 9.0% |

### INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

| Declaration | Payment | Amount | Dividend | Interest |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28 Jun 2024 | 01 Jul 2024 | 2.03 | 0.00 | 2.03 |
| 28 Mar 2024 | 02 Apr 2024 | 1.94 | 0.00 | 1.94 |
| 29 Dec 2023 | 02 Jan 2024 | 0.59 | 0.00 | 0.59 |

### TOP 5 REFERENCE ENTITY EXPOSURE

| | % of Fund |
|---|---|
| Republic of South Africa | 2.5% |
| MTN | 0.4% |

100% of CLN exposure is issuer valued with a daily or at worst weekly price frequency

### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS (AFTER FEES)

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund 2024 | 0.8% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.7% | 0.8% | 1.2% | 1.1% | 0.9% | | | | | **6.3%** |
| Fund 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1.0% | **1.0%** |

Issue date: 2024/09/09

**As this is a newly launched fund, the TER and TC's are based on an estimated calculation.*
*Please refer to page 4 of the Comprehensive Fact Sheet for important additional infomation, including change in cost disclosures.*

***Please note that the commentary is for the retail class of the Fund.***

**Performance and fund positioning**

The Fund returned 2.73% over the quarter, which is ahead of the STeFI (Alexander Forbes Short-Term Fixed Interest Index) composite benchmark of 2.06%. Since inception in 2023, the Fund has returned 5.2%, which is ahead of the benchmark return of 4.90%.

The last quarter was dominated by news flow surrounding the South African National Elections. Despite the ANC losing significantly more votes than had been widely expected, the proposal of a Government of National Unity was welcomed by the market, with local asset classes posting strong returns across the board. The Fund was well positioned to take advantage of this, primarily through its holdings in duration instruments such as longer-dated fixed rate negotiable certificates of deposit (NCDs) and nominal government bonds.

Monetary policy is also tentatively looking supportive of duration assets. While the SARB MPC left the repo rate unchanged at 8.25% during their last meeting, the committee's statement acknowledged a better near-term inflation outlook and an improvement in the Reserve Bank's own inflation forecast. While the unanimous decision means that possible rate cuts remain some time off, the improvement in the baseline forecast acknowledges some easing in near-term price dynamics, which should open the window for a rate cut later in the year. Our call remains for 25 basis points (bps) of easing in November 2024, supported by two more cuts of 25bps each next year. Related to this, the May CPI data were in line with expectations, with both headline and core measures remaining unchanged at 5.2% y/y and 4.6% y/y, respectively. This was primarily driven by food inflation continuing to edge lower, with fuel and transport costs marginally higher.

Quarterly returns of the fixed income asset classes in which the Fund can invest were all compelling relative to cash. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) posted a return of 7.49%, with the strongest performance coming from the 12 years plus bucket at 9.84%. However, all the ALBI constituents performed well ahead of benchmark, and the Fund was able to take advantage of this through its unhedged holdings of R186, R2030 and R213 government bonds, which posted returns of 3.35%, 5.36% and 6.15%, respectively. The Fund used this opportunity to lock in gains and modestly reduce the duration. Going forward, we still believe that the sub-10-year area of the curve offers the best risk/reward opportunity for a cash-cognisant mandate.

At the beginning of the quarter, election jitters and political uncertainty caused a sell-off in short-end interest rates, with market-implied expectations for interest rate cuts all but disappearing. This proved to be an invaluable opportunity to invest in one-year NCDs at above 9.2% and five-year NCDs at above 10%. Overall, the Fund was able to increase exposure to money market investments by around 5%, with the increase in NCDs being partly offset by Treasury Bill sales, which did not reflect the same level of yield widening. These levels have subsequently retraced to well below pre-election levels.

Going forward, we anticipate that money market instruments will experience further compression on the back of GEFECRA proceeds (Gold and Foreign Exchange Contingency Reserve Account). As stated in the February budget, it is the intention of the SARB and National Treasury to utilise these reserves to lower the government's borrowing needs. Until such time as the funds are utilised, however, they will be placed on deposit in the banking system, which will create a surplus of funding and liquidity. This is likely to put downward pressure on deposit pricing.

Our cautious view on credit remains unchanged. Nonetheless, we do take advantage of opportunities in the secondary market where specific names may trade at levels equal to or above our fair value. In this regard, we were able to find opportunities in short-dated FirstRand, Old Mutual and City of Cape Town debt, which are all highly rated. This was, however, more than offset by several maturities within the Fund which, in aggregate, reduced our exposure to the asset class.

The Fund's position in inflation linkers did not change materially and remains significant. Inflation-linked bonds (ILBs) returned 2.43% which, while also beating cash, did not perform as well as its nominal counterpart. However, as is always the case with the inflation-linked curve, the returns can differ dramatically between the individual instruments. By far, the most significant holding in the Fund remains to be the I2025, which returned 2.72%. We still believe this instrument offers an attractive total return profile relative to other cash instruments, given it only has seven months remaining until maturity. To put this into perspective, taking our forward inflation expectations together with the current real yield on the instrument of 4.9%, an annualised return of 9.37% should be expected. This is well above where comparable NCD and Treasury Bill yields are currently trading.

