

# SAFFRON BCI OPPORTUNITY INCOME FUND

CLASS A

Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)

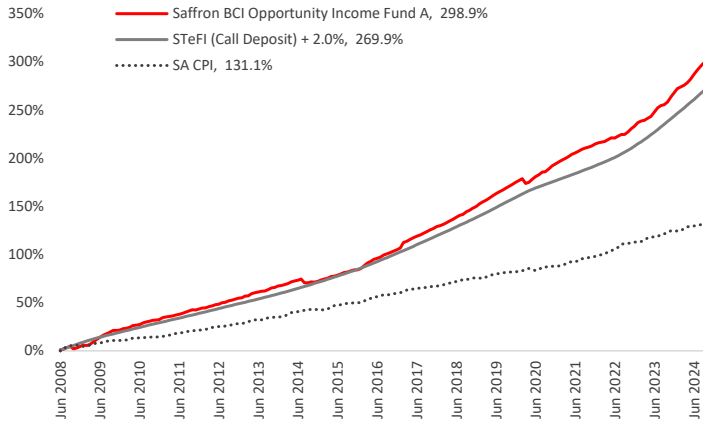
30 September 2024

MF = Main Fund ; RF = Retention Fund



## Fund Performance

Since launch cumulative performance graph



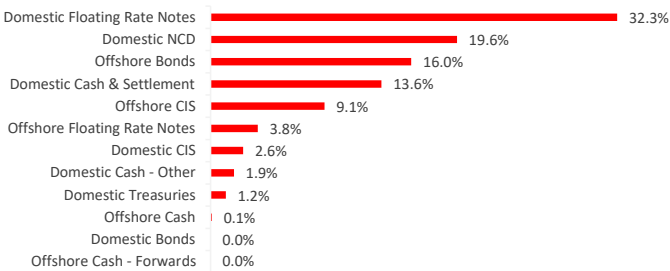
Monthly %	Oct'23	Nov'23	Dec'23	Jan'24	Feb'24	Mar'24	Apr'24	May'24	Jun'24	Jul'24	Aug'24	Sep'24
Fund (MF)	0.71	1.52	1.15	1.19	0.48	0.49	0.63	1.02	1.29	1.17	0.93	0.97
Benchmark	0.84	0.81	0.84	0.84	0.79	0.84	0.81	0.84	0.77	0.89	0.82	0.84
RF	-	-	-	-	-31.73	-0.03	-	-0.01	-	-	-	-0.01
MF + RF	0.71	1.52	1.15	1.19	0.48	-0.54	0.61	0.99	1.24	1.13	0.90	0.94

Yearly %	Sep'13	Sep'14	Sep'15	Sep'16	Sep'17	Sep'18	Sep'19	Sep'20	Sep'21	Sep'22	Sep'23	Sep'24
Fund (MF)	7.74	4.23	6.63	10.48	11.42	9.19	10.06	6.34	8.59	4.53	9.58	12.17
Benchmark	6.87	7.31	7.82	8.73	9.08	8.75	8.78	7.39	5.57	6.33	9.46	10.39
RF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-31.76
MF + RF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.03

	Cumulative Return (%)				Annualised Return (%)			
	Fund	Benchmark	Cash	Inflation	Fund	Benchmark	Cash	Inflation
1 Year	12.17	10.39	8.23	4.41	12.17	10.39	8.23	4.41
3 Years	28.49	28.49	21.08	17.77	8.71	8.71	6.58	5.60
5 Years	48.37	45.67	31.94	27.33	8.21	7.81	5.70	4.95
10 Years	134.01	120.37	80.78	61.79	8.87	8.22	6.10	4.93
Inception	298.88	270.19	167.87	134.82	8.84	8.34	6.22	5.36

## Fund Holdings

Asset Allocation (%); (May not add up to 100% due to rounding)



## Risk Statistics (3 Year Rolling)

Standard Deviation	1.37
Sharpe Ratio	-0.06
Information Ratio	-0.37
Maximum Drawdown	-0.07

## Highest and Lowest Annual Returns

Time Period: Since Inception to 30/09/2024

Highest Annual %	18.73%
Lowest Annual %	2.84%

## Risk Profile

Low-Moderate Risk

Where the asset allocation contained in this MDD reflects offshore and equity exposure, the portfolio is exposed to currency and equity risks. The portfolio is exposed to default and interest rate risks. Therefore, it is suitable for medium term investment horizons. The expected potential long-term investment returns are lower but less volatile over the medium to long term than higher risk portfolios.

Effective 25/03/2022: Manager change from SCI. Removal of Regulation 28. Annualised return is the weighted compound growth rate over the period measured.

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Issue Date: 22 October 2024

## Fund Objective

The Saffron BCI Opportunity Income Fund is a specialist income portfolio that seeks investment opportunities that meet the objective of delivering an enhanced level of income and stability on capital invested.

