

GIPS Composite Name: **Vunani Domestic Active All Bond [ALBI]**

December 2023

Benchmark: **FTS/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI)**

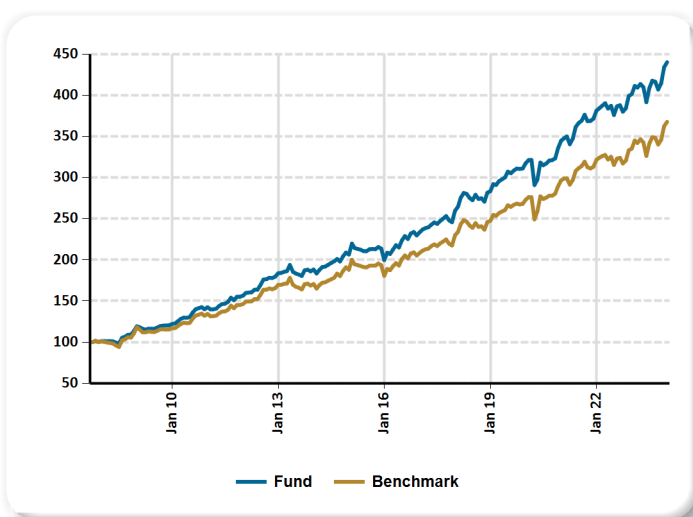
Composite Creation Date: **30 Sep 2007**

Period	Gross return	Bmk return	No of Portfolios	Total Assets (million)	% of Firm Assets	Total Firm Assets (million)	Dispersion	3 yr Ann Std Dev	Bmk 3 yr Ann Std Dev
01 Oct 2007 to 31 Dec 2007	1.24%	0.89%	1	82.39	0.56%	14,764.65	N/A	N/A	5.39%
01 Jan 2008 to 31 Dec 2008	17.81%	16.97%	1	61.39	0.60%	10,176.22	N/A	N/A	8.19%
01 Jan 2009 to 31 Dec 2009	2.33%	-0.99%	3	384.36	4.33%	8,877.29	N/A	N/A	8.12%
01 Jan 2010 to 31 Dec 2010	16.71%	14.96%	3	403.24	4.89%	8,241.91	N/A	6.49%	8.31%
01 Jan 2011 to 31 Dec 2011	9.75%	8.82%	3	734.23	11.43%	6,424.34	N/A	5.08%	5.59%
01 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2012	17.58%	15.99%	4	714.87	8.65%	8,266.44	N/A	5.27%	5.42%
01 Jan 2013 to 31 Dec 2013	2.41%	0.64%	6	806.34	6.65%	12,130.48	N/A	6.24%	6.55%
01 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014	9.69%	10.15%	6	821.77	6.52%	12,612.31	0.42%	6.30%	6.88%
01 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	-3.26%	-3.93%	7	891.59	6.21%	14,362.23	0.23%	8.01%	8.54%
01 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016	16.91%	15.45%	7	1,040.37	7.13%	14,597.04	0.58%	8.17%	8.58%
01 Jan 2017 to 31 Dec 2017	11.17%	10.22%	9	1,995.28	9.88%	20,191.39	0.40%	8.31%	8.49%
01 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2018	9.19%	7.69%	12	4,045.36	15.21%	26,600.26	0.14%	7.03%	7.19%
01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019	11.97%	10.32%	14	5,723.28	14.31%	40,000.45	0.26%	5.95%	6.05%
01 Jan 2020 to 31 Dec 2020	8.61%	8.65%	18	7,228.69	14.87%	48,623.29	0.74%	8.84%	9.07%
01 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021	10.58%	8.40%	17	8,465.38	13.98%	60,546.26	0.42%	8.60%	8.77%
01 Jan 2022 to 31 Dec 2022	5.27%	4.26%	20	11,108.52	19.74%	56,282.28	0.36%	9.13%	9.29%
01 Jan 2023 to 31 Dec 2023	9.65%	9.70%	21	11,481.98	26.07%	44,043.77	0.36%	7.33%	7.50%

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The All Bond Index returned 8.1% in the fourth quarter of 2023 and 9.7% for the calendar year, thereby beating cash (8.2%), ILBs (7.1%) and equities (7.8% for the SWIX). Inflation will probably end up at about 5.5% for the year. As an aside we note that the close clustering of these asset class returns rendered tactical asset allocation efforts in 2023 futile.

The fourth quarter of 2023 was responsible for 84% of the ALBI's return for the whole of 2023. At any given time, certain words are in vogue in the investment industry. Currently "pivot" is fashionable, and December's "Fed pivot" is credited with being behind a strong December for most asset classes. Nonetheless, the frequent refrain "there will probably be more volatility ahead" persists. That statement is inane in the extreme, considering that its corollary would be that there will be no volatility ahead.

The hyped pivot aside, the usual gallimaufry was evident: US Treasuries were strong, as was the rand. Domestic inflation was a mixed bag, well up from the recent low print of 4.7% in July 2023, but is has been within the SARB's target for six consecutive months (December's level was not available at the time of writing).

We despise investment "outlooks" given their demonstrably awful track record. We do gingerly proffer a view on valuation, couched as follows: the constant maturity 10-year government bond is currently priced for inflation not to exceed 8% per annum on average, over the next 10 years. Given the steely resolve of the SARB's MPC (to keep inflation between 3% and 6%) we therefore believe bonds continue to offer reasonably good value.

NOTES:

- 1 COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION : The investment objective is to provide investors with a well-diversified exposure to the South African bond market. The portfolio will provide a higher level of income and seek to enhance investment returns by the active management of interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.
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