

Element Balanced Sanlam Collective Investments Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document

As of 28/02/2025



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Winner of the Raging Bull Certificate for the Top Performance for the three-year period to the end of December 2018 in the South African Multi-Asset High Equity Fund category

Fund Objective

The objective of this portfolio is to provide investors with the steady growth of capital and income over the long term whilst minimizing downside risk. The manager aims to do this by investing in an actively managed balanced portfolio.

Fund Strategy

The portfolio will consist of investment in a mix of equity, bond and property markets, and money market instruments. The Manager shall be permitted to invest on behalf of the portfolio in offshore investments as legislation permits. The portfolio will be managed in accordance with regulations governing pension funds.

Fund Information

Ticker	EBFA
Portfolio Manager	Keith McLachlan
ASISA Fund Classification	South African - Multi Asset - High Equity
Risk Profile	Moderate Aggressive
Benchmark	ASISA Category Avg: SA - Multi Asset - High Equity
Fund Size	R 90,076,876
Portfolio Launch Date*	02/11/2009
Fee Class Launch Date*	01/11/2009
Minimum Lump Sum Investment	R 10,000
Minimum Monthly Investment	R 500
Income Declaration Date	June & December
Income Payment Date	1st business day of July & January
Portfolio Valuation Time	15:00
Transaction Cut Off Time	15:00
Daily Price Information	Local media & www.sanlamunittrusts.co.za
Repurchase Period	2-3 business days

Fees (Incl. VAT)	A-Class (%)
Maximum Initial Advice Fee	3.5
Maximum Annual Advice Fee	—
Manager Annual Fee	1.7
Total Expense Ratio	2.2
Transaction Cost	0.3
Total Investment Charges	2.5
Performance Fee	—
TER Measurement Period	01 January 2022 - 31 December 2024

Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's.

Transaction Cost (TC) is the percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impacts Financial Product 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 Financial Product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

Total Investment Charges (TER + TC) is the total percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product.

Performance fees are incentive fees earned by the manager for performance in excess of the benchmark. Performance fees form part of the cost structure of the fund and are included in the Total Expense Ratio. Please visit www.sanlamunittrusts.co.za for a detailed list of our funds that charge performance fees together with their calculation methodologies.

Effective 1 December 2024, SCI will change a monthly administration fee of R23 (VAT Inclusive) on retail investors whose total investment value is less than R50 000. Clients with an active recurring monthly debit order will not be levied this fee.

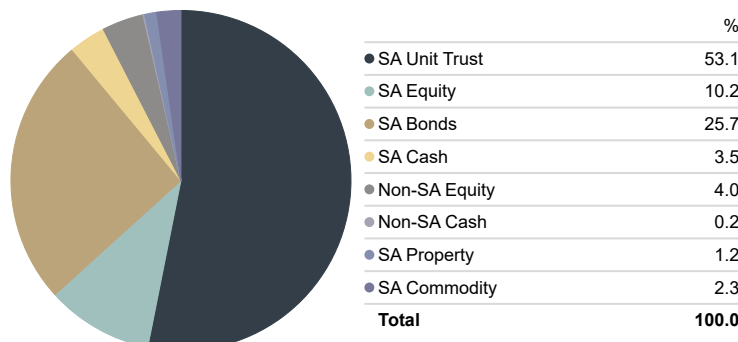
Please note that the amalgamation of the Element Flexible SCI Fund into the Element Balanced SCI Fund took place on the 6 November 2020.

Top Ten Holdings

	(%)
Element Global Equity SCI Fund	31.2
Element Earth Equity SCI Fund	22.8
R2030 Government Bond	7.4
R186 Government Bond	7.0
R2032 Government bond	6.5
R2037 Government bond	5.2
NewGold ETF	2.5
Momentum Met Hldgs Ltd	2.2
Reinet Investments SCA	2.0
Prosus (PRX)	1.9

Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/12/2024



Annualised Performance (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year	9.9	13.8
3 Years	7.6	8.9
5 Years	9.4	11.1
10 Years	7.2	7.0
Since Inception	7.4	9.0

Cumulative Performance (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year	9.9	13.8
3 Years	24.6	29.3
5 Years	56.8	69.0
10 Years	101.1	96.2
Since Inception	196.6	273.3

Highest and Lowest Annual Returns

Time Period: Since Inception to 31/12/2024

Highest Annual %	23.2
Lowest Annual %	-3.3

Risk Statistics (3 Year Rolling)

