

# X-Chequer Market Neutral FR Retail Hedge Fund

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to generate consistent positive monthly returns while maintaining a focus on capital preservation. The investment universe is primarily South African equities. The fund returns are typically uncorrelated to the equity market with limited exposure to market and sector risk as well as other market factors through the hedging process in the pairing up of stocks. The managers focus on a bottom-up, stock picking process, identifying opportunities with rigorous fundamental analysis. A top-down macro risk framework is applied to optimise the portfolio construction process.

## FUND PROFILE

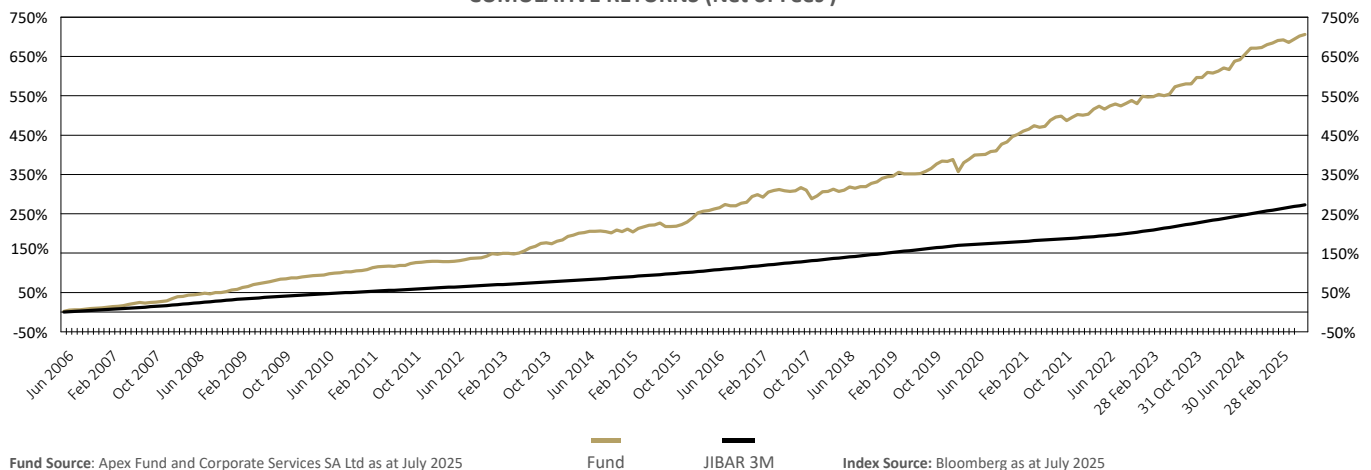
A South African equity relative value market neutral hedge fund. The portfolio consists primarily of intra-sector relative value pair positions.

