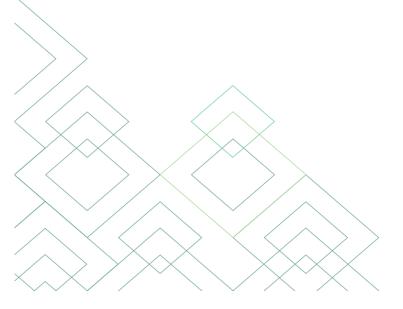




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Marketing Communication



Nedgroup Investments Cash Solutions Range

Past performance is not indicative of future performance and does not predict future returns.

Periodic returns up to 30 September 2025	1 month	3 months	YTD 2025	1 year	3 years
Money Market Fund	0.61%	1.91%	5.95%	8.22%	8.48%
Prime Money Market Fund	0.59%	1.85%	5.80%	8.01%	8.16%
Corporate Money Market Fund	0.60%	1.89%	5.91%	8.16%	8.41%
Core Income Fund	0.72%	2.08%	6.50%	8.94%	9.15%

Gross Est. Yield*	Modified Duration		
9.21%	0.17		
7.46%	0.26		
8.24%	0.20		
8.10%	0.14		

SteFl Call	0.56%	1.75%	5.47%	7.52%	7.68%
SteFl Composite	0.58%	1.81%	5.67%	7.80%	7.95%

All net return for the Nedgroup Investments fund's respective C classes. Source: Morningstar *Gross estimated yields are available daily at **Cash Solutions (nedgroupinvestments.co.za)**

Macro Overview

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) kept the repo rate steady at 7% on 18 September 2025, as widely anticipated. The decision underscored the Bank's cautious stance amid persistent global uncertainty, even as it prepares to transition to a 3% inflation target. The vote was divided, with four members supporting a hold and two favouring a 25-basis-point cut. Since September 2024, the repo rate has been lowered by a cumulative 125bps. Policymakers signalled a pause to evaluate the effects of earlier cuts on economic conditions, evolving expectations, and inflation risks.

Headline inflation has risen as expected and is projected to peak in the near term, averaging 3.4% in 2025 and 3.6% in 2026, slightly above previous estimates, before easing back to target at 3% in 2027. Meanwhile, growth prospects have improved: the 2025 GDP forecast was revised upward to 1.2% (from 0.9%) following a stronger-than-expected second-quarter output. Gains are expected to continue in the medium term, supported by structural reforms, though export performance remains constrained by higher tariffs.

After expanding just 0.1% in Q1 2025, real GDP rose by 0.8% in Q2 (April–June). Growth on the supply side was driven by manufacturing, mining, and trade, while stronger household consumption and softer imports lifted demand. Within production, manufacturing, mining & quarrying, and trade, catering & accommodation each added 0.2 percentage points to quarterly GDP growth.

Foreign appetite for South African debt has strengthened, with non-residents net buyers of R24.8 billion (\$1.4 billion) in government bonds on a single day in September, the largest one-day inflow since 2019, according to JSE data compiled by Bloomberg.

On the inflation front, consumer prices eased modestly. Annual CPI fell to 3.3% in August from 3.5% in July, supported by softer food and fuel costs. Month-on-month, CPI declined by 0.1%, with four of thirteen categories recording decreases: food & non-alcoholic beverages (-0.1%), furnishings & household equipment (-0.1%), transport (-0.2%), and information & communication (-0.2%).

Geopolitically, South Africa is close to appointing a new ambassador to the United States after months of vacancy—a period marked by heightened trade tensions and criticism from President Donald Trump over Pretoria's empowerment and foreign policy stances, alongside the imposition of additional tariffs on South African exports.

In the US, inflationary pressures intensified. The annual CPI accelerated to 2.9% in August, the highest since January, after holding steady at 2.7% in June and July. Price increases were broad-based, led by food (3.2%), used vehicles (6%), and new vehicles (0.7%). Energy costs also turned positive for the first time in seven months (0.2%), as gasoline and fuel oil declines moderated, while natural gas remained elevated (13.8%). On a monthly



basis, CPI rose 0.4%, the strongest reading since January, driven largely by shelter costs. Core inflation was steady at 3.1% year-on-year, with core CPI advancing 0.3% month-on-month.

Against this backdrop, the Federal Reserve delivered its first rate cut since December, lowering the federal funds rate by 25bps to a range of 4.00%–4.25%. The decision was largely expected, though Governor Stephen Miran dissented, favouring a larger 50bps cut. Updated projections signalled a further 50bps in easing by year-end and a quarter-point cut in 2026. Growth forecasts were revised higher: 1.6% for 2025 (vs. 1.4% in June), 1.8% in 2026 (vs. 1.6%), and 1.9% in 2027 (vs. 1.8%). Inflation projections also edged higher for 2026, with PCE expected at 2.6% and core PCE at 2.6%. The unemployment rate is forecast at 4.5% for 2025 and 4.4% for 2026.



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Gross Yield: means the sum of all expected income over the next 12-months from underlying instruments in the portfolio divided by the cumulative net asset value of the fund. The expected income amounts are approximate and based on market assumptions and forecasts. Actual returns may differ, based on changes in market values, interest rates and changes in costs experienced during the investment period.

MODIFIED DURATION

Modified duration measures how sensitive a bond's price is to a change in the interest rate level and follows the concept that interest rates and bond prices move in opposite directions. In other words, it estimates by how much, measured as '% change', you can expect a bond price to fall for every 1% increase in interest rates and vice versa. The weighted average modified duration collectively measures the total portfolio's sensitivity

HOW ARE OUR FUNDS PRICED

Funds are valued daily at 15:00. Instructions must reach us before 14:00 (12:00 for Nedgroup Money Market Fund) to ensure same day value. Prices are published daily on our website and in selected major newspapers.

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A schedule of fees and charges is available on request from Nedgroup Investments. One can also obtain additional information on Nedgroup Investments products on our website.

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Some funds may hold foreign securities including foreign CIS funds. As a result, the fund may face material risks, which could include foreign exchange risks, market conditions and macro-economic and political conditions.

A fund of funds may only invest in other funds, and a feeder fund may only invest in another single fund, both will have funds that levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure.

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