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Symmetry and 27four partner for ethical GoodYield Credit Fund - to deliver real yield and real impact

Cape Town, May 2026 – South Africa’s socio-economic challenges, infrastructural constraints and slow economic growth demand out-of-the-box thinking and innovation to make every resource work harder. One way of doing this is in channelling investments to not only deliver required returns for the investor, but also to use capital in an innovative way to meet wider objectives – killing two birds with one stone. With this in mind, Symmetry and 27four Investment Managers have collaborated on a new solution called the GoodYield Credit Fund. This is an innovative investment solution designed to protect investment capital and generate a stable income, while creating real impact by supporting industries that drive economic growth.

This collaboration between the two well-established investment companies, which collectively manage and administer over R250 billion in assets, offers institutional strength, robust governance, and deep market insight from over fifty years’ combined track record in investments.

“The tax-efficient fund has been developed in collaboration with 27four to provide investors with diversified exposure to secured credit opportunities in critical growth sectors of the economy. It is managed by 27four, with Symmetry forming part of the investment committee,” says Kieyam Gamielien, Managing Director at Symmetry. “The fund applies a disciplined ethical investment framework guided by Shari’ah principles and will be open to both retail and institutional investors,” he adds.

GoodYield is a medium-risk strategy targeting stable, income-generating returns and is suited to long-term investors with a moderate risk appetite. The fund aims to provide investors with prime plus 0.25% per annum (net of fees), with quarterly distributions and a low volatility profile.

“It is about delivering real yield and real impact,” continues Gamielien “Together with 27four, we’ve built a solution that finances businesses that give investors access to stable, risk-adjusted returns while driving economic resilience and job creation. It’s also an investment in South Africa’s future, aligned with values-based principles. As signatories to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI), the launch of this fund reflects a shared commitment to responsible, long-term value creation.”



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The fund addresses a critical gap in the market by financing small to medium-sized businesses with strong fundamentals, which would otherwise not be funded by traditional lenders.

It focuses particularly on sectors such as logistics, energy, healthcare, agriculture, and ICT. Backed by a robust investment process to ensure that each investment undergoes rigorous due diligence, the investment team will bring prospective investments to the investment committee for ratification with an added Shari'ah overlay which provides added governance.

"Ethical investment is core to our DNA. With GoodYield, we are extending that commitment into private credit, giving investors transparent, secured exposure to real-economy sectors – without compromising on their values or return objectives," says Fatima Vawda, Managing Director of 27Four Investment Managers. "Structuring the fund using Shari'ah guidelines makes it one of the first alternative or private equity funds of its kind in South Africa. Our experience in managing ethical funds gives comfort to investors, as we have a track record of managing these funds. GoodYield applies a disciplined investment framework that excludes industries such as alcohol, tobacco, gambling, weapons manufacturing, fossil fuel extraction, and businesses with unethical labour or governance practices," explains Vawda.

"As a developing country with many challenges, we understand that investors trust us to help them build wealth in a sustainable manner. Our mission is to deliver innovative and relevant investment solutions, by listening to client needs, understanding their dreams and delivering fit for purpose investment solutions. Partnering with 27four underscores their leadership in ethical and impact-driven investing," concludes Gamielien.

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