## PORTFOLIO RETURNS HISTORY

|      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2006 |       |       |       |       |       | 2.3%  | 2.5%  | 0.7%  | 0.1%  | 2.0%  | 1.0%  | 1.4%  | 10.3% |
| 2007 | 0.2%  | 1.3%  | 1.6%  | 1.2%  | 0.9%  | 2.9%  | 2.0%  | 2.6%  | -1.5% | 1.5%  | 0.5%  | 1.0%  | 14.9% |
| 2008 | 1.3%  | 4.8%  | 3.6%  | 0.3%  | 2.2%  | 0.7%  | 1.0%  | 1.8%  | -1.0% | 2.0%  | 0.2%  | 1.8%  | 20.3% |
| 2009 | 2.2%  | 1.5%  | 2.9%  | 1.5%  | 3.0%  | 1.1%  | 1.8%  | 1.2%  | 1.6%  | 1.9%  | 0.4%  | 1.5%  | 22.7% |
| 2010 | 0.1%  | 1.1%  | 0.9%  | 0.9%  | 0.4%  | 0.5%  | 1.3%  | 1.1%  | 0.4%  | 1.3%  | 0.0%  | 1.1%  | 9.5%  |
| 2011 | 0.2%  | 1.5%  | 2.0%  | 1.4%  | 0.3%  | 0.5%  | -0.5% | 1.2%  | -0.3% | 2.4%  | 1.1%  | 0.5%  | 10.8% |
| 2012 | 0.5%  | 0.4%  | -0.1% | -0.2% | -0.1% | 0.5%  | 0.5%  | 1.2%  | 1.3%  | 0.4%  | 0.4%  | 1.8%  | 6.8%  |
| 2013 | 2.7%  | -0.7% | 0.8%  | 0.1%  | -0.8% | 1.2%  | 2.0%  | 3.1%  | 1.3%  | 2.9%  | 0.4%  | -0.8% | 12.9% |
| 2014 | 2.3%  | 1.2%  | 3.4%  | 1.1%  | 1.6%  | 0.5%  | 1.0%  | 0.1%  | 0.4%  | -0.7% | -0.9% | 2.4%  | 12.8% |
| 2015 | -1.4% | 2.1%  | -2.4% | 2.9%  | 1.4%  | 1.4%  | 0.1%  | 1.5%  | -2.7% | 0.1%  | 0.2%  | 1.4%  | 4.5%  |
| 2016 | 2.0%  | 3.2%  | 3.7%  | 1.1%  | 0.5%  | 1.1%  | 1.1%  | 2.0%  | -0.8% | 0.0%  | 1.7%  | 0.7%  | 17.5% |
| 2017 | 3.8%  | 1.3%  | -1.7% | 3.5%  | 1.0%  | 0.5%  | -0.8% | -0.4% | 0.5%  | 2.0%  | -1.6% | -5.4% | 2.3%  |
| 2018 | 2.0%  | 2.6%  | 0.2%  | 1.4%  | -1.3% | 0.6%  | 2.1%  | -0.8% | 1.1%  | 0.1%  | 1.9%  | 0.8%  | 11.0% |
| 2019 | 2.2%  | 0.9%  | 0.3%  | 2.2%  | -0.9% | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.2%  | 1.2%  | 1.7%  | 2.4%  | 1.5%  | 12.3% |
| 2020 | 0.0%  | 1.0%  | -6.4% | 5.0%  | 1.9%  | 2.1%  | 0.2%  | 0.1%  | 1.5%  | 0.3%  | 3.4%  | 1.0%  | 10.1% |
| 2021 | 2.7%  | 0.9%  | 1.5%  | 0.8%  | 1.6%  | -0.8% | 0.5%  | 2.6%  | 1.4%  | 0.4%  | -1.9% | 1.3%  | 11.7% |
| 2022 | 1.2%  | -0.2% | 0.4%  | 2.1%  | 1.2%  | -1.1% | 1.3%  | 0.9%  | -0.8% | 1.0%  | 1.2%  | -1.2% | 6.0%  |
| 2023 | 2.9%  | -0.2% | 0.1%  | 0.9%  | -0.4% | 0.6%  | 2.9%  | 0.6%  | 0.5%  | -0.1% | 2.4%  | 0.0%  | 10.5% |
| 2024 | 1.8%  | -0.2% | 0.7%  | 1.2%  | -0.6% | 3.0%  | 0.6%  | 1.9%  | 1.9%  | 0.0%  | 0.3%  | 0.9%  | 12.0% |
| 2025 | 0.5%  | 0.9%  | 0.1%  | -0.8% | 1.1%  | 1.0%  | 0.4%  |       |       |       |       |       | 3.3%  |

\*Historical performance prior to 1 March 2017 reflect returns achieved prior to the portfolio having been transitioned under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act 45 of 2002. The above and below information refers to past performance, which is no indication of future performance or returns. For important additional information regarding the historical performance returns achieved by the portfolio prior to regulation, as well as additional disclosures regarding the portfolio performance published in this document and the impact of fees on investment returns, please refer to the Minimum Disclosure Document, downloadable from our website, or available on request from the Manager.

### CUMULATIVE RETURNS (Net of Fees)



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.

## Net Returns

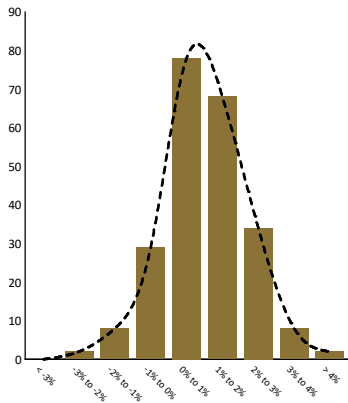
|                     | Market Neutral Fund | 3 Month Jibar | All Share Index |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 Month             | 0.43%               | 0.60%         | 2.27%           |
| 1 Year              | 8.56%               | 7.99%         | 23.20%          |
| 3 Years p.a         | 8.88%               | 8.07%         | 17.04%          |
| 5 Years p.a         | 10.00%              | 6.40%         | 16.36%          |
| 10 Years p.a        | 9.62%               | 6.73%         | 10.31%          |
| Since Inception p.a | 11.50%              | 7.11%         | 11.99%          |

The annualised total return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the performance period measured. Actual annual figures are available from the manager on request. The highest and lowest 1 year returns represent the highest and lowest actual returns achieved during a 12 month rolling period since the original launch date of the portfolio.

