

STANLIB Multi-Manager (Pty) Ltd

STANLIB Multi-Manager (Pty) Ltd was established in 1999 and is the centre of excellence for multi-managed solutions within STANLIB. The investment team, led by Chief Investment Officer Joao Frasco, consists of an experienced team with a diverse set of investment skills. We have offices in Johannesburg and London, and currently have mandates in excess of R150 billion under stewardship.

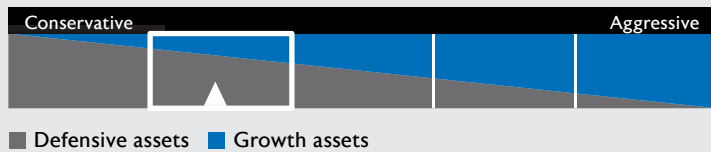
What is the Fund's objective?

The Fund aims to provide modest long-term growth of capital and income with volatility at risk levels consistent with low equity (< 40% equity) portfolios.

The objective of the Fund is to outperform the average of investable peer's returns i.e ASISA Multi-Asset Low Equity category, at risk levels consistent with that of the sector. Given our standard assumptions*, we expect the Fund to deliver real returns of 4% p.a. i.e. CPI+4% p.a. over the long term (net of fees). To minimise the chance of capital loss, investors should expect to invest over periods of at least four years.

*The real return objectives are derived from our long-term real return expectations for a range of asset classes, our expected systematic exposure to those asset classes in each of the funds, and the alpha expected from the managers managing the funds (from security selection and asset allocation).

Risk profile



What are the investment guidelines?

The Fund is a multi-asset class portfolio that is diversified across asset classes, sectors, various strategies and asset managers – both in South Africa and internationally.

This Fund's maximum equity exposure (including international equity) is capped at 40% and the maximum property exposure (including international property) is capped at 25% of the market value of the Fund – as per the ASISA South African – Multi Asset – Low Equity category as amended from time to time.

The Fund complies with provisions of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No. 45 of 2002 and the Regulations thereto, as amended from time to time, and complies with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act.

How is the Fund managed?

The Fund is designed to deliver superior investment returns more consistently than through a single asset manager or mandate. Our approach allows investors' to outsource the fund / manager selection decision, which includes the ongoing due diligence of managers and construction of portfolios, to meet pre-defined objectives over time.

The Portfolio Managers dedicated to the Fund



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How do we select managers?

STANLIB Multi-Manager (Pty) Ltd follows a rigorous and disciplined manager research and selection process that starts by analysing the sector for which the portfolio is being built, and determining the key drivers of outperformance.

The manager research team conducts thorough quantitative and qualitative analyses, culminating in an extensive investment due diligence to identify those managers that have the skill and ability to outperform. This results in the production of high conviction buy/hold/sell lists, as well as mandate performance expectations under different environments, defining events and sell triggers/disciplines.

The portfolio management team then constructs a framework for blending managers into the portfolio that targets the key areas of outperformance and promotes diversification. We only entrust our client's assets to the highest quality managers, who are then selected into this framework to provide the portfolio with exposure to these sources of market outperformance over the long term.

Passive alternative are considered in the process and where used, these help to lower portfolio costs.

On a regular basis the portfolio is reviewed to ensure it is delivering on its long term objectives. From time to time changes are made to improve the structure and or risk return profile of the portfolio.

Global exposure – we outsourced the management of the global component to specialist global managers. Gaining access to foreign markets via a specialist approach gives us greater control over the full investment process.

Who are the underlying managers/funds?

The portfolio construction currently includes the following managers/funds:

Underlying managers	Portfolio managers	Strategic allocation
Prudential Investment Management	Michael Moyle	25%
Investec Asset Management	Clyde Rossouw	20%
Coronation Asset Management	Charles de Kock	17.5%
STANLIB Absolute Plus	Marius Oberholzer	16.5%
Domestic cash/income		5.3%
STANLIB Multi-Manager Global (equities, bonds and cash)		15.7%

How we approach risk management in the Fund

Risk management is a fundamental component of our investment philosophy and process and is therefore approached holistically. It permeates every part of our investment process, requiring participation and accountability from all individuals involved in the process.

As a multi-manager, our risk management process begins at the time of portfolio specification and design, because by the time securities are included in the portfolio by the underlying managers, one has already accepted the risks and has limited ability to mitigate them. Our process then moves to manager research and portfolio construction, where we seek to know the managers intimately and construct a portfolio to behave in line with our broader investment objectives.

"Risks Inherent in our Funds" is a document that classifies the sources of risk associated with the management of our Funds. It can be obtained from the website www.stanlibmultimanager.com.

