

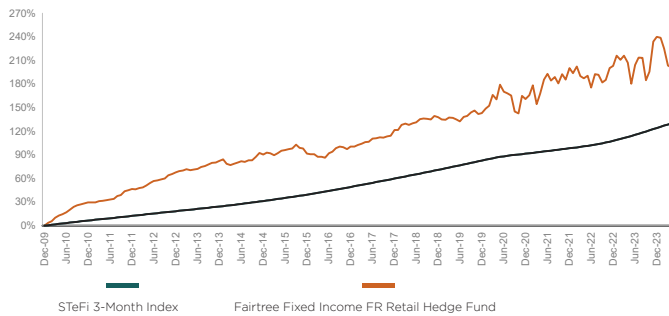
Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to create medium to long-term wealth for investors by taking advantage of valuation discrepancies that emerge in the credit market.

Fund Profile

The portfolio is a long/short focused fixed income portfolio. The portfolio will predominately invest in South African markets but is permitted to include investments in offshore jurisdictions subject to the investment conditions determined by regulations from time to time. The portfolios returns are accessed through fundamental knowledge of financial instruments vis-à-vis economic growth and broad economic themes as well as medium and long-term relative valuation opportunities.

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).

Return Analysis (Annualised)

	Fund	STeFi 3-Month Index
1 Year	-1.87%	8.26%
3 Years	4.01%	5.92%
5 Years	4.90%	5.66%
10 Years	5.38%	6.17%
Since Inception	8.00%	5.99%

Risk Analysis

	Fund	STeFi 3-Month Index
Sharpe Ratio	0.24	n/a
Sortino Ratio	0.39	n/a
Standard Deviation	9.67%	0.36%
Best Month	12.85%	0.72%
Worst Month	-9.06%	n/a
Highest Rolling 12 Months	29.52%	8.26%
Lowest Rolling 12 Months	-5.84%	3.48%
Largest Cumulative Drawdown	-13.09%	n/a
% Positive Months(Since Incept.)	68.02%	n/a
Correlation (Monthly)	0.18	
Value at Risk (VaR) 95%	8.36%	

Fund Details

Risk Profile:	Medium - High
Portfolio Manager:	Ian Milard and Jacobus Lacock
Fund size:	R 69.86 m
NAV Price (as at month end):	2,612.78
Number of Units:	22,531.55
JSE Code:	FFISNR
ISIN Number:	ZAE000273892
Inception Date:	January 2010
CISCA Inception Date:	1 December 2016
ASISA Classification:	Retail Hedge Fund - South African - Fixed Income
Hurdle/Benchmark:	3 month STEFI
Minimum Investment:	R 50 000 Lump sum or R 1000 monthly
Additional Lump sum:	R 10 000
Service Fee:	1.30% (excl. VAT) *Includes Base fee/Investment Management Fee of 1.00%
Performance fee (uncapped):	20% of the total performance above the high water mark, subject to a hurdle rate of 3 months STEFI (excl.VAT).

Cost Ratios (incl. VAT)

Total Expense Ratio (TER%):	2.41%
Performance Fee (PF) Included in TER:	0.54%
Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):	0.03%
** Total Investment Charges (TIC%):	2.44%

* Total Investment Charges (TIC%) = TER (%) + TC (%)

** TIC Fees are calculated in respect of the 3 months up to and including March 2024

Income Distribution

31 December 2023	11421.14 cents per unit (cpu)
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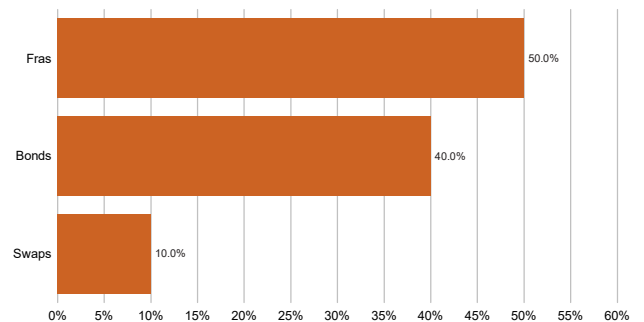
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Sector Allocation