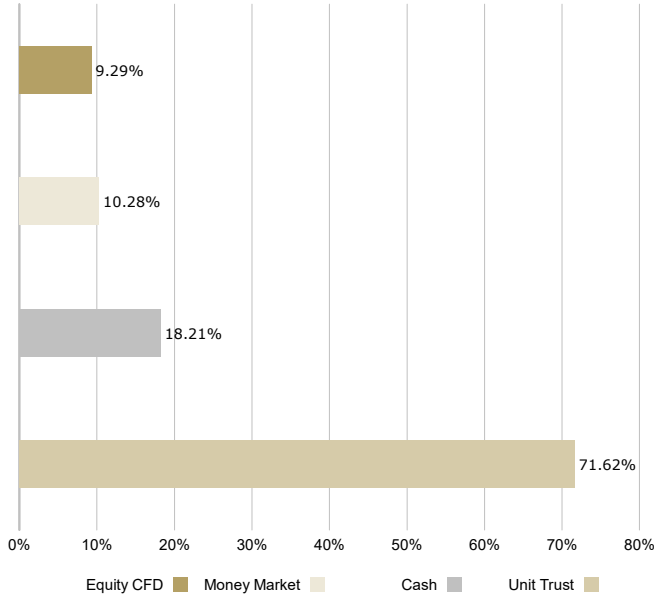
PORTFOLIO RISK & STATISTICS

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| % Up Months                     | 82.61% |
| Highest Rolling 12 Month Return | 23.07% |
| Lowest Rolling 12 Month Return  | -0.63% |
| Max Cumulative Drawdown         | -6.88% |
| Sharpe Ratio                    | 1.05   |
| Sortino Ratio                   | 1.81   |
| Equity Leverage                 | 0.42   |
| Portfolio Liquidity (days)      | 0.1    |
| Directional Exposure            | 9.92%  |
| Largest Position                | 3.71%  |
| Number Longs                    | 39     |
| Number Shorts                   | 19     |

MONTHLY RETURNS DISPERSION



ASSET ALLOCATION



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:** A 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 Credit Risk:** 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 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.

**Concentration and Sector Risk:** A large proportion of total assets invested in specific assets, sectors or regions. Concentrated positions or concentrated sectors in a portfolio will material 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

FUND KEY FACTS:

RISK PROFILE

Medium

ASISA CLASSIFICATION

Retail Hedge Fund - South Africa - Long/Short Equity - Market Neutral

FUND MANAGERS

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Eugene Prinsloo

INCEPTION DATE

1 June 2006

CISCA INCEPTION DATE

1 March 2017

FUND STATUS

Open

FUND DEALING

Daily

MINIMUM INVESTMENT

None

CURRENT SIZE (in millions)

R89.3m

NAV PRICE (as at month end)

R 6,281.54

NUMBER OF UNITS

64,961.58

FUND HURDLE/BENCHMARK

3m JIBAR

INCOME DISTRIBUTION

**Frequency:** Annual, December

**Payment:** No later than 14 days after distribution date.

**Past 12 months total:** 36206.50 cpu (Dec 2024)

COST RATIOS (including VAT)

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Total Expense Ratio (TER%)      | 2.86% |
| Transaction Cost Ratio (TC%)    | 0.00% |
| Total Investment Charges (TIC%) | 2.86% |
| Performance Fee Included in TER | 1.15% |

FEES (including VAT)

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Service Fee                | 1.24% |
| Performance Fee (uncapped) | 23%   |

A performance fee may be charged if the gross return of the participatory interest (after deduction of the base fee) over a rolling 365-day period exceeds the specified benchmark over the same period, and the GAV is greater than the HWM. The High-Water Mark is defined as the highest NAV price since inception.

ISIN | ZAE000296786

JSE CODE | XCHERF

INVESTMENT MANAGER

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CIS MANAGER

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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.

**Highest & Lowest Return:** The highest and lowest rolling twelve-month performance of the portfolio since inception.

**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 Charge (TIC):** 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 decisions of the investment manager.

**Total Investment Charges (TIC%):** 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 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).

**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.

**Drawdown:** The greatest peak to trough loss until a new peak is reached.

**Correlation:** 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, -1 highly negatively correlated and 0 uncorrelated.

**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.

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Investors should note that the value of an investment is dependent on numerous factors which may include, but not limited to, share price fluctuations, interest and exchange rates and other economic factors. Where funds are invested in off-shore assets, performance is further affected by uncertainties such as changes in government policy, taxation, currency risk, and other legal or regulatory developments.

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## \*PORTFOLIO VALUATION & TRANSACTION CUT-OFF

The Portfolio is valued daily and the transactions cut-off time is 14:00pm on a business day. Investor instructions received after 14:00pm shall be processed the following business day.

## \*RISK PROFILE

The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest category does not mean the investment is risk free. There may be other special areas of risk relating to the investment including liquidity risk, credit risk, market risk, and settlement risk. The manager does not provide financial advice. Our risk indicator does not imply that the portfolio is suitable for all types of investors. Please consult your financial adviser.

