# Terebinth FI Macro FR Retail Hedge Fund

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# **Fund Information**

 Investment Manager
 Terebinth Capital (Pty) Ltd

 Fund Manager
 Erik Nel & Nomathibana Okello

 Inception Date
 01/04/2013

 CISCA Transition
 01/08/2017

 Benchmark
 STEFI Composite Index

 ASISA Category
 Retail Hedge Fund – South African – Fixed Income

 Currency
 Rand

 Fund Size
 2,170,849,165.84

 Unit Price
 3102.63

 Units in Issue
 1,191,626.28

 Ticker
 DRR900

## **Risk Profile**

Medium

# **Portfolio Objective**

Provide returns in excess of 5% over benchmark on an average annual basis over rolling 36-month periods with a low degree of volatility. The strategy is primarily focused in the most liquid areas of the broader income spectrum, with a strong focus on risk management.

# **Investment Strategy**

The fund is a South African domiciled, rand-denominated fixed income hedge fund, focusing on macro strategies. Through the use of qualitative and quantitative methodologies opportunities are exploited across three disciplines: Structural/Strategic; Technical; Tactical. The fund is actively managed, with a focus on risk management and to provide investors with a high degree of confidence regarding liquidity.

# Fees (%) - Including VAT

Service Fee	1.34
Performance Fee	
Total Expense Ratio	1.77*
Transaction Costs	
Total Investment Charge	
*Includes a performance fee of 0.40%	

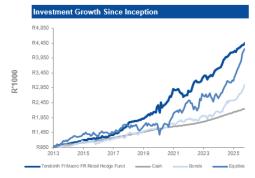
## **Annual Distributions**

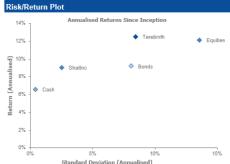
Dec 2024: 5,323.12 cents

# **Additional Information**

Minimum Investment: R1 000 000
Portfolio Valuation Frequency: Daily
Portfolio Valuation Time: 15:00
Transaction Cut-Off: 14:00pm SA time on a business day
Annual distribution declaration date: December
Performance Fee: Uncapped
Participation Rate: 15%

# **Investment Growth & Risk-Reward - Since Inception**





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

# Period Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Year¹	3 Years¹	5 Years¹	10 Years <sup>1</sup>	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
Terebinth FI Macro FR Retail Hedge 1	7.73	8.38	12.21	10.58	13.45	12.49
STeFI Composite	6.90	7.62	8.01	6.54	6.78	6.59
FTSE/JSE All Bond TR	20.97	20.54	16.09	12.48	10.42	9.19
FTSE/JSE All Share TR	36.18	35.79	18.16	18.68	11.70	12.10

## **Monthly Perfomance\***

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	STEFI
2017	0.81%	0.02%	4.15%	-0.50%	0.57%	1.03%	4.37%	0.30%	1.83%	3.14%	1.61%	1.58%	20.46%	7.52%
2018	2.99%	3.96%	2.43%	0.39%	0.89%	-0.38%	1.33%	0.16%	-0.20%	0.54%	1.36%	0.59%	14.91%	7.29%
2019	1.15%	0.60%	2.03%	0.64%	1.76%	3.16%	-1.61%	3.33%	-1.75%	3.34%	0.13%	-0.38%	12.95%	7.29%
2020	8.51%	2.15%	-10.34%	16.26%	-6.91%	2.22%	2.01%	1.49%	2.09%	1.45%	6.09%	-0.48%	24.47%	5.39%
2021	3.86%	5.56%	-1.05%	-0.09%	0.70%	0.71%	-3.96%	-1.04%	-0.17%	-4.05%	1.05%	0.70%	1.83%	3.81%
2022	-0.03%	5.45%	-0.92%	0.87%	4.31%	3.84%	2.27%	1.39%	-1.83%	-0.22%	0.53%	0.72%	17.36%	5.19%
2023	3.28%	1.73%	1.10%	-0.02%	-4.24%	3.00%	-0.10%	1.98%	-1.15%	2.01%	3.17%	0.86%	11.99%	8.03%
2024	0.98%	0.42%	0.62%	0.52%	3.89%	2.95%	0.92%	1.26%	0.22%	1.41%	1.45%	0.60%	16.28%	8.51%
2025	0.03%	0.69%	0.79%	-0.87%	2.36%	0.95%	0.21%	0.98%	0.91%	0.31%	1.15%		7.73%	6.90%

