

KZN ISLAMIC FUND

APRIL 2025

The KZN Islamic Fund is a moderately aggressive fund that aims to provide steady long term returns and capital growth.

The fund is invested in a wide variety of domestic and international asset classes such as equity, sukuks and listed property. The selected asset managers have the freedom to select the allocation to each of these asset classes and the most attractive securities to invest in within each asset class.

The underlying investments will comply with Sharia requirements as prescribed by the Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) as well as the prudential investment guidelines set out in Regulation 28 of the Pensions Funds Act.

Due to its relatively high allocation to growth assets, the fund has a high chance of capital loss in the short term, but is expected to achieve real growth of capital over the long term. As a result, the fund is best suited to members who have a longer term (5 years or more) investment horizon.

This fund is suitable for Muslim investors requiring a Sharia-compliant portfolio appropriate for retirement schemes.

MONTHLY COMMENTARY

President Trump's sweeping 2 April Liberation Day reciprocal tariffs triggered a global market rollercoaster and unprecedented backlash. The tariffs - ranging from 10% to 50% on most US trading partners, with some rates on China reaching as high as 125% - sparked immediate turmoil in global markets.

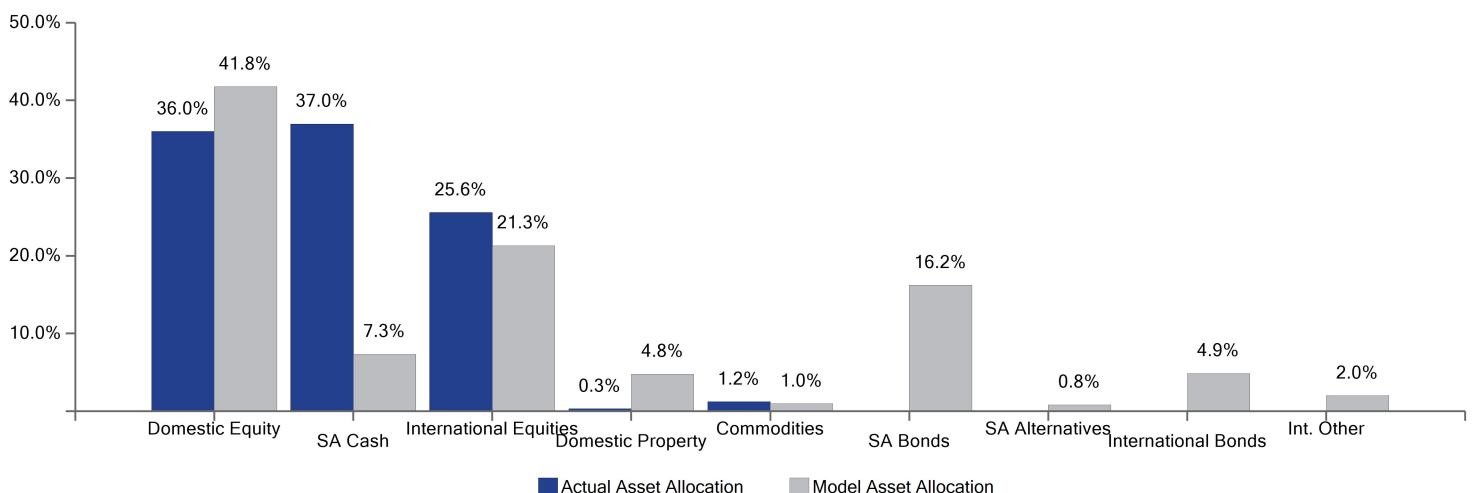
Trump subsequently suspended tariffs on nearly all countries but China. This "blink" announcement came after US stock markets suffered historic losses, US technology stocks fell more than 20% and \$6.6 trillion was wiped out in two days. Trump's reversal appears most influenced by turmoil in the US bond market, and his blink triggered a sharp rebound. More than 50 countries are now in trade talks with the US, but even a retreat to 60% tariffs on China and the current 10% universal tariff is estimated to slow global GDP by 0.7%.

The International Monetary Fund cut its projection for global growth this year by 0.5% to 2.8%. The latest economic data remain strong and show no signs of a global recession. In the short term, several factors support ongoing economic momentum: companies are accelerating shipments to get ahead of potential tariff hikes, fiscal policy is set to become more supportive in the US, Germany and China, and falling energy prices are helping offset some of the inflationary impact from tariffs. This is all backward-looking, however, and the future hinges almost entirely on the outcome of tariff negotiations.

There should be little political appetite for draconian new tariffs, as Trump's disapproval rating among independents has soared to 56%, and he cannot afford to trigger a recession or a market crash ahead of the 2026 midterms. That said, forecasting Trump's actions is near impossible, and the risk of damaging protectionism remains elevated. If a swift resolution to the tariff war is not reached, the current economic momentum will dissipate rapidly. Even if a resolution is found, Q2 growth will slow as the global trade front-running tariffs comes to an end. Bookings for shipping containers from China to the US were down 45% in April year-on-year, and the effects of a slowdown in investment and hiring due to the current uncertainty will soon be evident. While the year may end higher, we expect a soft patch in the middle. We have further reduced exposure to equities and remain cautious.

The FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX Index improved by 4.2%, while Industrials and Financials rose by 5.3% and 4.7%. The JSE All Bond Index increased by 0.8% and the Rand weakened 1.2% against the Dollar.

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MUNICIPAL PENSION FUND

FUND SUMMARY AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

STATISTIC	FUND	BENCHMARK
% Positive Months	66.7%	65.0%
% Negative Months	33.3%	35.0%
Worst Month	-4.8%	-5.0%
Best Month	6.4%	6.5%
Average Return	0.9%	0.9%
Median Return	0.5%	1.0%
Maximum Drawdown	-6.1%	-9.5%

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS TO 30 APRIL 2025

PERIOD	FUND	BENCHMARK
1 Month	-0.1%	1.9%
3 Months	-1.3%	1.5%
6 Months	2.2%	4.6%
Year to Date	0.7%	2.6%
1 Year	8.4%	13.6%
3 Years	6.7%	9.7%
5 Years	11.7%	10.6%
Since Inception	7.7%	7.7%

Inception Date: 01 July 2007. Returns prior to inception are backtested.
Returns are net of the TIC.

FEES

	PERCENTAGE
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.11% (Dec 2024)
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.10% (Dec 2024)
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	1.21% (Dec 2024)

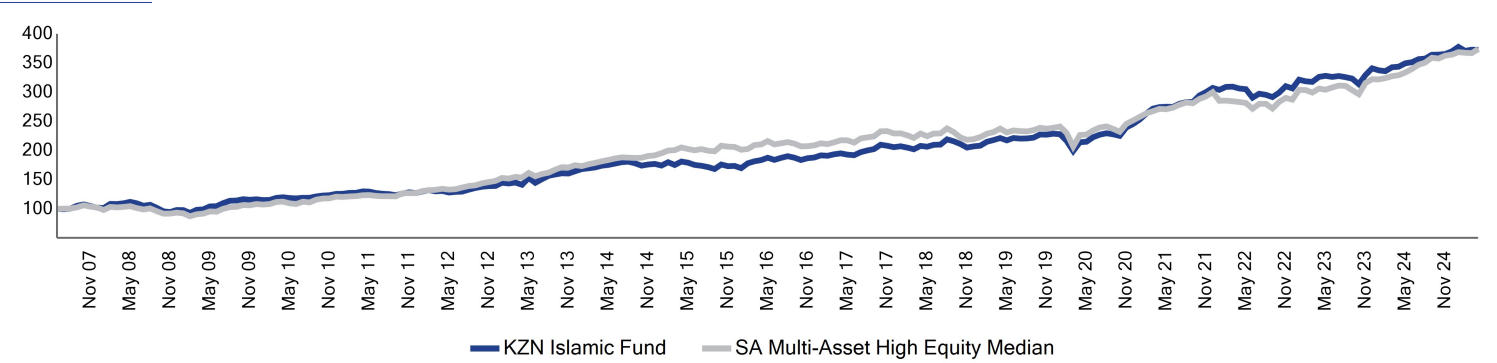
BENCHMARK COMPOSITION

SA Multi-Asset High Equity Median

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
2020	-0.4%	-5.0%	-8.1%	7.6%	0.4%	3.6%	2.0%	1.1%	-0.8%	-1.2%	6.4%	2.4%	7.2%
2021	3.2%	4.1%	3.2%	1.0%	0.2%	-0.1%	2.0%	1.0%	0.1%	4.0%	2.0%	2.4%	25.3%
2022	-1.1%	1.6%	0.1%	-1.0%	-0.4%	-4.8%	2.3%	-0.6%	-1.3%	2.6%	3.7%	-1.2%	-0.3%
2023	4.9%	-0.9%	-0.3%	2.7%	0.6%	-0.6%	0.5%	-0.6%	-0.8%	-2.9%	5.0%	3.5%	11.2%
2024	-1.0%	-0.4%	2.0%	0.3%	1.7%	0.5%	1.5%	0.3%	1.8%	0.1%	0.3%	1.2%	8.5%
2025	2.1%	-1.8%	0.6%	-0.1%									0.7%

CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE



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CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS

PERFORMANCE	FUND	BENCHMARK
2020	7.2%	5.3%
2021	25.3%	19.3%
2022	-0.3%	-4.3%
2023	11.2%	12.2%
2024	8.5%	13.1%

MANAGER ALLOCATION 30 APRIL 2025

MANAGER	PERCENTAGE
Camissa - Islamic Balanced	50.2%
Old Mutual Albaraka Balanced Fund	49.5%
Cash	0.3%