

# Fairtree Equity Market Neutral FR QI Hedge Fund Minimum Disclosure Document - Class 1 31 May 2025

# Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to create consistent long-term wealth for investors irrespective of market direction.

## Fund Profile

The portfolio typically spans all South African equity sectors, with the majority of exposure being in the top 100 listed equities on the JSE, by market capitalisation. Our portfolio construction approach assigns exposures into different risk buckets; namely low risk intra-sector pairs, cross-sector pairs, themes and absolute value. Intra-sector pairs typically dominate the portfolio and position sizes rarely exceed 10%. Leverage rarely exceeds 2.5 times and net exposure, once beta adjusted is generally close to zero. The fund aims to return Cash plus 5 - 7% annually, on a rolling 3 year basis.

## Cumulative Performance Since Inception



The investment performance is for illustrative purposes only; the investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown; assuming income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

The above benchmark (s) are for comparison purposes with the fund's performance. The fund does not follow the benchmark (s).

Risk Profile:	Low-Medium
Portfolio Manager:	Deon Botha and David Rossouw
Fund size:	R 398.86 m
NAV Price (as at month end):	9,646.18
Number of Units:	217,858.69
JSE Code:	FTEQMN
ISIN Number:	ZAE000259081
Inception Date:	November 2003
CISCA Inception Date:	November 2016
ASISA Classification:	Qualified Investor Hedge Fund - South African - Long/Short Equity - Market Neutral
Hurdle/Benchmark:	3 month JIBAR
Minimum Investment:	R 1 000 000 Lump sum
*Service Fee:	1.53% (incl. VAT)
	*Includes Base fee/Investment Management Fee of 1.15%
Performance fee (uncapped):	23% of the total performance above the high water mark, subject to a hurdle

## Cost Ratios (incl. VAT)

**Fund Details** 

Total Expense Ratio (TER%):	4.50%					
Performance Fee (PF) Included in TER:3.25%						
Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):	0.02%					
** Total Investment Charges (TIC%):	4.52%					
* Total Investment Charges (TIC%) - TEP (%) + TC (%)						

\*\* TIC Fees are calculated in respect of the 12 months up to and including March 2025

### Income Distribution

31 December 2024

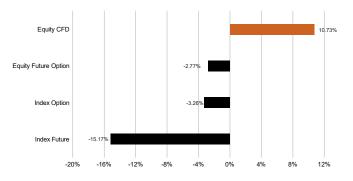
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rate of 3 months JIBAR (incl. VAT).

# Investment Manager contact details

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## Asset Allocation



## Return Analysis (Annualised)

	Fund	JIBAR 3M
1 Year	2.30%	8.18%
3 Years	11.13%	7.94%
5 Years	10.43%	6.28%
10 Years	7.62%	6.71%
Since Inception	10.69%	7.18%

All performance figures are net of fees.

## Risk Analysis

	Fund	JIBAR 3M
Sharpe Ratio	0.50	n/a
Sortino Ratio	0.81	n/a
Standard Deviation	6.95	0.54
Best Month	8.17	1.03
Worst Month	-12.85	0.28
Highest Rolling 12 Months	34.02	12.55
Lowest Rolling 12 Months	-13.22	3.63
Largest Cumulative Drawdown	-17.41%	n/a
% Positive Months (Since Incept.)	72.97%	n/a
Correlation (Monthly)	0.06	
Value at Risk (VaR) 95%	3.92%	