Standard Deviation	7.0
Sharpe Ratio	0.1
Information Ratio	-0.3
Maximum Drawdown	-6.2

Distribution History (Cents Per Unit)

31/12/2024	3.20 cpu	31/12/2022	3.54 cpu	31/12/2020	0.06 cpu
30/06/2024	4.67 cpu	30/06/2022	1.40 cpu	06/11/2020	1.58 cpu
31/12/2023	2.53 cpu	31/12/2021	1.93 cpu	30/06/2020	1.83 cpu
30/06/2023	4.23 cpu	30/06/2021	2.24 cpu	31/12/2019	2.96 cpu

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Risk Profile

Moderate Aggressive

Your primary aim is to achieve the required capital growth necessary to realise your longterm goals and objectives. You are prepared to tolerate fluctuations in your returns because you know that the longer-term picture is worth the short term pain, even if that means you lose money sometimes. While diversified across all the major asset classes, your portfolio will be tilted more towards equities because you know they offer the best long-term returns of all the asset classes and thus your wealth will grow over time.

Glossary Terms

Annualised Returns

Annualised return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

Asset Allocation

Asset allocation is the percentage holding in different asset classes (i.e. equities, bonds, property, etc.). It is used to determine the level of diversification in a portfolio.

Cumulative Returns

Cumulative return is the total growth experienced over the period measured.

Distributions

The income that is generated from an investment and given to investors through monthly, quarterly, bi-annual or annual distribution pay-outs.

Diversification

This is a strategy designed to reduce risk within a portfolio by combining a variety of investments (or asset classes) such as equities, bonds, cash or property, which are unlikely to all move in the same direction at the same time. This is designed to reduce the risk (and protect against capital losses) within a portfolio. Diversification allows for more consistent performance under a wide range of economic conditions as it smoothes out the impact of negative market events. The positive performance of some investments or asset classes should neutralize the negative performance of others.

Financial Instruments

Derivatives also known as financial instruments (such as a future, option, or warrants) whose value derives from and is dependent on the change in value of an underlying asset (such as a commodity, currency, or security) to protect against risk (capital losses).

Fund Objective

The fund objective is the portfolio's core goal.

Fund Strategy

The fund strategy is the way that the fund is managed to achieve the fund objective.

Information Ratio

The Information Ratio measures the market risk-adjusted performance of an investment or portfolio. The greater a portfolio's Information Ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been compared to the market in general.

Collective Investment Schemes

Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) (also called unit trusts) are portfolios of assets such as equities, bonds, cash and listed property, in which investors can buy units. They allow private investors to pool their money together into a single fund, thus spreading their risk across a range of investments, getting the benefit of professional fund management, and reducing their costs.

Market Capitalization

Market capitalization is the total value of the issued shares of a publicly traded company; it is calculated by multiplying the share price by the number of shares in issue.

Maximum Drawdown

The maximum drawdown measures the highest peak to trough loss experienced by the fund.

Participatory Interests

When you buy a unit trust, your money is pooled with that of many other investors. The total value of the pool of invested money in a unit trust fund is split into equal portions called participatory interests or units. When you invest your money in a unit trust, you buy a portion of the participatory interests in the total unit trust portfolio. Participatory interests are therefore the number of units that you have in a particular unit trust portfolio.

Sharpe Ratio

The Sharpe Ratio measures total risk-adjusted performance of an investment or portfolio. It measures the amount of risk associated with the returns generated by the portfolio and indicates whether a portfolio's returns are due to excessive risk or not. The greater a portfolio's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been (i.e. a higher return with a contained risk profile, where the portfolio manager is not taking excessive risk to achieve those returns).

Standard Deviation

Standard deviation (also called monthly volatility) is a measure of how much returns on an investment change from month to month. It is typically used by investors to gauge the volatility expected of an investment.

Tax Free Savings Account

This Fund qualifies as a tax free investment according to section 12T of the Income Tax Act, with effect from 1 March 2015. South African individuals qualify for the associated tax benefits namely no tax on dividends, income or capital gains whilst still enjoying all the benefits of a unit trust. Note contributions to tax free investments are limited to R36 000 per tax year, with a lifetime limit of R500 000. Amounts invested in excess of these permissible thresholds are taxable.

Portfolio Manager Comment

As at 31 December 2024

In 2024, we were well positioned with gold in the portfolio. The metal hit several all-time highs during the year, and the NewGold physical-backed debentures in our portfolio performed in line with this. Given all the current global risks, and as long as global non-USA central banks keep buying the precious metal as a hedge against US Dollar reserves, we see this remaining as a comfortable allocation (we have a 5.5% exposure to gold in the portfolio).

