

## LONG TERM OBJECTIVE

The Coronation Strategic Cash Strategy has a low-risk approach aimed at delivering enhanced cash returns that are superior to those of overnight cash rates while maintaining full capital preservation. The portfolio duration is limited to 180 days and the maximum term to maturity of an individual instrument does not exceed 3 years.

## 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)	324.8%	252.2%	72.6%
Since Inception p.a.	8.2%	7.1%	1.1%
Latest 15 years p.a.	8.1%	6.8%	1.2%
Latest 10 years p.a.	7.4%	5.9%	1.5%
Latest 5 years p.a.	7.7%	6.2%	1.5%
Latest 3 years p.a.	7.1%	5.6%	1.4%
Latest 1 year	4.8%	3.5%	1.3%
Year to date	2.3%	1.7%	0.6%
Month	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%

## ASSET ALLOCATION

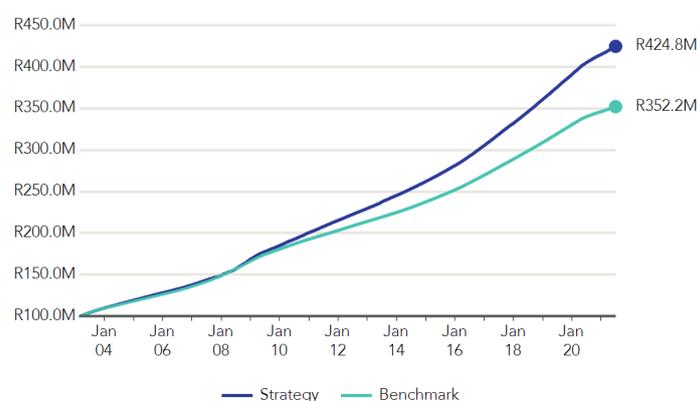
Asset Type	% Strategy
Floating Rate NCDs	52.5%
Cash	28.8%
Floating Rate Corporate Bonds	10.9%
Corporate ILBs	4.7%
Fixed Rate NCDs	3.1%

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception Date	01 March 2003
Strategy Size *	R3.82 billion
Strategy Status	Open
Mandate Benchmark	Short Term Fixed Interest 3-month Index (STeFI 3m)
Dealing Frequency	Daily
Base Currency	ZAR

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

## GROWTH OF R100M INVESTMENT



Benchmark: Short Term Fixed Interest 3-month Index (STeFI 3m)

## EFFECTIVE MATURITY PROFILE

Term	% Strategy
Call	13.9%
0 to 2 months	3.2%
2 to 4 months	12.1%
4 to 6 months	6.0%
6 to 9 months	21.5%
9 to 12 months	23.0%
1 to 3 years	20.3%

## STRATEGY STATISTICS

Modified Duration	0.2
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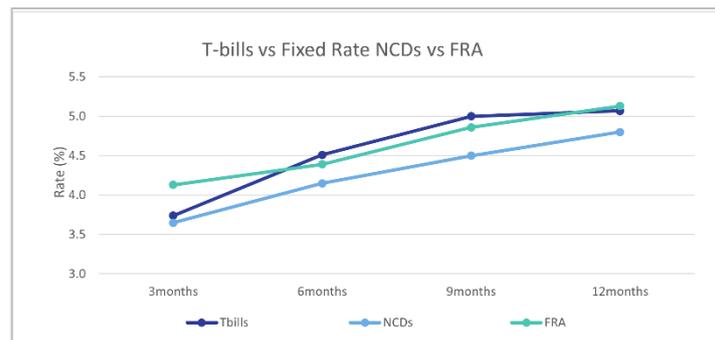
## REVIEW FOR THE QUARTER

The Strategy generated a positive return for the second quarter of 2021 (Q2-21) and remains ahead of the benchmark over a 12-month period.

The South African economy grew by 4.6% quarter on quarter (q/q) seasonally adjusted annualised (saa) in Q2-21, compared to a revised growth of 5.8% q/q saa in Q4-20. Positive contributions came from the financial and business services, mining, manufacturing, transport, and trade sectors. From the demand side, household and government spending slowed down but remained positive contributors to GDP, while inventories provided a strong boost as these were drawn down at a slower pace than before. The new restrictions could dampen third-quarter GDP this year, despite efforts made to limit the impact on the broader economy. Another threat to economic recovery is the slow pace of the Covid-19 vaccine rollout programme.

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously voted to leave the repo rate unchanged at 3.5% at the last meeting. The MPC also revised 2021 growth upwards to 4.2% from a previous forecast of 3.8%. The upward revision was prompted by higher commodity prices and improved trade data, and better prospects for the global growth recovery. While growth outlook risks are 'balanced', the MPC sees inflation risks on the upside. On the interest rate side, the SARB's Quarterly Projection Model (QPM) continues to signal a 25bps rate hike in Q4-21.

The market has become more hawkish with the Forward Rate Agreements (FRA) curve pricing in two 25bps rate hikes before the end of the year. We have seen this hawkishness flow through to fixed-rate NCD and Treasury bill markets, with the nine-month T-bill now yielding 5% from 4.8% in the last quarter. Our T-bill allocation has remained unchanged from the previous quarter, and we are taking a prudent stance because liquidity is limited in these instruments.



Source: Bloomberg, SARB

We saw some corporates, namely MTN and Growthpoint, return to the primary debt capital markets in the last quarter. The auctions were well supported, with both entities getting oversubscribed auction results and pricing clearing at the lower end of price guidance. Local banks issued capital and senior unsecured bonds, receiving strong support and clearing below price guidance. Supply and demand dynamics continue to drive pricing in the debt capital markets, and pricing is slowly getting back to pre-Covid-19 levels. We remain cautious and continue to invest only in instruments that are attractively priced relative to their underlying risk profiles. Capital preservation and liquidity remain our key focus areas for the Strategy.