

# **FUND INFORMATION**

#### **Fund Manager**

Ian Anderson, Andrew Dowse & Richard Henwood

#### **ASISA** sector classification

South Africa - Multi Asset - High Equity Size: R84.0m

Risk profile

Conservative	Cautious	Moderate	Moderate Aggressive	Aggressive	

#### Benchmark

Average of the ASISA South African Multi-Asset High Equity sector.

## Recommended investment term

Longer than 5 years

## Minimum lump sum investment

R 5 000

### Minimum debit order investment

R 500

## Valuation time

15h00

#### **Cut-off time for transaction**

14h00

## Inception date

01 March 2012

## **Distribution dates**

June, December

#### **Payment dates**

5 to 7 working days after declaration

# NAV on reporting dates

Class A 137.62 cents per unit Class C 137.64 cents per unit

## Distribution (last 12 months)

Class A 3.71 cents per unit Class C 4.08 cents per unit

# **Regulation 28**

This fund will be managed according to the guidelines as stipulated by Regulation 28 of the Pensions Fund Act.

# FEES (VAT exclusive)

## Maximum initial advisor fee

Class A 3.00% (if applicable)

## Maximum annual advisor fee

Class A 1.00% (if applicable)

# Maximum initial manager fee

Class A and Class C 0.00%

# Annual management fee

Class A 1.25% and Class C 1.00%

## No performance fee

Class C funds accessible via LISP platforms. LISPs may charge additional administration fees

## TER/TC\* (VAT Inclusive)

• • •	Class A	Class C
TER at 31 March 2021	1.73%	1.44%
TC at 31 March 2021	0.15%	0.15%
Total Investment Charges	1.88%	1.59%

<sup>\*</sup> Please refer to Disclosures on page 3 for details

Prices are published daily on our website and in national newspapers:

## Manager

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## Trustee and Custodian

FirstRand Bank Limited RMB Custody and Trustee Services www.rmb.co.za +27 (0)87 736 1732

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## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND MANDATE**

The Bridge Balanced Fund is a Multi-Asset class fund with the objective of providing investors with high capital growth over the investment term. It achieves this by investing in an appropriate portfolio of equities, fixed-interest securities, money-market instruments and listed property. The portfolio's exposure to equity instruments may be as much as 75% of the total portfolio. The fund complies with all prudential requirements and regulations governing retirement funds.

This fund is available to be used within our Tax-Free Savings Plan, by virtue of S12T of the Income Tax Act.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Real long-term capital appreciation
- · Modest income
- Diversification by asset class
- Diversification South Africa and global

#### **PISKS**

- Investment risk (capital risk)
- · Market risk (liquidity risk)
- · Valuation risk (pricing risk/failure)
- Currency risk (exchange rate risk)

# **HISTORIC INCOME YIELD\***

Class A as at	Historic net yield	3yr historic income growth
30/04/2021	2.72%	3.71%

<sup>\*</sup> The historic net yield is the amount of income (after costs but before withholding taxes), expressed as a percentage of the current capital price, which the portfolio delivered to investors over the last 12 months. The 3yr historic income growth is the per annum compound growth of the income paid to investors over the last three years.

## **PAST PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE**

	Class A (inception Mar 2012)		Class C (inception Oct 2013)	
Term	Class A	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Class C	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
1 year	15.86%	20.75%	16.18%	20.75%
3 year (annualised)	-2.68%	6.57%	-2.40%	6.57%
5 year (annualised)	-0.95%	5.67%	-0.67%	5.67%
7 year (annualised)	1.82%	6.24%	2.10%	6.24%
Since inception (annualised)	5.93%	8.37%	3.37%	6.89%
Lowest 12 month return	-20.83%		-20.61%	
Highest 12 month return	29.61%		20.51%	

<sup>1)</sup> Average of the ASISA South African Multi-Asset High Equity sector. The past portfolio performance is calculated on rolling monthly basis, lump sum, NAV to NAV and distributions reinvested. Annualised return is weighted average compound growth rate over period measured. The investor performance may differ as a result of above fees (where applicable), actual investment date, date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The lowest and highest returns show the lowest and highest consecutive 12 month return each class has experienced since its inception. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

## LONG-TERM TRACK RECORD

ILLUSTRATIVE GROWTH OF R100 000 INVESTED AT INCEPTION (CLASS A)\*



\*Illustrative purposes only assuming all distributions reinvested and ongoing fees included



