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Firebird BlueStar Flexible Income

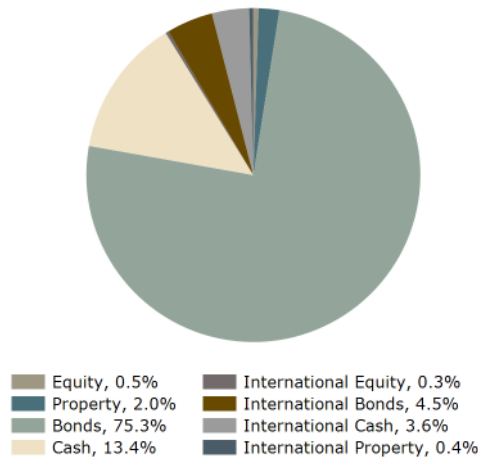
**Fund Details**

<b>Fund Category</b>	SA Multi Asset Income
<b>Benchmark</b>	STeFI +1%
<b>Risk Profile</b>	Conservative
<b>Investment period</b>	1 year or longer
<b>Launch Date</b>	01 July 2020
<b>Platform</b>	Glacier

**Fund Objective**

The wrap fund aims to provide investors with a high level of income over the short term. The preservation of capital is of primary importance, focusing on highest yielding assets with risk of capital being paramount. The fund will consist primarily of income orientated assets with limited exposure to equities (maximum of 10%). Investors in this fund have an investment horizon of a minimum of 1 year or longer. The fund is compliant with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act, 1956.

**Asset Allocation**

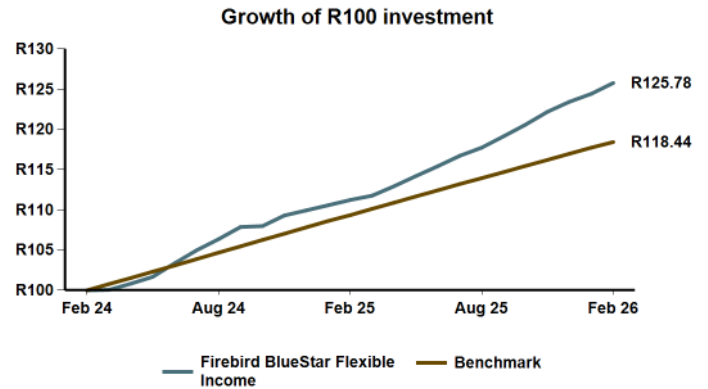


**Investor Profile**

This fund is suitable for investors looking for:

- High level of income over the short term
- Capital preservation, with limited exposure to equities
- A minimum investment horizon of 1 year or longer

**Cumulative performance - 2 years \***



Performance (%)	Fund*	Benchmark
1 Month	1.08	0.59
3 Months	2.93	1.91
6 Months	6.83	3.94
1 Year	13.08	8.32
2 Years (annualised)	12.15	8.83
3 Years (annualised)	11.47	8.99
5 Years (annualised)	9.66	7.70
YTD	1.90	1.24
Since Launch	9.38	7.39

Risk statistics (2 years)	Fund*
Returns (annualised)	12.15%
Standard deviation (annualised)	1.42%
% Positive months	100.00%
Maximum drawdown	0.00%
Sharpe ratio	3.02

**Manager Selection (%)**

Amplify SCI Strategic Income (Terebinth)	20.00	Matrix SCI Stable Income	10.00
Granate BCI Multi Income	15.00	Nedgroup Investments Flexible Income (Abax)	10.00
Ninety One Diversified Income	15.00	Prescient Income Provider	10.00
Fairtree BCI Income Plus	10.00	SIM SCI Flexible Income	10.00

Monthly Fund Performance* (%)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2026	0.81	1.08											1.90
Fund 2025	0.58	0.59	0.48	1.05	1.12	1.08	1.12	0.87	1.20	1.22	1.32	1.02	12.28
Fund 2024	0.88	0.38	0.06	0.76	0.85	1.66	1.56	1.31	1.42	0.10	1.22	0.58	11.33

**Fees (% incl. VAT)**

Annual wrap fee	0.23
Underlying Manager TER's	0.45

\* The investor is liable for CGT on any transactions in the units of the underlying unit trusts within the wrap funds. Compulsory investments are not subject to CGT. Performance is calculated using net returns (after fees) of the underlying unit trusts, and quoted excluding wrap fund fees. Performance quoted is pre-tax. Fund performance numbers shown are for a notional portfolio and do not reflect the actual performance of the client invested in the wrap fund due to timing differences of investments or disinvestments of the client. Benchmark returns for CPI are based on actual published returns and an estimated one month return for the month of the report date. ASISA Benchmark returns are the ASISA returns available as at the time of reporting.