Information to be considered before investing

The STANLIB Multi-Manager Defensive Balanced Fund should be considered a medium to long-term investment. The value of units (participatory interests) may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. General market risks include a change in interest rates and economic conditions, share price volatility and a decline in property values. Where exposure to foreign investments is included in the portfolio, there may be additional risks, such as possible constraints on liquidity and the return of funds to South Africa, macroeconomic risks, political risks, tax risks, settlement risks and possible limitations on the availability of market information. The Fund is traded at ruling prices using forward pricing, and can engage in borrowing up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity as a result of the redemption of units and may engage in scrip lending. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available upon request from STANLIB Collective Investments (RF) Pty Limited (the Manco). Commission and incentives may be paid and if so, would be included in the overall costs of the Fund. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. Liberty is a full member of the Association for Savings and Investments South Africa (ASISA). The Manco is a member of the Liberty Group of Companies.

Unit price – how it works

Collective Investment Schemes (i.e. “Unit Trusts”) are traded at ruling prices set on every trading day. Forward pricing is used which means Fund valuations take place at approximately 15h00 each business day, and your instructions are therefore processed at prices that are not yet determined when your instructions are received. Instructions must reach the Management Company before 13h00 to ensure same day value. The 13h00 cut-off time only applies to investments and switches. Repurchases will receive the price of the same day if received prior to 15h00. The money market funds are valued at 12h00. The funds of funds and feeder funds are valued at 24h00 and 17h00.

The payment of withdrawals may be delayed in extraordinary circumstances, when the Manco with the consent of the Fund trustees deems this to be in the interest of all Fund investors. These circumstances may include periods when significant underlying markets suspend trading which will prevent accurate valuation of the instruments held in the Fund. When the suspension of trading relates to only certain assets held by the Fund, these assets may be side-pocketed. This process allows normal liquidity on the assets that can be valued, but will delay liquidity on the affected portion of the Fund. If the Fund is faced with excessive withdrawals, the affected withdrawals may be ring-fenced, which is the separation and delayed sale of the assets reflecting the interest of the liquidity seeking investors. It ensures that the sale of a large number of units will not force the Manco to sell the underlying investments in a manner that may have a negative impact on remaining investors of the Fund.

Performance information on the monthly factsheet

Performance is calculated by STANLIB Multi-Manager (Pty) Ltd as at month end for a lump sum investment using net asset value (NAV) prices with income reinvestments done on the ex-dividend date. All underlying price and distribution data is sourced from Morningstar. Performance figures are quoted after the deduction of all costs including manager fees, and trading costs incurred within the Fund. Note that individual investor performance may differ as a result of the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment of distributions and dividend withholding tax, where applicable. Annualised performance figures represent the weighted average compound growth rate over the performance period measured. Past investment returns are not indicative of future returns and no guarantee is provided with respect to capital or return of the Fund.

Total Expense Ratio (TER) and Transaction Costs (TC) = Total Investment Charge (TIC)

The TER is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio incurred as charges, levies and fees in the management of the portfolio for a rolling 36-month period to the previous quarter end (December, March, June and September). This includes the TER charged by any underlying fund(s) held as part of this Fund. A high TER does not necessarily imply a poor return nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER should not be regarded as an indication of future TER's – expenses vary and the performance fee component can fluctuate over time.

Transaction costs are a necessary cost in managing a fund and impacts the fund's return. They should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. The sum of the TER and Transaction Costs is shown as the Total Investment Charge (TIC).

Management fee

The Fund charges a fixed annual management fee (i.e. fee class) as a percentage of the assets under management, to ensure a simple and understandable fee structure. The Fund invests primarily in segregated mandates but may also invest in other unit trusts i.e. “Underlying Fund Fees”, which are included in the Total Expense Ratio (TER).

Underlying performance fees

STANLIB Multi-Manager (Pty) Ltd does not earn any performance fees. In addition to earning fixed fees, the underlying manager(s)/fund(s) may also earn performance-based fees if they outperform a specific benchmark. The performance-fee methodology of the underlying manager(s) /fund(s) is incorporated in their respective mandates. You can obtain more information on the underlying performance fee methodologies on the website www.stanlibmultimanager.com.

The annual management fee is accrued daily and performance fees are accrued monthly – both paid on a monthly basis (with the exception of some performance fees which are paid annually).

STANLIB Multi-Manager (Pty) Ltd does not provide financial advice

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If you appoint an adviser, advice fees are contracted directly between you and the adviser. We will facilitate the collection of advice fees (including initial advice fees up to a maximum of 3.00%) only upon receiving your instruction. You may cancel the instruction to facilitate the payment of advice fees at any time.

Where can I find additional information?

Additional information such as brochures, application forms and annual or quarterly reports, can be obtained from the websites: www.stanlib.com / www.stanlibmultimanager.com.

The prices of Funds are calculated and published on each working day. These prices are also available on the websites and in South African printed news media.