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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2003											0.05%	2.25%	2.30%
2004	1.00%	1.44%	2.03%	0.28%	0.21%	0.39%	0.23%	0.80%	1.33%	0.46%	1.86%	3.29%	14.11%
2005	2.52%	3.00%	3.78%	0.65%	3.08%	0.75%	4.19%	2.00%	3.26%	0.60%	2.60%	3.28%	34.01%
2006	1.48%	-0.19%	2.95%	2.46%	-1.30%	2.60%	2.91%	0.01%	-0.98%	1.41%	-0.07%	1.80%	13.76%
2007	1.25%	-0.27%	2.38%	0.75%	0.02%	2.41%	2.15%	0.42%	-0.54%	1.15%	0.22%	1.37%	11.86%
2008	1.97%	4.98%	2.85%	2.32%	1.29%	-0.21%	-0.65%	-0.19%	0.85%	0.72%	0.27%	4.01%	19.60%
2009	2.71%	1.23%	0.46%	1.77%	2.56%	1.53%	2.13%	1.76%	-0.44%	1.11%	-0.45%	1.21%	16.66%
2010	-2.29%	1.66%	0.70%	1.00%	-0.83%	0.00%	2.20%	1.84%	0.45%	-0.27%	-1.01%	0.60%	4.03%
2011	1.94%	2.23%	1.26%	1.18%	0.44%	-1.10%	-0.95%	0.66%	0.07%	-0.14%	3.10%	1.42%	10.49%
2012	0.46%	1.78%	0.54%	0.03%	-0.52%	-1.37%	-1.15%	0.57%	-0.11%	0.70%	1.57%	0.31%	2.79%
2013	1.61%	0.60%	1.08%	1.86%	0.18%	0.14%	2.15%	0.55%	0.97%	2.06%	0.48%	2.30%	14.88%
2014	-0.63%	3.55%	0.80%	-1.11%	0.93%	-0.23%	0.22%	-1.30%	2.06%	0.50%	-0.51%	1.73%	6.06%
2015	1.56%	4.42%	1.90%	1.12%	-1.73%	1.60%	1.34%	0.80%	0.26%	1.95%	0.89%	0.68%	15.73%
2016	-0.16%	-1.80%	0.67%	0.92%	3.12%	-0.32%	1.57%	1.66%	-0.09%	0.32%	0.59%	1.28%	7.95%
2017	1.62%	-2.26%	0.90%	3.12%	1.25%	-0.66%	0.24%	-0.96%	0.83%	1.87%	-4.26%	-5.40%	-4.00%
2018	-1.68%	4.61%	-2.22%	1.67%	2.57%	1.44%	2.52%	0.25%	1.68%	-0.87%	0.56%	0.95%	11.88%
2019	2.11%	1.71%	-0.11%	0.73%	-1.32%	-0.04%	0.63%	0.57%	1.79%	-0.14%	0.27%	2.52%	9.01%
2020	-0.15%	-5.08%	-12.85%	8.17%	4.33%	-1.39%	-1.08%	0.54%	-3.28%	-2.01%	7.64%	1.57%	-5.26%
2021	1.36%	2.33%	4.10%	-1.43%	-0.16%	-1.00%	2.48%	0.15%	0.70%	1.32%	-0.22%	0.69%	10.67%
2022	0.46%	2.22%	0.58%	3.24%	-0.24%	-0.33%	1.97%	1.85%	1.94%	3.01%	-3.04%	-0.16%	11.94%
2023	2.02%	-0.29%	5.51%	3.18%	2.24%	-0.99%	-0.92%	5.21%	-1.84%	-0.44%	6.13%	-2.08%	18.68%
2024	-0.69%	0.51%	3.63%	3.03%	0.79%	3.33%	0.28%	4.00%	1.80%	-2.97%	0.20%	0.72%	15.41%
2025	-1.72%	1.19%	1.75%	-3.60%	-2.38%								-4.78%

\*The inception date for the portfolio is 1 November 2003. The historical performance figures until the end of 31 October 2016 reflect performance achieved prior to CISCA regulation. The portfolio has been transitioned under CISCA regulations on 1 November 2016 and has since been managed as a regulated product. The annualized total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period, since date of the launch of the fund. Actual annual figures are available from the manager on request. The highest and lowest 1 year returns represent the highest and lowest 1 year returns represent the original launch date of the portfolio. The performance figures given show the yield on a Net Asset value ("NAV") basis. The yield figure is not a forecast. Performance is not guaranteed and investors should not accept it as representing expected future performance. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, time of entry/actual investment date, date of reinvestment, and dividends withholding tax. Performance is calculated for a lump sum investment on a Net Asset Value basis. The performance figures are reported net of fees with income reinvested

Risk Profile					
Risk Level	Low	Low-Medium	Medium	Medium-High	High

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#### Market Commentary

The US macroeconomic picture weakened further: consumer confidence plummeted to its second-lowest level on record, and one-year inflation expectations surged to 7.3%, reflecting acute anxiety about future price pressures. In a related development, Moody's downgraded US debt, citing mounting government indebtedness that "threatens America's status as the world's safe-haven." Collectively, these data points fed into a narrative of slowing growth and rising stagflation risk.

Locally, the SARB cut rates by 25bps, bringing the repo rate to 7.25%. This move, coupled with falling inflation, fueled renewed discussion around adopting a lower inflation target band. President Ramaphosa's White House meeting with President Trump went smoothly, and Ramaphosa expressed optimism about their continued engagement ahead of the G20 summit in Johannesburg in November. The 2025 Budget (Budget 3.0) was passed after intense negotiation within the GNU; it strikes a tentative balance between infrastructure investment and fiscal consolidation.

#### Notable stock-specific developments:

May saw a few M&A transactions. Gold Fields (-3%) acquired Gold Road's exploration pipeline and the remaining 50% of the Gruyere JV. Harmony (-13%) also made headlines with its acquisition of MAC's 41ktpa copper operation, further diversifying its base-metal exposure. EXX (+3%) announced significant stakes in Tshipi and Mokala manganese mines, signalling their push into manganese as a strategic diversification. Hyprop (+3%) triggered a bidding war from MAS (+7%) in the retail property space.