\*Performance is quoted net of all fees. The performance figures until the end of July 2017 (shaded) reflect performance achieved prior to CISCA regulation.

# Risk Statistics (%) - Since Inception

	Std Dev	Sharpe Ratio	Sortino Ratio	Kurtosis	Skewness	Highest Rolling 12 Month Return	Rolling
Terebinth FI Macro FR Retail Hedge 1	8.43	0.70	_	13.04	0.90	37.31	-7.15
STeFI Composite	0.39	_	_	-0.51	-0.68		
FTSE/JSE All Bond TR	8.05	0.31	0.44	2.71	-0.61		
FTSE/JSE All Share TR	13.62	0.46	0.73	0.98	0.08		

# Value at Risk (VaR) (%)

Current VaR	10.32
Maximum VaR	14.32
Mandate VaR	20.00

Total exposure and leverage is calculated using the VaR approach. VAR represents the statistical loss that the Fund can experience given its current holding over a one month period with a 1% probability. Portfolio stress testing is performed by subjecting a portfolio through extreme market situations, and noting the portfolio profit and loss, value at risk and exposure movements. Risk Monitoring Specialist: Risk Café.



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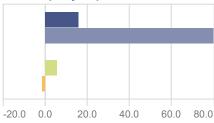
## **Grossary Terms**

## **Asset Allocation**





## **Counterparty Exposure**



	70
ABSA BANK LIMITED	16.0
JSE DEBT MARKET	79.7
JSE CLEAR PTY LIMITED	0.0
• FIRSTRAND BANK LIMITED	5.6
•OTHER	-1.2
Total	100.0

# **Market and Fund Commentary**

The longest US federal government shutdown in history proved unfavourable for markets, marked by a scarcity of official data. Releases since the reopening on 13 November have largely been viewed as outdated. Certain figures, like the October CPI and employment reports, will remain unreleased due to missed surveys. Consequently, markets have relied on proxy indicators and Fed commentary, which grew less dovish following the October FOMC meeting and its minutes. The postponed September employment data revealed strong job growth, despite a slight rise in unemployment, swiftly diminishing expectations for December easing. Subsequent official statements, particularly Williams' speech, reinstated the possibility of a cut, sparking a notable rally in US yields.

Prospects for US monetary policy beyond December appear highly uncertain. Reduced and delayed tariff passthrough might be offset by positive fiscal stimuli and diminishing tariff ambiguity, resulting in fewer rate reductions. Nevertheless, despite the impending conclusion of QT, liquidity remains unsupportive, as indicated by fluctuations in the SOFR/Fed funds spread, potentially necessitating additional easing. Disparities across and within regions are pronounced. In Latin America, policy outlooks have perally become more dovish, supported by high real rates, ongoing disinflation, and subsiding fiscal anxieties. In CEEMEA, trends are varied: Israel, Poland, and South Africa lean dovish, whereas others seem to have concluded their easing cycles. Asia has tilted hawkish, with markets eyeing medium-term hikes in Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, and Taiwan. The Bank of Japan is anticipated to rate are sp y January. The ECB stays on pause, but the favourable response to the UK budget may afford the Bank of England greater leeway for easing.

