



Absa Balanced Fund

Minimum disclosure document – Month ended 31 January 2024

Please note that this fund is currently undergoing a fund amalgamation balloting process. For more information, please call us on 0860 111 456 or e-mail utenquiries@absa.co.za

Fund details

Fund details	
Industry category	SA - Multi Asset - Medium Equity
Benchmark	CPI + 5% p.a. over a rolling 60 month period
Fund launch date	01 June 1994
Class A launch Date	02 October 2000
Class C1 launch date	26 March 2013
Fund Size	R 1,68 Billion
JSE code	ABBF
Fund Manager	Fernando Durrel - PhD (Mathematics), CFA
Minimum lump sum	R 2000
Minimum Monthly	R 200

Income distributions - cents per unit (cpu)

	Class A	Class C1
the 6 months ended 30 Jun 2023	9.54	11.52
the 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023	11.12	13.15
Income declaration	30 June & 31 December	
Income distributions	1 July & 1 January	

Fees and Cost ratio (VAT incl.)

Fees	Class A	Class C1
Initial Fees:		
Absa:	0%	0%
Adviser:	0-3.45%	0%
Annual Fees:		
Management:	1.73%	0.98%
Adviser:	0-1.15%	0%
Performance Fee:	No	No

Costs (annual, based on period shown)

	Class A	Class C1
For the period to 30/09/2023, from:	01/10/2020	01/10/2020
Total expense ratio (TER):	2.05%	1.30%
Transaction costs (TC):	0.09%	0.09%
Total investment charges (TER+TC):	2.14%	1.39%

Please refer to Disclosure section on next page for further information on Fees and Costs

Performance

Performance: annualised total returns (%)					
Term	Class A	Benchmark	Sector Average	Rank	Class C1
Launch	10.80	10.52	10.10	1/1	7.59
1 Year	5.75	10.51	5.98	52/95	6.55
3 Year	9.65	11.04	8.63	16/89	10.48
5 Year	7.89	10.15	8.31	57/80	8.70
10 Year	6.34	10.13	6.88	33/44	7.15

Performance Yearly returns (%)

Year ending:	Jan'24	Jan'23	Jan'22	Jan'21	Jan'20	Jan'19	Jan'18	Jan'17
Class A	5.75	5.16	18.55	2.64	8.01	-1.47	6.75	5.25
Benchmark	10.51	11.89	10.73	8.16	9.49	9.00	9.37	11.58
Class C1	6.55	5.95	19.45	3.41	8.82	-0.73	7.54	6.04

Benchmark: CPI + 5% lagged by 1 month

Sector Average & Rank: applies to the R Class.

Please refer to Disclosures section on next page for further information on calculation methodology and source of all performance data content (tables and/or charts) of this MDD

Fund objectives

The manager shall seek to achieve an investment medium for investors of the portfolio, which shall have as its main objectives, steady growth of income and capital, a reasonable level of current income and the maximum possible stability for capital invested.

Fund strategy

The fund will use an active asset allocation strategy by investing in selected JSE-listed shares, quoted property trusts, bonds, money market and international assets. The fund is managed according to the guidelines as set out in regulation 28 of the pension funds act and is suitable for retirement funds investments.

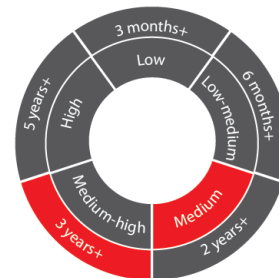
Fund features

- Ideal vehicle for medium to long-term investments
- Seeks to achieve real target returns over specific time periods
- Offers diversification by providing exposure to multiple asset classes
- Strong focus on capital preservation
- An actively managed fund for investors seeking exposure to South African and international markets
- Suitable for investors who wish to save for retirement

Fund specific risks

Interest rate: The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates and/or inflation rises. Multi-asset investment: The Fund is subject to possible financial losses in multiple markets and may underperform more focused funds. Property: Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in real estate itself. Real estate prices rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic and political conditions, interest rates and tax considerations.

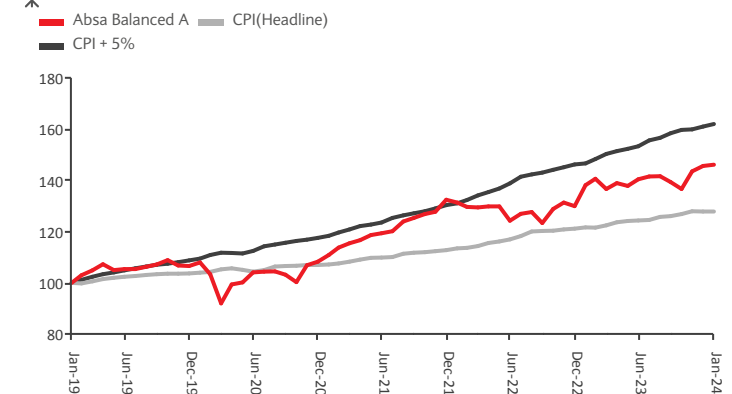
Risk profile and advisable minimum term



Risk statistics

Class A	Since Inception (02 October 2000)	
Number of positive months		192/280
Highest 1 Year Performance	31/07/2005	42.86%
Lowest 1 Year Performance	31/10/2008	-13.34%

Cumulative performance (5 years)



The chart reflects the value (monthly data points) of a R100 investment made on the 01/02/2019



Asset Allocation (%)



Equity	29.16%
Property	0.00%
Preference shares	0.00%
Fixed rate bonds	29.03%
Floating rate bonds	0.00%
Inflation linked bonds	3.06%
Money market	23.33%
International equity	13.93%
International fixed interest and property	0.00%
International money market	1.48%

Top share holding

Satrix MSCI World ETF	8.91%
FIRSTRAND	1.89%
NASPERS -N	1.86%
STANBANK	1.73%
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO PLC	1.46%
PROSUS NV	1.01%
BID CORP LTD	1.01%
COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE	0.95%
ANGLO	0.94%
SANLAM	0.84%

Quarterly fund commentary as at 31 December 2023

The Fund Commentary is provided on a quarterly basis and can be found on www.absainvestmentmanagement.co.za under Unit Trusts Minimum Disclosure Documents. The latest quarterly commentary available is for the quarter ending 31 December 2023.

Disclosures

Fees: Class A Adviser annual fee is not included in the annual management fee, it is charged by a way of unit reduction.

Costs: All fees quoted on this MDD is inclusive of VAT. Total Expense Ratio ("TER") is expressed as an annualised percentage of the value of the class of the portfolio that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a lower TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an accurate indication of future TER's. Transaction Costs ("TC") is expressed as an annualised percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the portfolio. TC are a necessary cost in administering the portfolio and impact returns. TC should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of portfolio, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Note that the Total investment charges have already been deducted prior to the calculation of the performance figures shown. Fees calculated are inclusive of VAT. All fees disclosed are rounded to 2 decimal places. Full fee disclosure may be obtained from the manager upon request.

Performance: Performance is calculated for the portfolio/class of portfolios. Illustrative performance information is included for illustrative purposes only; individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial and ongoing fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. All figures quoted are from Morningstar and/or IRESS, for the period ending 31/01/2024 (unless otherwise stated), calculated on a NAV to NAV basis, with income distributions reinvested on the ex-dividend date. Annualised figures refer to the average yearly return of an investment over a given time period, all actual annual figures (if not shown) are available on request.

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