Sasol (+27%) hosted a comprehensive Capital Markets Day, outlining clear targets and a roadmap for their refining and chemicals turnaround. Sasol also received a R5 billion settlement from Transnet, which eased some balance-sheet pressure. Glencore (+17%) consolidated its global portfolio of coal and ferroalloy assets under a new Australian-registered entity. Platinum was supported by the speculation around "London Platinum Week" that early signs of improving jewellery demand in China are emerging.

Pick n Pay (-3%) reported a delayed break-even timeline in its H1 results, dampening investor sentiment despite posting revenue growth. Tiger Brands (+19%) posted strong H1 results, further lifting investor confidence with the announcement of share buybacks, a special dividend and continued portfolio rationalisation efforts.

Looking ahead, the Fund remains focused on steering through elevated macroeconomic and political risks. While May's SARB rate cut and supportive terms of trade offer some relief, the ongoing US trade saga and elevated US inflation expectations continue to threaten risky assets. We expect relative value opportunities to emerge in this environment and remain agile in positioning.

#### Please Note: The above commentary is based on reasonable assumptions and is not guaranteed to occur,



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## Glossary

Net Asset Value (NAV) : Means net asset value, which is the total market value of all assets in a portfolio including any income accruals and less and deductible expenses such as audit fees, brokerage and service fees Annualised Return : Is the weighted average compound growth rate over the performance period measured. The highest and lowest rolling twelve-month performance of the portfolio since inception. Highest & Lowest Return : Total Expense Ratio (TER) : Reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. Transaction Costs (TC) : Is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns. **Total Investment Charges** Should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, investment (TIC): decisions of the investment manager = TER (%) + TC (%): The Total Investment Charges (TIC), the TER + the TC, is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product Total Investment Charges incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product. It should be noted that a TIC is the sum of two calculated ratios (TER+TC). (TIC%): Standard Deviation : The deviation of the return of the portfolio relative to its average. Drawdown : The greatest peak to trough loss until a new peak is reached. Sharpe Ratio : The ratio of excess return over the risk-free rate divided by the total volatility of the portfolio. Sortino Ratio : The ratio of excess return over the risk-free rate divided by the downside deviation of the portfolio. A number between -1 and 1 indicating the similarity of the dispersion of returns between the portfolio and another asset or index with 1 being highly correlated, Correlation : -1 highly negatively correlated and 0 uncorrelated. Value at Risk (VaR) : Value at risk is the minimum loss percentage that can be expected over a specified time period at a predetermined confidence level. Leverage/Gearing : The use of securities, including derivative instruments, short positions or borrowed capital to increase the exposure beyond the capital employed to an investment. **Fund Risk** Leverage Risk : The Fund borrows additional funds, trades on margin or performs short sale trades to amplify investment decisions. This means that the volatility of a hedge fund portfolio can be many times that of the underlying investments due to leverage on a fund. Derivative Risk : Derivative positions are financial instruments that derive their value from an underlying asset. Derivatives are exposed to implicit leverage which could result in magnified gains and/or losses on the portfolio. Counterparty risk is a type of credit risk and is the risk of default by the counterparty associated with trading derivative contracts. An example of counterparty Counterparty Credit Risk : credit risk is margin or collateral held with a prime broker Volatility Risk : Volatility refers to uncertainty and risk related to size of change of an instrument or portfolio. It is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index. Volatility is proportional to the directional exposure of a portfolio and is measured by Value at risk (VaR) which is a statistical technique used to measure and quantify the level of volatility. A large proportion of total assets invested in specific assets, sectors or regions. Concentrated positions or concentrated sectors in a portfolio will material Concentration and Sector Risk : impact the returns of the portfolio more so than diversified portfolios. Correlation Risk : A measure that determines how assets move in relation to each other. Correlation risk arises when the correlation between asset-classes change. Correlation risk also arises when the correlation within an asset-class changes. Examples of correlation within asset classes include equity pairs trading, fixed income curve trading and commodities pairs trading. Equity Risk : Applies to investment in shares or derivatives based on shares. The market price of shares varies depending on supply and demand of the shares. Equity risk is the risk of loss due to the drop in the market price of shares. Equity risk can either be systematic risk which is risk to the entire market based on political and economic indicators or unsystematic risk which is company specific and includes risk relating to company profits, future prospects and general consensus on

## Portfolio Valuation & Transaction Cut - Off

the company or sector.

Portfolios are valued monthly. The cut off time for processing investment subscriptions is 10:00am on the last business day of the month prior to enable processing for investment on the first business day of the next month. Redemptions are subject to one calendar months notice.

## **Total Expense Ratio**

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