## Investment Policy

In order to achieve this objective, the investments normally to be included in the portfolio will comprise a combination of assets in liquid form, bonds, inflation linked bonds, loan stock, notes, debentures, debenture bonds, convertible bonds, preference shares, listed property securities and property related securities, money market instruments, corporate debt, convertible equities, other interest-bearing securities and non-equity securities. The portfolio may also invest in participatory interests and other forms of participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes. The portfolio may from time to time invest in listed and unlisted financial instruments. The manager may also include forward currency, interest rate and exchange rate swap transactions for efficient portfolio management purposes.

## Fund Information

Fund Manager	Brandon Quinn
Launch Date	02 June 2008
Fund Size	ZAR 1138.05 million
NAV Price (Fund Inception)	100.00 cents
NAV Price as at month end	134.16 cents
JSE Code	MIPP
ISIN Number	ZAE000120044
ASISA Fund Classification	South African - Multi Asset - Income
Benchmark	STeFI Call Deposit index plus 2% p.a.
Minimum Investment Amount	None
Monthly Fixed Admin Fee*	R15 excl. VAT on all direct investor accounts with balances of less than R100,000
Valuation	Daily
Portfolio Valuation Time	15:00
Transaction Cut Off Time	14:00
Regulation 28 Compliant	No

## Distribution History (cents per unit)

01/10/2024	2.29	02/10/2023	2.40	03/10/2022	2.09
01/07/2024	2.21	03/07/2023	2.33	01/07/2022	1.81
02/04/2024	2.18	03/04/2023	2.29	01/04/2022	0.05
02/01/2024	2.41	03/01/2023	2.06	25/03/2022	1.37

Income Declaration Date	31 March, 30 June, 30 September & 31 December
Income Payment Date	2nd business day of April, July, October & January

## Cost Ratios

TER**:	TC:	TIC:
1.27% (PY: 1.26%)	0.01% (PY: 0.01%)	1.28% (PY: 1.27%)
Of the value of the Fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Fund.	Of the value of the Fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Fund.	Of the value of the Fund was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Fund.

## Fees (Incl. VAT)

Annual Service Fee	1.15%
Initial Advisory Fee (Max)	3.45%
Annual Advice Fee	0.00 - 1.15 (if applicable)
Initial Fee	0.00
Performance Fee	None



## Information & Disclosures

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Valuation takes place daily and prices can be viewed on our website ([www.bcis.co.za](http://www.bcis.co.za)) or in the daily newspaper.

Actual annual performance figures are available to existing investors on request.

Upon request the Manager will provide the investor with portfolio quarterly investment holdings reports.

### \* Monthly Fixed Admin Fee

R15 excl. VAT which will apply to all direct investor accounts with balances of less than R100 000 at month end, unless an investor transacts online, in which case no such fee will be levied.

### \*\* Total Expense Ratio (TER)

Please note: A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. The prior year ("PY") TER and Transaction cost calculations are based upon the portfolio's direct costs for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, whilst the underlying portfolios' ratio and cost calculations are based upon their most recent published figures, being 30 June 2024.

### Risks

Certain investments - including those involving futures, options, equity swaps, and other derivatives may give rise to substantial risk and might not be suitable for all investors. Where foreign securities are included in the portfolio there may be additional risks such as potential constraints on liquidity and repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risk, political risk, foreign exchange risk, tax risk, settlement risk as well as potential limitations on the availability of market information.

### Effective Annual Cost

Boutique Collective Investments adopted the ASISA Standard on Effective Annual Cost ("EAC"). The EAC measure allows you to compare charges on your investments as well as their impact on your investment returns prior to investing. For further information regarding the ASISA Standard on Effective Annual Cost and access to the EAC calculator please visit our website at [www.bcis.co.za](http://www.bcis.co.za). BCI calculates the EAC as per the ASISA standard for a period of 3 years up till the most recent TER reporting period.

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The fund (Class A) returned +3.11% and +12.17% over the quarter and year respectively, while the benchmark (STeFi Call Deposit +2.0%) returned +2.56% and 10.39%. Over a rolling one-year period, the fund return exceeded the enhanced cash benchmark during a period of notable market volatility and bond strength. The 1-year average for the ASISA category was 12.98%. Net Offshore Assets (+1.38%), Domestic Floating Rate Notes (+0.81%) and Domestic Cash & Settlement (+0.36%) were the main contributors to the return over the quarter.

The US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) surprised economists by cutting interest rates by 50 bps to a range of 4.75%–5.00%, marking the first cut of the current rate cycle. Chair Powell attributed the decision to softer payroll data and insights from the Beige Book, despite having previously ruled out larger rate reductions. The updated dot plot suggests two more 25 bps cuts this year and a further 100 bps in 2025, targeting a neutral policy stance. Economic forecasts reflected steady GDP growth, a modest rise in unemployment, and inflation approaching target. Powell emphasised recalibration rather than aggressive easing, though market reactions indicated expectations of further 50 bps cuts. Over the quarter, yields on US 5-year and 10-year bonds tightened by 83 bps and 62 bps, respectively, while the US Dollar Index declined by 4.87%. Looking over the year, 5-year and 10-year yields fell by 107 bps and 80 bps, respectively, with the DXY down by 5.14%.