We progressively down weighted our oil and gas exposure during the year but, indeed, could have done so more aggressively following the war in the Middle East that triggered a spike in oil price. We now remain with only the best-quality in this sector, Exxon Mobil, as our oil and gas exposure after having trimmed the lower quality counters (we remain with a 0.8% exposure to oil and gas).

During the year, local financial stocks saw strong upside and our overweight Momentum Group investment added good returns to our portfolio. Our Investec Plc and Firstrand investments also did some heavy lifting for our portfolio while we trimmed some Rand hedge and offshore exposures, brought the capital back and reinvested it progressively into more South African-aligned exposures. Positions added and upweighted include Bidvest, Shoprite Holdings, Pepkor and longer-dated South African Government bonds (we have a collective 26% exposure to RSA Bonds). We missed a strong local listed property rally, though our small investment in Vukile Property Fund did enjoy upside from this.

On the offshore side, our key investments in Microsoft, TSMC and Xero continue to perform strongly while our more defensive investments in consumer staples (Diageo and the Coca-cola Company) and healthcare, (Pfizer, Alcon and Sandoz) had a mixed year. The healthcare investments offer low valuations from collapsing expectations and—especially Pfizer, offshore, and Aspen Pharmacare, locally—we expect good returns from these depressed levels.

Overall, the portfolio remains defensively tilted with gold, staples, healthcare and bond over weight positions. Though, during the year, we progressively brought capital back into the relatively cheap and potentially exciting South African market. This capital we used to upweight our local bond exposure but also added quality finance and retail counters to our equity exposure. We are excited by some offshore companies' growth prospects but wary of US market valuations. Locally, we are cautiously optimistic on our economy but excited by domestic valuations. We will remain well-diversified and responsible with our portfolio weightings and exposures as we watch 2025 unfold.

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Additional Information

All reasonable steps have been taken to ensure the information on this MDD is accurate. The information to follow does not constitute financial advice as contemplated in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act. Use or rely on this information at your own risk. Independent professional financial advice should always be sought before making an investment decision.

The Sanlam Group is a full member of the Association for Savings and Investment SA. Collective investment schemes are generally medium- to long-term investments. Please note that past performances are not necessarily a guide to future performances, and that the value of investments / units / unit trusts may go down as well as up. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) Pty Ltd, a registered and approved Manager in Collective Investment Schemes in Securities. Additional information of the proposed investment, including brochures, application forms and annual or quarterly reports, can be obtained on request from the Manager, free of charge. Collective investments are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending.

Collective investments are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any deductible expenses such as audit fees, brokerage and service fees. Actual investment performance of the portfolio and the investor will differ depending on the initial fees applicable, the actual investment date, and the date of reinvestment of income as well as dividend withholding tax.

Forward pricing is used. The Manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. The performance of the portfolio depends on the underlying assets and variable market factors. Performance is based on NAV to NAV calculations with income reinvestments done on the ex-div date.

Lump sum investment performances are quoted. The portfolio may invest in participatory interests of other unit trust portfolios. These underlying funds levy their own fees, and may result in a higher fee structure for our portfolio. All the portfolio options presented are approved collective investment schemes in terms of Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No 45 of 2002 ("CISCA").

The Manager may borrow up to 10% the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. The fund may from time to time invest in foreign countries and therefore it may have risks regarding liquidity, the repatriation of funds, political and macroeconomic situations, foreign exchange, tax, settlement, and the availability of information.

The Manager has the right to close any portfolios to new investors to manage them more efficiently in accordance with their mandates. Management of the portfolio is outsourced to Element Investment Managers (Pty) Ltd, (FSP) Licence No. 663, an Authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002.

Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd retains full legal responsibility for the conamed portfolio. Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd is the appointed trustee of the Sanlam Collective Investments scheme.

Sources of Performance and Risk Data: Morningstar Direct, INET BFA and Bloomberg. The risk free asset assumed for the calculation of Sharpe ratios: STEFI Composite Index. The highest and lowest 12-month returns are based on a calendar year period over 10 years or since inception where the performance history does not exist for 10 years. Obtain a personalised cost estimate before investing by visiting www.sanlamunittrustsmdd.co.za and using our Effective Annual Cost (EAC) calculator. Alternatively, contact us at 0860 100 266.

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