The Fairtree Fixed Income FR Retail Hedge Fund is 100% Government Bonds

Asset Allocation





	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2010	3.62%	2.18%	3.96%	2.70%	1.38%	2.04%	2.75%	3.23%	1.40%	1.19%	0.95%	0.81%	29.52%
2011	0.05%	0.13%	1.14%	0.38%	0.61%	0.46%	0.72%	2.56%	1.14%	3.30%	1.02%	0.96%	13.14%
2012	-0.09%	1.04%	0.47%	1.54%	2.32%	1.47%	0.57%	0.64%	0.79%	2.73%	0.90%	1.25%	14.48%
2013	0.82%	0.59%	0.88%	-0.60%	0.44%	0.42%	1.45%	0.80%	1.06%	1.13%	0.28%	1.13%	8.72%
2014	1.17%	-3.28%	-0.82%	0.82%	1.03%	0.83%	-0.43%	1.17%	-0.06%	2.41%	2.63%	-1.08%	4.33%
2015	1.42%	-0.53%	-1.30%	1.34%	1.61%	0.53%	0.53%	0.54%	2.38%	-2.03%	-0.27%	-3.28%	0.77%
2016	-0.57%	0.14%	-1.81%	-0.01%	-0.61%	3.12%	0.96%	2.26%	1.05%	-0.44%	-1.06%	1.50%	4.52%
2017	0.01%	1.15%	0.66%	1.02%	0.27%	1.91%	0.16%	0.66%	-0.17%	0.77%	0.23%	3.50%	10.58%
2018	0.07%	2.88%	0.76%	-0.86%	0.92%	0.52%	1.73%	0.45%	-0.25%	-0.32%	1.89%	-0.70%	7.26%
2019	-1.10%	-0.12%	1.06%	-0.05%	-0.93%	-0.99%	2.43%	0.44%	1.83%	1.00%	-1.80%	0.57%	2.27%
2020	2.30%	1.53%	5.38%	-2.08%	7.13%	-3.21%	-0.73%	-0.98%	-7.75%	-0.97%	9.29%	-1.52%	7.40%
2021	1.86%	4.64%	-8.63%	5.29%	6.76%	2.43%	-2.90%	1.62%	-2.82%	4.20%	-2.39%	5.23%	15.08%
2022	-2.23%	2.88%	-3.97%	-0.98%	1.15%	-5.16%	6.09%	-0.24%	-3.38%	1.16%	5.25%	0.97%	0.88%
2023	4.26%	-1.66%	1.71%	-2.88%	-8.69%	8.52%	3.15%	-0.18%	-9.06%	3.90%	12.85%	1.87%	12.23%
2024	-0.43%	-4.08%	-6.62%	-0.71%									-11.44%

The portfolio converted its valuation frequency from monthly to daily valuation effective 10 May 2019. The performance shown above includes historical performance of the fund prior to its conversion to daily valuation

*The inception date for the portfolio is 1 January 2010. The historical performance figures until the end of 30 November 2016 reflect performance achieved prior to CISCA regulation. The portfolio has been transitioned under CISCA regulations on 1 December 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 actual returns achieved during a 12 month rolling period year since 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

Global stock markets took a break in April after soaring 25% since hitting their lowest point in October 2023. During that time, Federal Reserve Chair Powell hinted at a shift towards lowering interest rates as the trend of falling prices gained momentum. This boosted market confidence initially, but then inflation started to surprise on the upside. Despite Powell initially brushing it off as a minor hiccup, subsequent inflationary surprises, including in core consumer prices and employment costs, raised concerns among investors in April. Bond yields shot up as fears grew that interest rate hikes might be back on the agenda. US 10-year Treasury yields climbed to 4.7%, and the US dollar strengthened, leading to a 4 to 5% drop in equity markets. While government bonds aren't reliable during inflationary periods, assets like energy, gold, and commodities have proven to be better hedges, performing well recently. Adding to the complexity, US economic data seems to be weakening faster, with labour market and service sector indicators disappointing. Although still strong enough to support the idea of a soft economic landing, investors are starting to worry about stagflation risks again. During the latest Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, Powell downplayed these concerns, stating that the next move is unlikely to be a rate hike, which boosted market sentiment at the start of May.

While the US economy is slowing down, there are signs of improvement in the European economy, with growth and activity indicators suggesting expansion. This could lead to differing expectations in policy rates between the US and Europe, potentially weighing on the US dollar.

China and, to a lesser extent, South Africa were exceptions to the April pullback in equity markets. Both are trading at low valuations, and several positive factors could drive them higher in the coming months. In China, continued policy support and overall improving data indicate recovery, although the property sector remains a concern for consumer confidence. In South Africa, reduced election-related risks, as indicated by recent polls, boosted local asset prices. The most likely outcome of the election remains a government formed by the African National Congress (ANC) and several smaller parties. As election uncertainties fade, we anticipate local bonds, equities, and the rand to outperform.

In our assessment, global and local bond yields are likely to decrease as the US economy slows and the Federal Reserve eventually cuts interest rates. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) is expected to follow suit with rate cuts as local inflation risks remain manageable. Although the SARB's push for a lower inflation target implies higher policy rates initially, they may decrease as inflation expectations align with the new target.

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



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 Charges (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).
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.
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.
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 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 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 the company or sector.

Portfolio Valuation & Transaction Cut - Off

Portfolios are valued daily. The cut off time for processing investment subscriptions is 14:00pm on a business day.

Total Expense Ratio

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 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.

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