The European Central Bank (ECB) Governing Council reduced the key Deposit rate by 25 bps to 3.50%, marking the second step in its easing cycle. This technical adjustment, along with cuts to the Main Refinancing and Marginal Lending rates, is in line with balance sheet normalisation rather than a shift in policy stance. Inflation forecasts remain steady, with core inflation edging higher and energy and food prices coming in weaker than expected. GDP growth projections for 2024 and 2025 were revised slightly downwards due to softer consumption and exports, although the ECB remains positive about long-term growth prospects. The ECB is expected to continue gradual rate reductions, likely in 25 bps increments at quarterly meetings, although financial markets anticipate a faster pace if economic conditions deteriorate. The Deposit rate is forecasted to reach 2.25% by the end of 2025.

The Bank of England (BoE) kept its Bank Rate steady at 5.00%, as widely expected, with eight members voting in favour and one opposing vote for a 25 bps cut. Despite pressure from the US Federal Reserve's recent 50 bps rate reduction, the BoE maintained a cautious stance, citing no significant new developments. The BoE also confirmed plans to reduce UK government bond holdings by GBP 100 billion over the next year. Inflation is projected to rise to 2.50% by year-end. The pound surged to multi-year highs against both the dollar and the euro, while the FTSE 100 saw a slight dip, and European stocks rallied in response to the Fed's move.

The VIX Index, a key gauge of market volatility, closed at 16.73, reflecting a rise of 4.29 points. The J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Bond Index (EMBI) Sovereign Spread tightened by approximately 10 basis points, ending the quarter at 394 bps, with the index delivering a positive return of 6.07%, supported by lower US interest rates. South Africa's 5-year Credit Default Swap (CDS) spread narrowed further by 31 bps to 178 bps, while Brazil's tightened by 18 bps to 152 bps, and Turkey's by 12 bps to 269 bps. In the energy sector, Brent crude oil ended the quarter at USD 72.00 per barrel, down 15.50%. Commodity price movements, critical for many emerging market economies, showed mixed results. The CRB Food Index returned -0.27%, while the CRB Commodities Index posted a modest gain of 0.18% and the CRB Metals Index rose by 1.46%. Among metals, gold, palladium, iron ore, and copper performed well, with returns of 5.40%, 3.20%, 2.50%, and 2.34%, respectively, though platinum declined by 0.82%. Over the past 12 months, gold emerged as the best-performing metal, delivering a robust return of 42.77%, while oil was the weakest, falling by 22.11%.

The South African rand appreciated by 5.09% against the US dollar during the quarter, closely mirroring trends in the metals markets. This correlation highlights the significant influence of commodity prices, particularly platinum, copper, and gold, on South Africa's export-driven economy. Over the past year, the USD/ZAR exchange rate rose by 8.75%, reflecting movements in the CRB Metals Index, which gained 10.67% over the same period. In addition to its strength against the dollar, the rand also posted gains against the euro (+1.33%) but depreciated slightly against the pound (-0.44%) over the quarter. Among South African asset classes, listed property (JSAPYTR Index) led with a quarterly return of 18.70%, followed by nominal bonds (ALBTR Index) at 10.60% and equities (JALSHTR Index) at 9.62%. Over the past year, property emerged as the top-performing asset class, delivering an impressive return of 51.34%.

The South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) delivered its first repo rate cut since 2020, reducing it by 25 bps while maintaining a cautious outlook. This decision was in line with expectations, reflecting optimism about improving global conditions and a favourable inflation outlook. However, the MPC emphasised that this modest cut should not signal the start of aggressive easing, underscoring the data dependency of future decisions and highlighting potential risks. Inflation forecasts for 2024 were lowered to 4.6%, with core inflation revised to 4.4%. The MPC noted positive developments in food and fuel prices but remained cautious regarding electricity prices. Growth prospects were seen improving, supported by stable electricity supply and rising business confidence, though risks from global instability and domestic challenges persist. The 3-month JIBAR rate tightened to 8.05% (down 30 bps), while the 12-month T-bill average yield fell significantly to 8.30% (from 9.03%). The South African bond market continued to react positively to the outcome of the national elections, with bonds rallying on the back of this stability. The SAGB yield curve saw substantial tightening, with the short-end R186 and R2032 yields narrowing by 81 bps and 127 bps, respectively, and the long-end R209 and R2040 yields tightening by 131 bps and 136 bps, respectively.

Looking ahead, while major central banks have begun their rate-cutting cycles, risks remain from potential inflation surprises, particularly against the backdrop of volatile energy markets and ongoing global geopolitical tensions. The fund is strategically positioned to align with prevailing economic conditions by holding positions across both the short and long ends of the rates market. This approach allows us to benefit from stable policy rates in the near term while capturing higher yields in longer-duration bonds as inflation expectations normalise. At the end of the quarter, the fund's duration was reduced to 0.61 years from 1.03 years, locking in profits from bond market strength. The running yield of 9.62% remains attractive. High cash balances provide further flexibility, positioning the fund to capitalise on value opportunities anticipated in the late stages of the global business cycle, in line with our objective of achieving Cash (STeFi Call Deposit) +2.0%.

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