

STANLIB Multi-Manager

STANLIB Multi-Manager 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?

This is a global-only portfolio and invests in equities across various geographies, sectors and capitalisation sizes.

The Fund provides investors with access to opportunities in global equity markets.

The Fund's objective is to outperform the global equity benchmark, the MSCI ACWI IMI, over the long term.

Risk profile



■ Income assets ■ Growth assets

What are the investment guidelines?

This is a global-only portfolio and invests in equities across various geographies, sectors and capitalisation sizes.

Maximum foreign exposure: 100% of the portfolio.

The Fund complies with provisions of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No. 45 of 2002 (CISCA) and the Regulations thereto, as amended from time to time

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 follows a rigorous and disciplined offshore manager research and selection process that starts by analysing the asset class 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 and Alternative Beta alternatives are considered in the process and were 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.

Who are the underlying managers/funds?

The portfolio construction currently includes the following managers/funds:

Underlying managers	Portfolio managers	Strategic allocation
Arrowstreet Capital	Team-based (CIO: Peter Rathjens)	15.0%
Hosking Partners	Multi-councillor (Mandate manager: Jeremy Hosking)	15.0%
Sands Capital Management	Team-based (Head: Sunil Thakor)	15.0%
Sanders Capital	Team-based (Head: Lew Sanders)	15.0%
Veritas Asset Management	Andrew Headley	15.0%
Alliance Bernstein	Josh Lisser	25.0%

How do 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 Global Equity 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 only invests in foreign securities, and fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may therefore cause the value of underlying investments to go up or down. The Fund is also exposed to macroeconomic, political, tax, settlement and illiquidity risks that may be different to similar investments in the South African market. The Fund is traded at ruling prices using forward pricing, and can engage in borrowing of up to 5% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity as a result of the redemption of units.

Unit price – how it works

Collective Investment Schemes (i.e. “Unit Trusts”) are traded at ruling prices set on every trading day and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. Forward pricing is used which means Fund valuations are calculated and released at 14h00 (UK time) each business day using the prior day close of market prices. Your instructions are therefore processed at prices that are not yet determined when your instructions are received. Instructions must reach the Management Company before 14h30 (UK time) to ensure next day value. The individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax.

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 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 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. 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. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the fund over a one and three-year period (annualised).

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 disclosed separately.

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).

The annual management fee is accrued daily and paid on a monthly basis.

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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.