



# Why you should diversify across asset classes



## You can invest in any one of these asset classes:

SA equity (shares on the JSE)
SA bonds (government or company loans)
SA property (companies listed on the JSE)
SA cash (money market funds)
Gold (ZAR)
Global equity (shares on worldwide stock exchange)
Global bonds (ZAR)

Your returns should beat inflation:

SA CPI
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## It is good to diversify across asset classes:



- No single asset class returns the highest returns - or close to it - each year. The returns reflected are those of indices for each asset class.
- Investing across asset classes produces returns in the top five in most years. The returns you could earn from investing across asset classes are shown here by way of a multi-asset index made up of the indices for the other asset classes.

### Multi-asset index details

The multi-asset index is allocated across the asset classes as follows:

SA equity 47.5% | Global equity 22.5% | SA bonds 15% | Global bonds 7.5% | SA cash 5% | Gold 2.5%

## Annual nominal returns over the past 10 years

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
HIGHER RETURN	Global equity 33.5%	SA bonds 15.4%	SA equity 21.0%	Global bonds 15.4%	Global equity 24.8%	Gold 30.9%	SA property 36.9%	Gold 7.1%	Global equity 33.7%	Gold 29.5%
	Global bonds 30.4%	SA property 10.2%	SA property 17.2%	Gold 15.1%	Gold 15.1%	Global equity 22.4%	Global equity 32.9%	SA CPI 6.9%	Gold 23.2%	SA property 29.0%
	Gold 17.7%	SA cash 7.4%	Multi-asset index 14.7%	SA bonds 7.7%	Multi-asset index 11.3%	Global bonds 15.2%	SA equity 27.1%	SA cash 5.2%	Multi-asset index 15.9%	Global equity 23.0%
	Multi-asset index 11.1%	SA CPI 6.7%	Global equity 11.4%	SA cash 7.3%	SA bonds 10.3%	Multi-asset index 8.8%	Multi-asset index 21.9%	SA equity 4.4%	Global bonds 11.9%	SA bonds 17.2%
	SA property 8.0%	Multi-asset index 2.6%	SA bonds 10.2%	Global equity 6.7%	SA cash 7.3%	SA bonds 8.7%	SA bonds 8.4%	SA bonds 4.2%	SA property 10.1%	Multi-asset index 15.7%
	SA cash 6.5%	SA equity 2.6%	SA cash 7.5%	SA CPI 4.0%	SA equity 6.8%	SA cash 5.4%	SA CPI 5.7%	SA property 0.5%	SA bonds 9.7%	SA equity 13.4%
	SA CPI 5.3%	Global equity -4.6%	SA CPI 4.9%	Multi-asset index -0.1%	SA CPI 4.6%	SA CPI 3.2%	Gold 3.9%	Multi-asset index -0.5%	SA cash 8.0%	SA cash 8.5%
	SA equity 5.1%	Gold -4.6%	Gold 2.0%	SA equity -8.5%	Global bonds 3.1%	SA equity 0.6%	SA cash 3.8%	Global bonds -11.8%	SA equity 7.9%	SA CPI 2.9%
LOWEST RETURN	SA bonds -3.9%	Global bonds -10.4%	Global bonds -3.3%	SA property -25.3%	SA property 1.9%	SA property -34.5%	Global bonds 1.6%	Global equity -12.3%	SA CPI 5.3%	Global bonds -0.6%
RANGE BETWEEN ASSET CLASS HIGH/LOW (excl. CPI)	37.4%	25.8%	24.3%	40.7%	22.9%	65.4%	35.3%	19.4%	28.4%	30.1%

Gold and Global equity returns are stated in Rands