



SHARIAH GENERAL EQUITY PORTFOLIO

April 2024

THE INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT

The April 2024 IMF World Economic Outlook suggests that the world economy will continue growing at 3.2% during 2024 and 2025, at the same pace as in 2023. A slight acceleration for advanced economies—where growth is expected to rise from 1.6% in 2023 to 1.7% in 2024 and 1.8% in 2025—will be offset by a modest slowdown in emerging market and developing economies from 4.3% in 2023 to 4.2% in both 2024 and 2025. The forecast for global growth five years from now—at 3.1%—is at its lowest in decades.

Global inflation is forecast to decline steadily, from 6.8% in 2023 to 5.9% in 2024 and 4.5% in 2025, with advanced economies returning to their inflation targets sooner than emerging market and developing economies. Core inflation is generally projected to decline more gradually. The global economy has been surprisingly resilient, despite significant central bank interest rate hikes to restore price stability.

Global Equity Markets

During April, global equity markets reversed some of their recent gains. The FTSE All-World Index (USD) declined by -3.3% during the month, ending 3.3% below its 12-month high, while growing by 16.7% over the past 12 months.

South African Financial Markets

In South Africa, the JSE All Share Index increased by a further 3.0% during the month, ending -4.3% below its 12-month high while growing marginally by 1.1% over the past 12 months. During the month, the JSE Industrial-25 Index increased by 1.4%, the JSE Resources-10 Index gained 7.1%, and the JSE Financial-15 Index increased by 2.7%. The ZAR weakened by -0.65% against the USD, the SA Government Bond Index gained 1.3% and the JSE SA Property Index declined by -0.6%.

Investment Portfolios

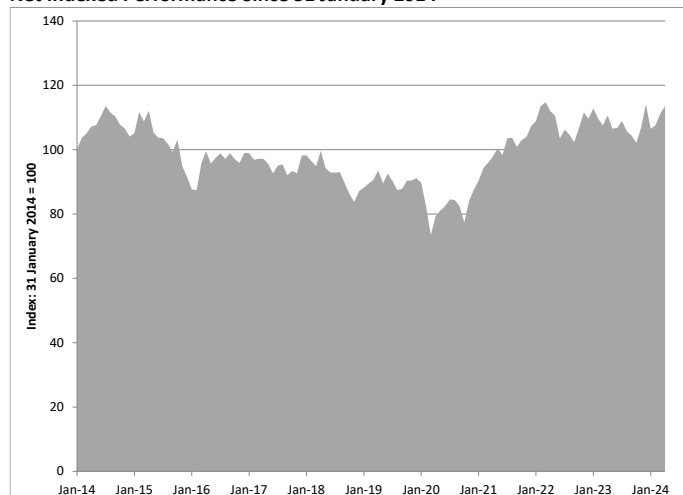
Shariah General Equity Portfolios increased moderately during April, while significantly exceeding the performance of their benchmark by 7.00% over the past twelve months.

Portfolios continue to see the advantage of broad diversification across multiple risk factor exposures and diverse sources of portfolio return. Market risk exposures remain balanced to reduce the risk of capital loss. Portfolios will continue to be cautiously re-positioned into attractively priced high-quality assets to achieve strong long-term returns.

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

During April, Shariah General Equity Portfolios increased by a further 2.05%. Noting that portfolio performance is very cyclical in the short term, over the past 12 months, portfolios increased moderately by 2.55%, having grown by a net annualized average rate of 5.04% over the past three years, and 1.24% per year, since inception on 31 January 2014*. This can be compared with the annualized average inflation rate of 5.21% over the same period.

Net Indexed Performance Since 31 January 2014



Source: TSB Securities

Strategically, portfolios are well positioned, and the objective remains to add incremental value over time. While seeking opportunities to increase investment performance, risk management will always remain the priority, specifically seeing through this period of elevated market volatility. It is necessary for investors to remain disciplined and not overreact to short-term market movements.

We expect both the high level of uncertainty in the investment environment and the high level of financial market volatility to persist. It follows that we will continue to closely monitor portfolio positioning and risk exposures.

Ian Katz

Chief Investment Officer

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2014	-	3.74	1.28	2.05	0.36	2.67	2.82	-1.85	-1.06	-2.33	-1.10	-2.34	4.06
2015	1.05	6.25	-2.63	3.02	-6.06	-1.47	-0.19	-1.69	-2.42	3.84	-7.95	-3.64	-12.09
2016	-4.20	-0.27	9.48	4.00	-3.85	1.89	1.35	-1.65	1.77	-1.90	-1.18	3.24	8.20
2017	-0.06	-2.07	0.33	-0.05	-1.71	3.03	2.69	0.36	-3.54	1.41	-0.72	5.98	-0.78
2018	-0.01	-1.74	-1.76	5.11	-5.40	-1.42	-0.05	0.15	-3.72	-3.75	-2.86	4.04	-11.30
2019	1.24	1.43	1.33	3.20	-4.31	3.41	-2.50	-3.16	0.51	2.83	0.14	0.75	4.62
2020	-1.58	-8.07	-10.94	7.93	2.28	1.70	2.54	-0.20	-2.18	-6.24	8.59	4.17	-3.95
2021	3.23	4.36	1.69	2.09	2.68	-2.23	5.31	0.22	-2.76	2.10	0.90	3.31	22.64
2022	1.38	4.35	1.04	-2.40	-1.27	-6.39	2.66	-1.49	-2.26	4.34	4.49	-1.71	2.12
2023	2.91	-2.78	-1.92	2.86	-3.74	0.25	2.00	-2.92	-1.30	-2.18	4.67	6.74	4.05
2024	-6.64	0.99	3.39	2.05									-0.52

* 95% Confidence Interval range of portfolio Returns for portfolios that exceed a value of R100 000