

# MAESTRO GLOBAL BALANCED FUND



## 27four Life

31 May 2023

### Investment objective

To produce above average long-term returns by investing in global equity, bonds and cash markets, through the assumption of less risk than that of the underlying markets. The Fund acts as a feeder fund for Central Park Global Balanced Fund, which is also managed by Maestro Investment Management.

### The Fund benchmark

An index consisting of a 60% equity weighting (MSCI World Index), and a 40% weighting in bonds (Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index).

### Legal structure

The Fund is a pooled portfolio on the 27four Life Limited balance sheet. The appointed Investment Manager of the Fund is Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Limited, an approved Financial Services Provider in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, operating under license number 739.

### Inception Date

15 November 2017

### Fee structure

The Fund incurs fees at two levels. Firstly, the investment management fee in Central Park Global Balanced Fund is 1.5% per annum, together with a 10% performance fee subject to a high water mark. Secondly, administration and other fees are charged by 27four Life on the following basis:

- For investments under R5m: 0.46%
- Investments between R5m and R10m: 0.41%
- For investments in excess of R10m: 0.39%

### Fund size

R52 415 146

### NAV

Class A1: 1.2239. Class A2: 1.2652

### Long term insurer

27four Life Limited  
(Reg no: 2004/014436/06)

### Auditor

SNG Grant Thornton International

### Investment manager

Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Limited

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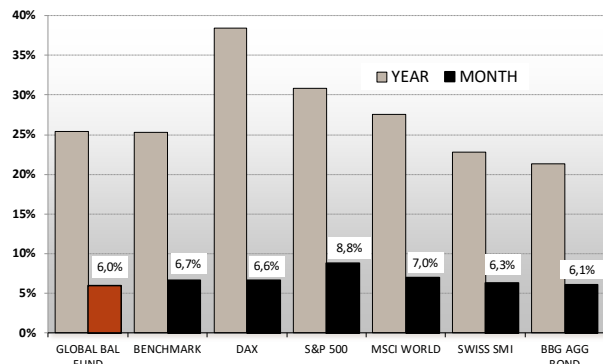
## Market Overview

Global equity markets ended May weaker: the MSCI World index lost 1.3% while the MSCI Emerging market index lost 1.9%. The Japanese equity market rose 7.0% (its year-to-date return is now 18.4%), while the UK market declined 5.4%. The US, German, and Swiss market returns were 0.4%, -1.6% and 1.9% respectively, bringing their respective year-to-date returns to 9.6%, 12.5% and 4.6%. The Hong Kong market remained under pressure, falling 8.4%, while the Chinese equity market lost 3.6%.

In contrast to the general directionless developed markets, the technology sector continued to drive market gains. The tech-heavy NASDAQ index rose 5.8%, bringing its year-to-date gain to an astonishing 23.6%. To illustrate just how hard this sector has run, its annual return to December 2022 was -33.1% whereas its annual return to end-May was 7.1% - a dramatic turnaround by any account! The Greek equity market rose 12.3%, the Brazilian market 7.8% and the Turkish market 5.8%. The South African equity market lost 11.4% in dollar terms.

The dollar firmed 2.6% during May, putting pressure on other currencies and commodity prices. The Brent oil price lost 8.5%, and the copper price 5.4%. Global bond markets struggled to make headway, losing 2.1%, bringing their year-to-date return to only 1.3%; remember developed equity markets are up 7.6% over the same period.

## Market Returns (in rand terms)



"To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time."

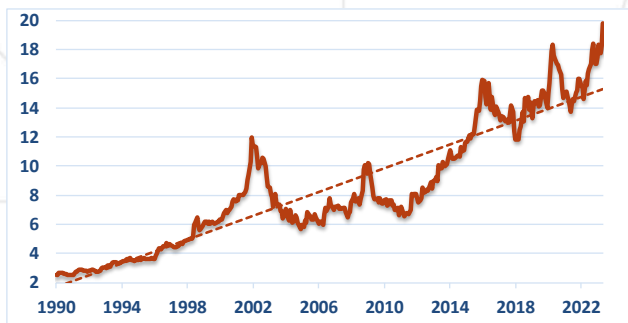
- Leonard Bernstein



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## The Rand Dollar Exchange rate



## Investment Manager Comment

The Maestro Global Balanced Fund rose 6.0% in rand terms during May, versus the respective benchmark and sector rand returns of 6.7% and 6.5%.

As is so often the case when the market seems to mark time, there was a wide disparity between the gainers and the losers. Varta continued to disappoint, falling 37.5%. Wuxi Biologics also seems to know only one way; its price declined 13.8% on the month. Lanxess fell 8.9%, and the Volkswagen prefs 5.7%. On a brighter note, Siegfried rose 5.1% and Microsoft 7.0%, reflecting the strength of tech shares. By way of further example of the strength in tech shares, Adobe rose 10.7%, ASML 13.5%, Alphabet 14.2%, ON Semi 16.2%, the VAT Group 19.8%, and CrowdStrike 33.4%.

## Monthly and Annual Average Returns (%)

Investment	1 month	6 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years
<b>Maestro Global Balanced Fund</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Fund benchmark	6.7	19.5	25.3	13.9	7.8	13.0
Sector*	6.5	20.4	24.2	12.7	8.4	12.0

\* Morningstar ASISA Global Multi Asset Flexible Category

Investment	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Maestro Global Balanced Fund</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>-23.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
Fund benchmark	22.4	-12.7	19.4	17.8	14.6	8.4
Sector*	20.9	-10.6	18.4	14.4	15.5	4.6

At the end of May, Central Park Global Balanced Fund had 78.6% of its assets invested in equity markets (78.9% last month), 0.0% in global bond markets (0.0%) and 21.4% in cash (21.1%).

## Note to Investors

The Fund is an investment-linked Endowment Policy, issued by 27Four Life. Maestro Investment Management is the Investment Manager. All investments into the Fund are directed into Central Park Global Balanced Fund, the unit trust Maestro uses to manage clients' offshore assets.

## The Fund's Largest Holdings

Investment	% of Fund
Swiss Life Holdings	5,0%
Alphabet Inc. - C shares	4,9%
VAT Group Ltd	4,9%
Pierer Mobility	4,3%
Microsoft Corp.	4,3%
Siegfried AG	3,9%
ASML Holding NV	3,9%
Adobe Inc.	3,7%
ON Semiconductor	3,5%
Lonza Group Ltd	3,4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,8%</b>

Units in linked insurance policies should be considered as medium to long-term investments. The value of units may go up as well as down and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Unit prices are calculated on a net asset basis, which is the total value of all the assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (Brokerage, Securities Transfer Tax, VAT, Auditor's fees, Bank Charges, Custodian fees and the annual Management fee) from the portfolio divided by the number of units in issue. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of any underlying international investments to go up and down. Forward pricing is used. Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Limited and 27Four Life Limited are members of the Association for Savings and Investments of South Africa (ASISA).