

FACT SHEET

**INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The fund seeks to outperform the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) Index by 1% per annum.

**INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The objective of a portable alpha strategy is to generate returns more than a specific market index over a market cycle. The portable alpha strategy effectively separates the returns of a preferred index, or beta, and the returns of an alpha-seeking strategy, or alpha. This separation allows the returns of the alpha component to be "ported" on top of whatever market index exposure is desired by a portfolio.

**FUND INFORMATION**

Fund Classification	Worldwide - Multi Asset - High Equity
Benchmark	MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI)
Risk Profile	Aggressive
Fund Managers	Karabo Matsepe, Fannuel Tigere
Inception Date	01 December 2021
Fund Size	R1223 million
Currency	SA Rands
Administration	Balondolozzi Investment Services (Pty) Ltd
Trustees	Standard Bank
Regulator	Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)
Regulation 28	Compliant

**FEES**

Initial & Exit Fees	Nil
Total Investment Charge	0.30%
Portfolio TER	0.30%
<b>Management Fees</b>	
Transaction Costs	0.00%
Audit Fees	0.00%
Other Costs	0.04%
Vat	15.00%
Pricing	Daily at 17:00

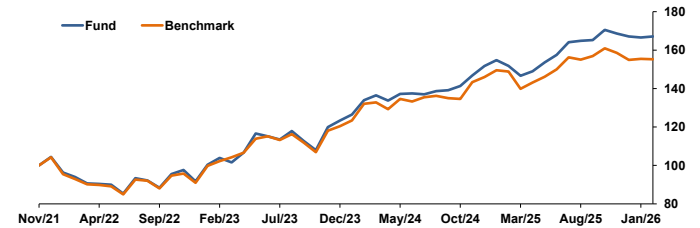
**RISK RATIOS**

	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Annualised Return	12.84%	10.91%
Sharpe Ratio	0.39	-0.65
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Max Drawdown	-7.77%	-8.45%
Drawdowns	8	8

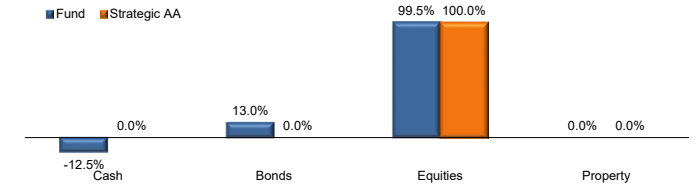
**PERFORMANCE (Gross of fees)**

	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>
Feb-26	0.30%	-0.12%
Year to Date	0.00%	0.22%
Rolling 12 months	10.09%	4.33%
Return p.a. since inception	12.84%	10.91%
Return since inception	67.09%	55.27%
Highest Rolling 1-year Return	34.92%	35.54%
Lowest Rolling 1-year Return	-12.15%	-12.68%

**GROWTH OF R100 INVESTED AT INCEPTION**



**SECTOR ANALYSIS**



**FUND COMMENTARY**

Global inflation pressures eased in early 2026, with the U.S. maintaining a steady labour market and the Euro Area holding interest rates. China recorded expanding private-sector activity, while South Africa advanced key fiscal and policy priorities.

Equities returned 7.19% (FTSE/JSE Top 40); S&P 500 delivered -0.87% (in rand terms); MSCI EM Equities delivered 5.41% (in rand terms); listed property returned 6.29% (SAPY); nominal bonds delivered 1.74% (ALBI); inflation linked bonds returned 3.5% (CLI) and cash returned 0.5% as indicated by the STeFi Call Index in February 2026.

During the same period, the yield for the R186 (benchmark bond) fell by -1 basis points to end the month at 6.83% whilst the historic price to earnings (P/E) ratio for the FTSE/JSE Top 440 drifted higher by +0.98 points to close at 17.31. Concurrently, the near-term volatilities ticked up by +1.63% (SAVI) to 17.78% whilst medium-term break-evens widened by +0.24% to 3.51%. Yields for 12-month negotiable certificates of deposits rose by +8.3 bps to close the month at 6.78%. Foreigners bought assets worth +R3.7 billion as markets rallied during the month of February 2026.

Overall, the funds delivered 0.30% for the month, higher than the benchmark returns of -0.12% resulting in an alpha of 0.43%. Fixed income enhancements added 0.20%, while the timing differences between the benchmark and futures contributed 0.29% with interaction resulting in the remainder. In US dollars, the fund delivered 1.73% compared to 1.20% of the benchmark as the dollar lost 1.32% against the rand for the month.

After registering a value of 3.6% in December 2025, headline inflation for January 2025 was 3.6% (consensus 3.5%). On the same note, the price for Brent crude oil rose by 2.53%, to end the month at \$72.48 per barrel and the Rand appreciated against the Dollar by 1.3% to close at R15.94 per dollar. The seasonally adjusted Kagiso Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) nudged up by 9.5 index points to reach 50 in January 2025.

In February, Balondolozzi participated in ten Annual General Meetings across the industrial and financial sectors, including Tiger Brands Group (TBS) and Life Healthcare (LHC). During these meetings, we voted on a total of 224 resolutions - supporting 94% of them. Our most significant opposition related to The Spar Group (SPP) and the re-election of its independent external auditors, who have served the company for six years. This tenure raises concerns regarding audit independence, recommending that companies implement a mandatory audit firm tender process at least every five years to safeguard the integrity and effectiveness of the audit function. Given the various challenges currently facing SPP, ensuring appropriate oversight is of utmost importance.

