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During the last quarter of 2020, the focus was mostly on the US election and the impact it would have on our markets. On the local front, the second wave of COVID-19 infections hit us, and the rising numbers of cases and deaths led the president to take the necessary steps to curb the spread of the virus. Fortunately, the election results had little impact on our funds' performance as they remained steady during the quarter.

### QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF THE FUNDS' PERFORMANCES.

- **The money market category performed exceptionally well** and outperformed its benchmarks in the one, three, and five-year classes.
- **The conservative category performed exceptionally well** with all funds in this category well outperforming the industry benchmarks in the one, three, and five-year classes. The STANLIB Income Fund has maintained first position across the board for the past five years.
- **In the moderate category for the past year; five of the eight funds beat the benchmark returns.** The five included the STANLIB Inflation Plus Fund, which had underperformed in the prior quarter. The Nam Coronation Balanced Plus Fund moved to first place for the past year's rankings from fifth place in the year before.
- **The aggressive category's Old Mutual Growth Fund maintained its underperforming position** by more than 2% less than the benchmark. This is expected under the current economic conditions we are faced with due to the pandemic.

Summarily, this shows that the low-risk factor linked to conservative funds has helped keep funds protected against loss during turbulent financial periods.

Looking ahead into the first quarter of 2021, with the US elections having been won by the democrats, the Biden-led government is expected to provide stimulus packages which will boost consumer spending. Therefore, the quarter looks likely to be an environment conducive to risk, despite the inflation expectations.

Closer to home, risks from the South African economic landscape, such as the slow rollout of vaccines, recently tightened lockdown restrictions, Eskom struggling to keep the lights on, need to be considered when looking at the performance of the rand and bond market. We believe, however, that these should hold up relatively well.

As mentioned in the previous article, we launched our Mobile office in November last year, which is essentially an office in on wheels! This initiative will enable us to reach customers who would not otherwise be accessible to purchase the solutions we offer. The Insure on the GO mobile office is yet another way we at Liberty are enabling financial freedom for Namibians! The launch went well, and we have since visited various cities - do lookout for posts on our Facebook page to see when we will visit a city near you!

Source: STANLIB Namibia Investment Managers

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE VS BENCHMARK

Fund Name	Benchmark	AUM	1Year	BM Return 1Year	1Year Rank	3 Years Annualised	BM Return 3 Years Annualised	3 Year Rank	5 Years Annualised	BM Return 5 Years Annualised	5 Year Rank
<b>MONEY MARKET</b>											
STANLIB Money Market Fund	90 Day NCD	N\$ 1.31 billion	6.0%	4.6%	2	7.5%	6.4%	2	7.9%	6.6%	1
STANLIB Cash Plus Fund	IJG Namibia Cash Index	N\$ 1.51 billion	6.0%	5.1%	1	7.5%	6.9%	1	7.9%	7.4%	2
<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>											
STANLIB Income Fund	STeFI Composite Index	N\$1.30 billion	7.8%	5.4%	1	8.6%	7.5%	1	9.0%	7.0%	1
Nam Coronation Balanced Defensive Fund	CPI.NAM + 3%	N\$ 0.24 billion	7.7%	2.6%	2	7.1%	3.4%	2	7.1%	4.5%	2
Allan Gray Stable Fund	Standard Bank Namibia Interest Rate Plus 2%	N\$ 0.17 billion	2.6%	4.4%	3	3.1%	5.9%	3	N/A		N/A
<b>MODERATE</b>											
STANLIB Managed Fund	Forbes MW - Global Best Invest	N\$ 0.17 billion	9.9%	5.1%	2	7.3%	4.6%	2	6.9%	5.8%	2
Allan Gray Balanced Fund	Daily Weighted Average Index of Namibian Multi Asset Class Funds	N\$ 3.68 billion	4.4%	7.6%	7	4.3%	6.2%	7	5.5%	6.9%	7
Prudential Inflation Plus Fund	Namibian CPI + 4% Over a Rolling 3 Year Period	N\$ 1.95 billion	4.5%	6.2%	6	5.8%	7.5%	6	6.4%	8.6%	5
Nam Coronation Balanced Plus Fund	Median Return of Namibia Peer Group Funds	N\$ 0.87 billion	10.8%	3.2%	1	6.2%	3.4%	5	6.5%	4.6%	4
Ninety One Namibia Managed Fund	Peer Group Average	N\$ 3.3 billion	8.6%	2.2%	3	7.2%	3.4%	4	7.1%	5.5%	1
Liberty Absolute Return Fund	CPI NAM + 3.65%	N\$ 0.06 billion	7.2%	6.2%	4	7.3%	7.2%	1	6.3%	7.6%	6
STANLIB Inflation Plus Fund	Namibia CPI + 4%	N\$ 0.33 billion	6.6%	6.4%	5	7.2%	7.4%	3	6.7%	8.5%	3
Old Mutual Managed Fund *	Category Average	N\$ 0.59 billion	1.9%	5.8%	8	3.0%	4.7%	8	4.4%	4.8%	8
<b>AGGRESSIVE</b>											
Old Mutual Growth Fund *	83% SWIX, 10% Nam Primary Listed Shares & 7% Nam Call Rate	N\$ 0.39 billion	-4.8%	0.3%	1	-3.2%	-0.2%	1	3.5%	4.5%	1

#### Legend:

Not performing against benchmark	< -2.0% of benchmark
Underperforming against benchmark	-2.0% < benchmark < 0.5%
Performing against benchmark	> -0.5% of benchmark