While Fed expectations exert less influence on global rates, the US cycle's trajectory remains pivotal. Attention thus centres on the forthcoming Fed Chair announcement, possibly before year-end. Although President Trump's nominenes will constitute a minority, the Chairperson's sway is considerable. Betting markets position Kevin Hassett as the frontuner, while financial expert Rick Riederarguably the sole candidate fully grasping the Fed's contribution to exacerbating the K-shaped economy—has seen his odds decline

A prospective Fed pivot towards explicit liquidity backing—for government and markets (notably Big Tech)—might engender financial repression, inflated valuations, and elevated inflation. This bodes ill for the dollar long-term, despite its recent appreciation. Crucially, the Al capital expenditure surge has yielded scant proof of productivity or employment spillovers. Markets are increasingly scrutinising capital access and cost over returns

As 2026 forecasts emerge, sentiment is broadly optimistic, skewing risks downward. Overextended valuations and mounting debt could precipitate an Al bubble burst, while expanding budget deficits might propel government bond yields markedly higher.

South Africa has transitioned from broad to selective outperformance against emerging markets, with listed property and local government bonds excelling. Markets had pre-emptively priced in positive developments ahead of a packed fourth-quarter agenda, and outcomes mostly met or surpassed expectations, invigorating not only SAGBs but also ILBs.

THE WILBES, presented on 12 November without GNU discord or interruptions, saw Finance Minister Godongwana address key priorities: robust revenue overruns with prudent assumptions; an in-year debt ratio peak; increasing primary surpluses; reduced debt service expenses; curtailed fixed-rate bond issuance; and formal endorsement of the 3% inflation target (with a symmetric 1% tolerance band). Drawbacks included a worsened debt-to-GDP ratio compared to May (stemming from sluggish nominal GDP growth amid low inflation and tepid real expansion); absence of a formal fiscal anchor announcement; and continued expenditure of revenue windfalls. Positively, the budget signals a shift towards favouring capital expenditure over current outlays, introducing new infrastructure bonds for the Budget Facility for Infrastructure. The MTBPS, presented on 12 November without GNU discord or interruptions, saw Finance Minister Godongwana address key priorities;

Furthermore, deeper reforms loom for the public sector wage bill, targeting phantom employees and automatic pay progression—though implementation poses challenges. Overall, the MTBPS sufficed to prompt S&P to elevate the sovereign's long-term foreign currency rating from B8- to BB, retaining a positive outlook. While views on the upgrade varied among investors and analysts, its likelihood was deemed minimal, especially with the positive outlook intact. Based on S&P's action, expectations lean towards Moody's adjusting South Africa's outlook from stable to positive on 5 December, while holding the Ba2 rating (BB equivalent).

Persistent low inflation (October headline and core CPI undershooting forecasts), fiscal and ratings advancements, and the 3% target adoption enabled the SARB to trim the policy rate by 25bp to 6.75% in November. Though anticipated (with ~80% market and consensus probability), the unanimous decision underscored dovishness. Markets price two further cuts—not overly ambitious given a 5.5%-6.0% neutral range, yet a global policy reversal could complicate matters.

This does not position us as SARB hawks. Growth indicators suggest additional easing would aid recovery, absent external (contained

current account) or internal (zero credit gap) imbalances.

Third-quarter GDP likely accelerated, but fourth-quarter high-frequency data are inconsistent. Vehicle sales thrive (via replacement cycles and affordable Chinese imports), yet credit expansion stems from corporates rather than household spending. Structural reforms' growth boost will materialise gradually, keeping real growth aligned with population increases.

Portfolio and direct investment flows indicate foreigners' hesitation to embrace a structurally upbeat South Africa narrative. Inflows derive from cyclical appeal—strong carry and relative stability—but sustained growth uplift is essential for enduring capital. Such caution partly reflects persistent policy risks: expropriation without compensation, NHI financing, tax hikes, employment equity rules, and GNU durability. The ANC's December policy conference and fourth-quarter 2026 local elections will serve as critical benchmarks.