We also participated in a Special General Meeting of FirstRand Limited (FSR), where the group sought shareholder approval to replace its existing Memorandum of Incorporation in its entirety. The proposed amendments were aimed at enhancing clarity, consistency and compliance across the group's governing documents. This resolution received our full support.

In January 2026, U.S. inflation moderated, with annual CPI slowing to 2.4%, supported by base effects and lower energy costs - particularly gasoline and fuel oil, while natural gas rose more gradually. Food and shelter inflation also eased. Core inflation edged down to 2.5% year-on-year but rose 0.3% monthly. The unemployment rate fell slightly to 4.3%, as the labor force expanded. Private-sector activity strengthened. The S&P Global US Composite PMI rose to 53.0, reflecting solid expansion in both manufacturing and services, while the Services PMI climbed to 52.7, marking nearly three years of consecutive growth. Strong domestic demand offset weak foreign sales, supporting modest job gains. Input costs increased due to tariffs, though selling prices rose less. On trade, President Donald Trump extended the African Growth and Opportunity Act for one year, restoring duty-free access for eligible Sub-Saharan African countries. The administration paused several China-focused tech-security measures ahead of an April summit and finalized a U.S.-Taiwan trade deal reducing tariffs and expanding market access, including \$84 billion in purchases through 2029. The U.S. Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers warned that monetary policy may be tighter than necessary, potentially slowing growth, and reiterated that further rate cuts could be warranted given contained inflation.

At its first policy meeting of 2026, the European Central Bank kept interest rates unchanged, with the main refinancing rate at 2.15%, the deposit facility at 2.0% and the marginal lending rate at 2.4%. President Christine Lagarde emphasized heightened uncertainty from global trade and geopolitical tensions, stressing that policy should not rely on single data points. In January 2026, Euro Area annual inflation fell to 1.7%, the lowest since September 2024, aided by a euro above \$1.20. France, Spain and Italy recorded slower inflation, while Germany saw a slight increase. Prices eased for services, processed food, alcohol and tobacco, while energy dropped 4%. Q4 2025 GDP rose 1.3% year-on-year, the slowest pace in a year. Ireland led growth at 6.7%, followed by Spain, Lithuania and Portugal, while Germany, Italy and Finland lagged. Employment rose 0.2% quarter-on-quarter, marking the 19th consecutive quarter of growth, led by Spain (+0.8%), offsetting Germany's decline. Negotiated wages rose 2.95% year-on-year. Private sector trends were mixed: the HCOB Construction PMI fell to 45.3 in January, but the HCOB Composite PMI rebounded to 51.9 in February, driven by stronger manufacturing, new orders, modest services expansion, stable employment and elevated business sentiment.

In January 2026, China's inflation showed mixed signals. Consumer price inflation eased sharply to 0.2% year-on-year, its lowest since October, as food, non-food, housing, and transport costs moderated. Producer prices contracted for the 40th consecutive month, though the annual decline slowed to 1.4%, with monthly prices rising 0.4%, signalling modest upward pressure on production costs. China's private sector expanded further. The RatingDog General Composite PMI rose to 51.6, marking eight consecutive months of growth, with manufacturing and services output and new business accelerating. Firms resumed hiring - easing backlogs. The Services PMI climbed to 52.3, its highest since October, with stable output prices. Input cost inflation persisted but slowed and business sentiment remained positive, though below 2025 averages amid global growth concerns. In February 2026, the People's Bank of China held benchmark lending rates steady at 3.0% (one-year) and 3.5% (five-year), balancing growth support with financial stability. China met its 5% growth target in 2025, driven by exports; however, structural imbalances, trade frictions and geopolitical risks persist. The International Monetary Fund maintained its 2026 growth forecast for the country at 4.5%, citing weak domestic demand and slowing global growth as downside risks.

Domestically, Producer price inflation slowed to 2.2% in January 2026, while annual CPI eased to 3.5% and core inflation rose to 3.4%. Unemployment fell to 31.4% in Q4 2025, marking the second consecutive quarterly decline. Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana tabled the 2026 Budget, aiming to stabilise and gradually reduce the debt-to-GDP ratio through a growing primary surplus, saving R21 billion in debt service over three years. Revenue collections for 2025/26 are projected R28.8 billion higher, enabling a 0.9% GDP surplus and reducing the budget deficit from 4.5% to 3.1% of GDP by 2028/29. Consolidated expenditure will grow 3.9% annually, with capital spending rising fastest at 9.7%. Social spending remains redistributive, and tax brackets and credits are fully inflation-adjusted. President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered the State of the Nation Address, outlining reforms to build a safer, more inclusive and economically dynamic South Africa. He highlighted gains in inflation, employment, fiscal metrics, infrastructure and the end of loadshedding, while noting ongoing challenges including crime, corruption, failing municipalities, water shortages and inequality. The government pledged to intensify efforts against organized crime and gender-based violence, reform state institutions and advance infrastructure, calling for national dialogue and collective action to ensure inclusive growth.

To enhance risk-adjusted returns, the fund continues to employ a portable alpha strategy, decoupling yield generation from market-directional risk. High-quality credit spreads (alpha) will be the primary source of excess return, while equity market exposure (beta) will be passively obtained via futures. Given the SARB's spill decision to hold rates in their January meeting indicating the possibility of further cuts during the course of 2026, alpha can be systematically ported from alternative exposures, such as inflation-linked bonds (where real yields compensate for depressed breakeven), that offer better relative value. Inflation-linked bonds serve as a dual role: they provide uncorrelated alpha potential from mispriced inflation expectations while acting as a hedge against stagflationary beta shocks. Through this framework, the fund targets pure alpha from credit selection and relative fixed income value, while dynamically managing its beta through futures.