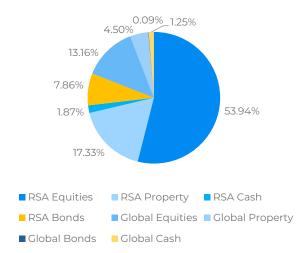
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## **ASSET ALLOCATION**



## **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Security	Weighting (%)
BRIDGE GLOBAL MANAGED GROWTH FUND A	19.01
INVESTEC PLC	3.62
FAIRVEST PROPERTY HOLDINGS	3.39
REUNERT LIMITED	2.93
RSA GOVERNMENT R2030 8.00% 310130	2.76
SAFARI INVESTMENTS LTD	2.73
RSA GOVERNMENT R186 10.50% 211226	2.72
MONDI PLC	2.66
NETCARE LIMITED	2.65
NEDBANK GROUP LTD	2.55

Increased geopolitical risks in the Middle East and the Far East, together with the risk that inflation is likely to accelerate to levels well above trend and central bank targets, resulted in significant volatility in global financial markets during April. These risks are being countered by central banks' commitment to keeping interest rates at historically low levels while still buying financial assets to provide liquidity for financial markets. Current forecasts suggest that central banks will only start raising interest rates from 2023 onwards, but a sustained increase in inflation and inflation expectations will give policymakers something to think about and it is not inconceivable that interest rate expectations will start adjusting in the short term given the significant increase in commodity prices and the resultant increase in input costs for most manufacturing businesses throughout the world. Globally, most households are emerging from last year's economic slump in a better financial position following record levels of fiscal stimulus and low (and even negative) interest rates. This is fuelling demand for goods and coupled with COVIID-related supply constraints is likely to drive inflation higher in the short term.

US government bond yields drifted sideways to lower throughout April as the US Federal Reserve allayed market fears, confirming that they believed the increase in inflation would be transitory and that they would be able to keep interest rates at historically lower levels for longer. The yield on 10-year US Treasuries dropped to 1.63% from 1.74% at the end of March. An increased level of vaccinations in Europe and the potential reopening of many economies in the region resulted in an increase in European bond yields (became less negative). The yield on 10-year German bunds rose to -0.19% from -0.28% at the end of March.

Global equity markets continued to push towards record high levels with US markets leading from the front. Investors are clearly mindful of the threat posed by higher inflation and the potential for bond yields and discount rates to increase, but at this point appear to be appeased by the comments out of the US Federal Reserve that they are in no hurry to begin raising interest rates anytime soon. Technology stocks staged something of a comeback in April following four or five months of relative underperformance. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Index outperformed both the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average in April with all three indices finishing the month at record-high levels. The surge in commodity prices together with a further easing of lockdown restrictions helped the UK's FTSE-100 Index gain 3.8% in April, while markets in South-East Asia were hampered by increased geopolitical risks in the region.

The global pace of vaccinations is seeing a more rapid reopening of economies that have been closed for months. This is extremely positive for global real estate markets as workers are expected to start returning to offices and consumers are expected to resume in-person purchases in malls. As a result, the prices of global real estate securities surged more than 7% in US dollars in April. This brings the year-to-date return for the GPR 250 REIT Index (a measure of global real estate markets) to more than 15% in US dollars. The biggest moves have clearly been in those property types that were most adversely affected by the COVID-related lockdowns and most companies are trading at the levels they were at pre-COVID. Returns for the remainder of the year are therefore likely to be driven by the prospects for medium-term growth, rather than a recovery from undervalued levels.

South African bond yields also drifted lower in April on the back of the moves in US bonds and increased appetite from foreign investors. South African bond yields are amongst the highest in the world and President Cyril Ramaphosa's ongoing fight against corruption within the ruling party has had a positive effect on foreign investor sentiment. The suspension of Ace Magashule is viewed as an extremely positive political development by foreign investors and was followed by significant foreign inflows into the South African bond market. The yield curve flattened during the month as most buying interest was focussed on the longer end of the market where investors are still able to secure yields in excess of 9%.

