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James is a fixed income Portfolio Manager at Ninety One, which acquired Sanlam Investments by acquisition in February 2026. Prior to this he was Head of investment strategy for fixed income at Sanlam Investments. With 35 years of active financial market investment and portfolio management experience, he has navigated through a myriad of economic cycles and financial market conditions. He has managed foreign currency and fixed income portfolios, primarily in South Africa and other African debt and money markets. James has served as a senior trader in local and international investment banks treasuries and chief dealer in SA's largest corporate treasury, overseeing the management of the foreign debt and currency portfolios.

Prior to joining Sanlam Investments, he headed the Fixed Income Franchise at Absa Asset Management, which later became part of Sanlam through an acquisition. James has won one Morningstar award, seven Raging Bull awards, The 2025 Profile Media award for variable return fund and the 2025 Fundhub award for Variable Return fund over 5 years (as well as runner up over 3 years), in 2026 he was runner up for the Fundhub award for best variable term fund over 5 years.

James manages a variety of Fixed Income unit trusts and segregated mandates in all aspects of FIXED Income which has made him a general asset class specialist, these funds include The SCI Ninety One Bond Fund, SCI Ninety One Tactical Income Fund, and the SCI Ninety One Core Income Fund.

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