**Outlook**

Given recent strong returns, we remain vigilant about valuation and will continue to only invest in instruments that we believe offer appropriate returns for the underlying level of risk. The global backdrop will also likely become more volatile in the coming months, with elections being concluded in major developed economies. However, given the current fund yield of 9.81%, together with its modest duration positioning, we believe it remains on track to deliver its target of cash +1.5% over the medium term.

**Portfolio managers**
**Nishan Maharaj and Mauro Longano**
as at 30 June 2024

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE INVESTING IN THE CORONATION SA INCOME FUND

Unit trusts should be considered medium- to long-term investments. The value of units may go down as well as up, and therefore Coronation does not make any guarantees with respect to the protection of capital or returns. Past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying investments to go up or down. The asset allocation by instrument type are reflected on a look-through basis. The asset allocation by issuer type and top issuer exposures are not reflected on a look-through basis. The yield shown is an estimate in part based on market assumptions and forecasts. The yield is calculated by taking the interest and income receivable of all the instruments in the fund divided by the net asset value, expressed as a nominal annual rate. It is provided to give an approximate indication of the achievable yield for an investment made at the reporting date. Actual experience may differ, based on changes in market values, interest rates and changes in costs actually experienced during the investment period. The yield disclosed on the MDD is current and calculated as at the MDD reporting date.

Coronation Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd is a Collective Investment Schemes Manager approved by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act. Portfolio managed by Coronation Asset Management (Pty) (FSP 548) Ltd, an authorised financial services provider. The Management Company reserves the right to close the fund to new investors if we deem it necessary to limit further inflows in order for it to be managed in accordance with its mandate. Unit trusts are allowed to engage in scrip lending and borrowing. Standard Chartered has been appointed as trustees for the fund (www.sc.com/za; 011-2176600). Coronation is a full member of the Association for Savings & Investment SA (ASISA).

## HOW ARE UNITS PRICED AND AT WHICH PRICE WILL MY TRANSACTION BE EXECUTED?

Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices set on every trading day. Fund valuations take place at approximately 15h00 each business day, except at month end when the valuation is performed at approximately 17h00 (JSE market close) and forward pricing is used. Instructions must reach the Management Company before 14h00 (12h00 for the Money Market Fund) to ensure same day value. The payment of withdrawals may be delayed in extraordinary circumstances, when the manager with the consent of the fund trustees deem this to be in the interest of all fund investors. These circumstances may include periods when significant underlying markets suspend trading which will prevent accurate valuation of the instruments held in the fund. When the suspension of trading relates to only certain assets held by the fund, these assets may be side-pocketed. This process allows normal liquidity on the assets that can be valued, but will delay liquidity on the affected portion of the fund. If the fund is faced with excessive withdrawals, the affected withdrawals may be ring-fenced, which is the separation and delayed sale of the assets reflecting the interest of the liquidity seeking investors. It ensures that the sale of a large number of units will not force Coronation to sell the underlying investments in a manner that may have a negative impact on remaining investors of the fund.

## HOW WAS THE PERFORMANCE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS FACT SHEET CALCULATED?

Performance is calculated by Coronation as at the last day of the month for a lump sum investment using Class A NAV prices with income distributions reinvested. All underlying price and distribution data is sourced from Morningstar. Performance figures are quoted after the deduction of all costs (including manager fees and trading costs) incurred within the fund. Note that individual investor performance may differ as a result of the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment of distributions and dividend withholding tax, where applicable. Annualised performance figures represent the geometric average return earned by the fund over the given time period. Unannualised performance represents the total return earned by the fund over the given time period, expressed as a percentage.

## WHAT IS THE TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER) AND TRANSACTION COSTS (TC)?

The TER and Transaction Costs cannot be determined accurately because of the short life span of the Financial Product. Calculations are based on actual data where possible and best estimates where actual data is not available.

TER is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio incurred as charges, levies and fees in the management of the portfolio over the period referenced. The TER charged by any underlying fund held as part of a fund's portfolio is included in the fund expenses portion of the TER, but trading and implementation costs incurred in managing the underlying fund are excluded. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. The 1 year TER is for the 12 months to end of the previous financial year (updated annually). The 3 year TER is for a rolling 36-month period to the last available quarter end (December, March, June and September).

Transaction costs are a necessary cost in managing a fund and impacts the fund's return. They should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

The Total Investment Charge is the sum of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and transaction costs.

## ADVICE AND PLATFORM COSTS

Coronation does not provide financial advice. If you appoint an adviser, advice fees are contracted directly between you and the adviser. For more information please contact the relevant platform (Linked Investment Service Provider or Life Assurance Provider).

## WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Additional information such as daily fund prices, brochures, application forms and a schedule of fund fees and charges is available on our website, www.coronation.com

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TERMS OF USE