

BIOGRAPHY



Name: Sonja

Surname: Saunderson

Capacity: Chief Investment Officer

Company: EPPF

Sonja Saunderson is the Chief Investment Officer of the EPPF (previously Eskom Pension and Provident Fund). Sonja joined the fund in November 2022 and is part of the executive and investment teams, responsible for driving its strategic agenda of which delivery of investment returns for the EPPF members, and responsible investing, are amongst the key focus areas.

She previously was the Chief Investment Officer of Momentum Investments, responsible for ensuring the outcome-based investment philosophy is ingrained and represented in all portfolios.

Sonja has 22 years' experience in the industry and joined the Momentum Metropolitan Group (via a related company) in 1999 as an actuarial assistant doing asset and liability modelling for the company's defined-benefit retirement fund clients.

Sonja lectured Actuarial Science and Statistics at the North-West University School for Business Mathematics and Informatics before joining the industry. She studied BSc in Mathematics and Computer Science at North-West University, after which she completed a BCom and BCom (Hons) in Economics and Statistics. She completed a MCom in Statistics and Economics and various actuarial subjects before pursuing a career in the investment management industry.

She also completed an Advanced Certificate in Financial Planning. Her various roles included research analyst, head of research, head of product development and deputy chief investment officer before being promoted to chief investment officer in 2010 at Momentum Outcome-based Solutions. Momentum Outcome-based Solutions was incorporated into Momentum Investments. Sonja has extensive experience in constructing goals-based outcomes for clients as well as portfolio construction, risk management, investment manager selection and portfolio management in general.