The South African equity market is one of the top performing equity markets in 2021, thanks to surging commodity prices, a strong rand and the rotation out of growth into value that started in November last year. Since the beginning of the year, the FTSE/JSE All Share Index has returned just over 11% in rand and US dollars. The stronger rand in April did take some of the shine off the South African equity market, given the large weight of the rand-hedge industrials as well as Naspers (-6.3%) and Prosus (-3.7%). Investec PLC surged 29% in April, while the retailers were under a bit of pressure following strong price gains in the fourth quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. SA Resources remains the top performing sector in South Africa and has gained more than 22% since the start of the year, while SA Financials have been the laggard, returning 5.4% in 2021.



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## **HOW TO INVEST**

- · Visit our website at www.bridgefm.co.za and download an application form.
- · Complete the relevant sections and return all required documentation and proof of payment to us via email: investments@bridgefm.co.za
- · If you have any queries regarding this form please contact your financial service advisor or our Client Services Centre on 0800 117 842.

## **DISCLOSURES**

#### **Management Company and Mandate**

Bridge Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd ("the Manager"), Registration number 2008/022492/07, is a company incorporated in South Africa acting as a manager of collective investments schemes in securities in terms of Section 42 of the Collective Investments Schemes Control Act and is supervised by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority. The registered address of the Manager is 5th Floor Protea Place, 40 Dreyer Street, Claremont, Western Cape, 7708. The Trustee and Custodian is FirstRand Bank Limited. Bridge Fund Managers (Pty) Ltd is the appointed Investment Management for all portfolios established under the Bridge Collective Investments Scheme. Bridge Fund Managers (Pty) Ltd is an authorised financial services provider, FSP 29834. Client administration is outsourced to Silica Administration Services (Pty) Limited, Tel: 011 3024-000; Address: 128 Peter Road, Sandton, 2010, Gauteng.

#### Performance

Collective investment schemes are generally medium to long-term investments. The value of participatory interests or the investment may go down as well as up. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Collective investment schemes are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. Past portfolio performance is measured on a rolling monthly basis.

#### Fees

A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the manager. There are no performance fees charged in the portfolio. Commission and incentives may be paid and if so, would be included in the overall costs. The manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. Participatory interests in the portfolios issued by the manager qualify as investment instruments for the purposes of Tax-Free Savings and Investment account by virtue of Section 12T of the Income Tax Act.

#### **Tax-Free Savings Plan**

If you wish to invest in a Tax-Free Savings Plan please ensure that you fill in the correct application form. Bridge is required by law not to accept contributions in excess of the annual (R36 000) and lifetime limits (R500 000). Bridge does not monitor the contributions you may have with other service providers. Consequently, you undertake to advise Bridge when your aggregate contribution across service providers has reached the annual limit (R36 000) and the lifetime limits (R500 000). Bridge is not responsible for the tax penalty which you may incur as a result of excess contributions made by you into the Investment Plan. A 40% penalty is payable on the contribution above limit. Bridge does not charge any fees for withdrawal of the tax-free investment.

#### General

The General Investor Report is published on a quarterly basis and is available on request and on our website. The portfolio may borrow up to 10% of its net assets on a temporary basis. Such borrowings are permitted only to meet the portfolio's obligations in relation to (i) the administration of the Fund relating to purchase or sale transactions; and/or (ii) the redemption or cancellation of participatory interests in the portfolio. Borrowings in relation to (i) above are only permitted for a period of up to 8 calendar days, and 61 calendar days in respect of (ii). The annual report, brochures, application form is available on our website. The portfolio may be closed to new investments at any time in order to be managed in accordance with its mandate. Forward pricing is used. Information on this document shall not be construed as financial advice as defined and/or contemplated in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, Act 37 of 2002 ("the FAIS Act").

## Complaints

Bridge shall, wherever possible, avoid situations causing a conflict of interest. Where it is not possible to avoid such conflict, Bridge shall advise you of such conflict in writing at the earliest reasonable opportunity and shall mitigate the conflict of interest in accordance with its conflict of interest Management Policy. You may send a blank email with a subject "conflict of interest" to the compliance officer, should you need a copy of this policy. Complaints should be directed to the Compliance Officer. The Complaints Resolution Policy is available on request. The Compliance Officer's email address is compliance@ bridgefm.co.za. Bridge Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd and Bridge Fund Managers (Pty) Ltd (collectively referred to as "Bridge") are both subsidiaries of Bridge Fund Managers Holdings (Pty) Ltd and are supervised by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority.

## Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs

Total expense ratio (TER) is a measure of a portfolio's assets that have been expended as payment for services rendered in the management of the portfolio or collective investment scheme (CIS), expressed as a percentage of the average daily value of the portfolio or CIS calculated over rolling three year periods coinciding with a calendar quarter end and annualised. Transaction costs (TC) is a measure to determine the costs incurred in buying and selling the underlying assets of a portfolio or CIS, expressed as a percentage of the average daily value of the portfolio or CIS calculated over a period of three years on an annualised basis. TC are a necessary cost in administering the portfolio or CIS and impacts returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of portfolio or CIS, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Total investment charges is a measure of the total value of portfolio incurred as costs relating to the investment of the portfolio or CIS. A higher TER / TC does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER / TC imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER / TC's. The effective annual cost (EAC) is a measure which allows you to compare the cost that you can expect to incur when you invest in different financial products.

## Contact details

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QUARTERLY GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT

JANUARY - MARCH 2021

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PARTICIPATORY INTERESTS	UNITS	UNIT PRICE	TER @ 31/03/2021
CLASS A	18 181 027.35	134.74	1.73%
CLASS C	43 178 655.09	134.73	1.44%

## **ADHERENCE TO POLICY OBJECTIVE**

This portfolio adhered to the agreed investment policy objective throughout the period

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION AND CHANGES FOR 3 MONTHS

FUNDS & BONDS	START %	END %	CHANGE
FONDS & BONDS	JIARI /0	END /0	CHANGE
BRIDGE GLOBAL MANAGED GROWTH FUND	18.37	19.09	0.72
GROWTHPOINT PROPERTIES FRN	0.00	0.00	0.00
INVESTEC PROPERTY FUND FRN	2.45	2.42	-0.03
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA R186	2.91	2.76	-0.15
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA R2030	2.93	2.76	-0.17
TOTAL FUNDS & BONDS	26.66	27.03	

EQUITY	START %	END %	CHANGE
AVI LIMITED	2.28	2.29	0.01
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	2.21	2.25	0.04
BIDVEST GROUP LTD	2.56	2.44	-0.12
DIS-CHEM PHARMACIES PTY	2.33	2.48	0.15
FIRSTRAND LIMITED	2.34	2.35	0.01
THE FOSCHINI GROUP LTD	2.34	2.76	0.42
INVESTEC PLC	2.42	2.85	0.43
LIBERTY HOLDINGS LTD	2.63	2.47	-0.16
LIFE HEALTHCARE GROUP	2.29	2.51	0.22
MULTICHOICE GROUP LTD	2.66	2.23	-0.43
MONDI PLC	2.40	2.64	0.24
MR PRICE GROUP LTD	0.52	2.59	2.07
NEDBANK GROUP LTD	2.29	2.46	0.17
NETCARE LIMITED	2.25	2.57	0.32
NINETY ONE PLC	2.43	2.51	0.08
OLD MUTUAL LTD	2.38	2.49	0.11
REUNERT LIMITED	2.42	3.10	0.68
STANDARD BK GRP LTD	2.31	2.27	-0.04
SHOPRITE HLDS LTD	2.30	2.57	0.27
SANLAM LIMITED	1.50	2.36	0.86
SPAR GROUP	2.37	2.37	0.00
TIGER WHEELS LIMITED 1	0.00	0.00	0.00
VODACOM GROUP	2.37	2.40	0.03
WOOLWORTHS HLDS LTD	2.36	0.00	-2.36
TOTAL EQUITY	51.96	54.96	

PROPERTY	START %	END %	CHANGE
ACCELERATE PROP FUND LTD	0.66	0.67	0.01
ARROWHEAD PROP LTD B	1.22	1.38	0.16
DELTA PROPERTY FUND LTD	0.47	0.47	0.00
DIPULA INCOME FUND B	0.71	0.95	0.24
EQUITES PROP FUND LTD	1.92	2.04	0.12
FAIRVEST PROP HLDS	3.26	3.61	0.35
REBOSIS PROPERTY FUND LTD	0.04	0.04	0.00
SAFARI INV LTD	2.94	2.76	-0.18
SPEAR REIT LTD	2.20	2.03	-0.17
STOR-AGE PROPERTY REIT	0.62	0.60	-0.02
TOWER PROP FUND LTD	1.61	1.60	-0.01
TOTAL PROPERTY	15.65	16.15	