The Firebird BlueStar Flexible Income Wrap Fund, is developed and managed by Sanlam Investments on behalf of Firebird BlueStar.

**Manager Comment**

US economic growth softened by more than expected in the fourth quarter, although both consumer and business spending continued to show resilience. In China, consumer inflation posted its strongest rise in more than three years in February, supported by extended holiday-related spending and a slowdown in factory-gate deflation. At the same time, Beijing lowered its GDP growth target at its February economic planning meeting, acknowledging persistent deflationary pressures and heightened geopolitical uncertainty. Tensions in the Middle East during February pushed global oil and natural-gas prices sharply higher. In the UK, unemployment climbed to its highest level since 2020 during the fourth quarter of 2025, reflecting broad-based labour-market weakness. Domestically, South Africa's national budget was positively received, helping to lift the bond market. South Africa's consumer inflation also eased slightly in January 2026 compared with December 2025, adding to signs of gradual price moderation.

Global equity markets delivered an eleventh consecutive monthly gain in February, with the MSCI World Index ending at 0.73% month-on-month (m/m) in dollars, despite a drawdown in US stocks. The lagging performance of US growth stocks was evident within the Magnificent Seven group of mega-cap tech companies, as investors grew wary of the massive AI-related capital expenditures—amounting to hundreds of billions of dollars—that these firms are projecting. Emerging market (EM) equities extended their lead over their developed market (DM) peers with the MSCI EM Index ending positively at 5.51% m/m in dollars. The EM outperformance was driven by commodity-producing countries. The FTSE 100's January gains of 3.08% m/m continued into February, ending the month up 6.47% m/m in pound terms. The S&P 500's ended the month negatively at -0.76% m/m from January's 1.44% m/m gains, both in US dollars. Global bond gains continued into February at 1.12% m/m from January's 0.94% m/m gains in dollars. Global property posted large gains for the month at 7.01% m/m from January's 3.88% m/m in dollars. The Euro Stoxx 50 Index gained 3.34% m/m in February from 2.79% m/m in January in euros. The Dow Jones Index gained 0.31% m/m in February from January's 1.80% m/m gains in US dollars. The Nikkei was the biggest gainer for the month at 10.42% m/m from January's 5.93% m/m gains in yen terms.

South African equities once again found themselves at the front of the pack in February with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index ending positively at 7.01% m/m in rand terms. Year-to-date (YTD) gains of 10.99% placed the JSE among the top-performing major markets globally, trailing only Japan and Brazil's stock markets. Precious metal shares were once again a key driver of returns for the month, contributing largely to February's JSE index returns with strong commodity price gains. The Resources sector gains continued in February at 13.32% m/m from January's 12.49% m/m gains. Both Property and Financials continued their gains in February, at 6.29% m/m and 7.32% m/m respectively, in rand terms. The Industrial sector was positive in February at 6.56% m/m from January's negative figure of -0.58% m/m. Cash was positive for the month at 0.51% m/m from January's 0.57% m/m in rand terms, and 1.27% in February from 3.91% in January, both in dollar terms. Similar to January, the local bond market's gains continued in February for short-, medium-, and long-term bonds. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index ended the month positively at 1.74% m/m in rand terms. Bonds of 1-3 years were positive at 0.59% m/m, along with bonds of 3-7 years at 0.80% m/m. Bonds of 7-12 years were positive at 1.23% m/m, and bonds of 12 years and above gained 2.79% m/m. In February, the rand strengthened by 0.75% m/m against the US dollar, by 1.52% m/m against the euro, and by 2.84% m/m against the British pound.

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