

# MAESTRO GLOBAL BALANCED FUND



## 27four Life

31 March 2022

### 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

R 80 363 422

### NAV

Class A2: 1.0624

### 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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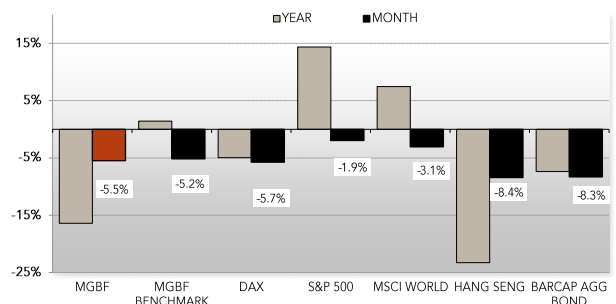
## Market Overview

As is often the case, the headline index movements during March belie the significant underlying volatility experienced during the month. For example, the US equity market ended March up 3.7%, but was down 4.7% at the intra-month trough. The German equity market ended down 0.3%, but was 11.3% lower at its intra-month trough. The MSCI World index rose 2.5%, while the MSCI Emerging Market index lost 2.5%. The Chinese equity market lost 6.1% during March, and the Hong Kong market lost 3.2%.

The price of Brent crude oil rose 9.7%, though it had been up as much as 42.5% intra-month. Palladium declined 2.8% on the month although it did rise 23.2% in January. The price of nickel rose 33.0% during the month. The Bloomberg Global Aggregated Bond index lost 3.1% in March, and has lost 6.2% so far this year.

There are many other unusual market movements to report, such as the 14.8% rise in the Turkish equity market, or the 6.1% rise in the Brazilian equity market. Add to that the appreciation of the Brazilian real of 17.4% over the same period, and one lands up with a 34.3% return from Brazilian equities in dollar terms so far this year. This places the SA equity market's 19.9% year-to-date return in dollar terms into perspective. The common feature is that both markets, and economies for that matter, are reliant on commodity exports for their well-being.

## Market Returns (In rand terms)



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

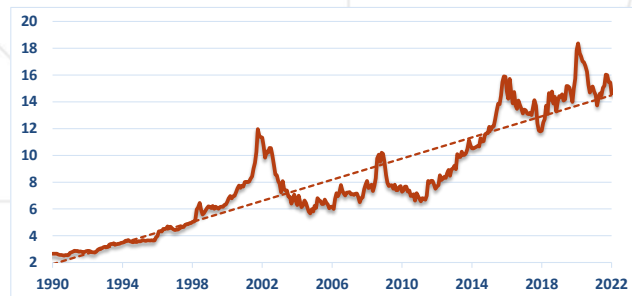
- Leonard Bernstein



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**The Rand Dollar Exchange rate**



**Investment Manager Comment**

The Maestro Global Balanced Fund posted a negative return this month on the back of a firm rand. The rand firmed 5.8% this month. The Maestro Global Balanced Fund fell 5.5% in March, this can be compared to the benchmark and comparable sector returns of -5.2% and -3.9% respectively.

During the month, the Chinese bond ETF fell -0.6% well ahead of the -3.1% Global Aggregated Bond return. In terms of its equity investments, disappointing returns were registered by Sunny Optical, which declined 32.5% on the back of disappointing results. China Meidong fell 18.1% during the month, Sea lost 17.7%, and the Palladium ETF 10.4%. On a more positive note, Lonza rose 5.5%, Mercado Libre 5.6%, Swiss Life 6.0%, Helvetia 8.0%, Moderna 12.1%, and Crowdstrike 16.3%.

**Monthly and Annual Average Returns**

Investment	1 month	6 month	1 year	2 years	3 years
<b>Maestro Global Balanced Fund</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-12.3</b>	<b>-16.4</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Fund benchmark	-5.2	-4.6	1.4	4.6	8.6
Sector*	-3.9	-4.8	0.6	5.8	7.6

\* Morningstar ASISA Global Multi Asset Flexible Category

Investment	YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Maestro Global Balanced Fund</b>	<b>-18.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
Fund benchmark	-13.9	19.4	17.8	14.6	8.4
Sector*	-12.7	18.4	14.4	15.5	4.6

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At the end of March 10.1% of the Fund was invested in bonds and 9.6% was retained in cash. The balance of 80.3% is invested in global equity markets, which included 2.7% invested in the Abrdn Palladium ETF.

**Note to Investors**

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

**The Fund's Largest Holdings**

Investment	% of Fund
iShares China CNY Bond ETF	10.1%
Alphabet Inc	6.3%
Swiss Life Holdings	6.0%
Vat Group AG	5.0%
Lonza Group	4.7%
Partners Group Holdings AG	4.1%
Visa Inc	4.0%
Sika AG	3.9%
SAP AG	3.6%
Global X Lithium & Battery Tech ETF	3.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51.2%</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).