



THE INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT

The January 2025 IMF World Economic Outlook Update suggests that global growth is projected at 3.3% both in 2025 and 2026, below the historical (2000–19) average of 3.7%. Global headline inflation is expected to decline to 4.2% in 2025 and to 3.5% in 2026, converging back to target earlier in advanced economies than in emerging market and developing economies.

Medium-term risks to the baseline forecasts are tilted to the downside, while the near-term outlook is characterized by divergent risks. Upside risks could lift already-robust growth in the United States in the short run, whereas risks in other countries are on the downside amid elevated policy uncertainty. Policy-generated disruptions to the ongoing disinflation process could interrupt the pivot to easing monetary policy, with implications for fiscal sustainability and financial stability.

Global Equity Markets

During March, global equity markets continued to decline moderately for a second month. The FTSE All-World Index (USD) decreased by -3.9% during the month, ending the month 6.3% below its 12-month high, while growing by 4.3% over the past 12 months.

South African Financial Markets

In South Africa, the JSE All Share Index increased moderately by 3.6% during the month, ending 2.0% below its 12-month high while seeing good growth of 22.9% over the past 12 months. During the month, the JSE Industrial-25 Index decreased by -0.2%, the JSE Resources-10 Index increased sharply by 20.9%, and the JSE Financial-15 Index gained 0.2%. The ZAR strengthened by 2.0% against the USD, the SA Government Bond Index increased by 0.2% and the JSE SA Property Index declined by -0.9%.

Investment Portfolios

Portfolios continued to perform well, exceeding their benchmark by an estimated 0.3% during the month.

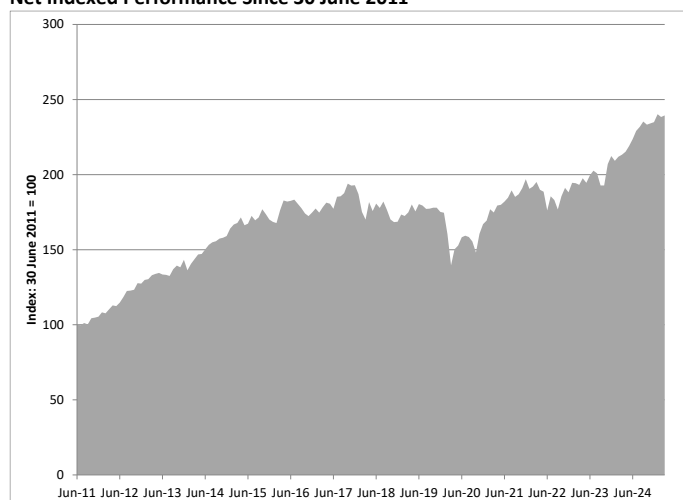
Portfolios continue to see the advantage of broad diversification across multiple risk factor exposures and diverse sources of portfolio return. Market risk exposures remain balanced to reduce the risk of capital loss. Portfolios will continue to be cautiously re-positioned into attractively priced high-quality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

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

During March, TSB Balanced Portfolios increased moderately by 0.45% with 95% of portfolios performing within a range between 0.14% and 0.76%.

Over the past 12 months, portfolios performed well, increasing by 12.26%, having achieved a net annualized average growth rate of 8.23% per year over the past five years, and 6.56% since inception on 30 June 2011*. This can be compared with the annualized average inflation rate of 5.08% over the same period.

Net Indexed Performance Since 30 June 2011



Source: TSB Securities

Strategically, TSB Balanced Portfolios are well positioned, and the objective remains to add incremental value over time. However, uncertainty in the investment environment and the high level of financial market volatility can be expected to persist therefore, it is necessary for investors to remain disciplined and not overreact to short-term market movements.

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.54	0.76	-1.32	4.35	0.58	0.23	7.22
2012	3.07	0.02	2.32	2.32	-1.79	2.09	2.61	3.43	0.47	0.97	3.10	0.45	19.36
2013	1.97	0.76	2.07	0.98	0.67	-1.20	0.03	-0.33	4.09	2.11	-1.41	3.13	5.86
2014	-4.89	3.96	2.53	1.94	0.09	2.57	1.98	1.01	0.48	2.23	0.66	0.77	23.92
2015	3.51	2.49	0.71	1.92	-3.65	0.45	3.40	-1.88	0.62	3.98	-2.64	-2.21	1.15
2016	-1.70	-0.02	5.36	2.98	-0.41	0.01	0.41	-1.65	-1.49	-2.24	-1.14	1.63	5.04
2017	1.74	-1.68	2.26	2.01	-0.47	-1.98	5.06	0.39	1.12	3.91	-0.31	0.38	7.15
2018	-3.43	-7.05	-3.59	7.51	-3.74	2.91	-1.69	2.55	-3.13	-3.83	-1.14	0.18	-8.56
2019	2.99	-0.81	1.30	3.28	-2.74	2.76	-0.59	-1.35	0.20	0.27	0.01	-1.46	0.29
2020	-0.41	-8.22	-13.86	7.88	1.36	4.20	0.77	-0.81	-1.94	-5.12	8.89	4.20	-3.60
2021	1.41	4.62	-1.18	2.68	0.24	1.18	1.46	2.56	-2.26	0.95	2.15	3.10	17.90
2022	-3.24	0.80	1.57	-2.66	-0.64	-6.64	5.37	-1.35	-3.44	4.99	2.99	-1.54	-4.42
2023	3.38	-0.13	-0.59	2.31	-1.58	2.63	1.49	-0.84	-4.04	0.01	7.37	2.59	12.82
2024	-1.50	1.31	0.65	0.91	1.76	2.12	2.41	1.21	1.52	-0.88	0.37	0.34	10.63
2025	2.27	-0.78	0.45										1.92

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

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