

# SalientQuants SA FR Retail Hedge Fund Minimum Disclosure Document - Class 1

## **Fund Information**

| nvestment Manager:                    | Salient Quantitative Investment<br>Management (Pty) Ltd   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Portfolio Manager:                    | Paul van Rensburg, PhD  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Portfolio size (in millions):         | R 25.0  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NAV Price (as at month end):          | R 313.01  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Units:                      | 78 966.78   |  |  |  |  |  |
| nception Date:                        | 1 August 2006   |  |  |  |  |  |
| CISCA Inception Date:                 | 1 October 2016  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ASISA Classification:<br>Benchmark:   | Retail Hedge - South African - Long Short<br>Equity - Long Bias Equity Hedge Fund<br>STeFI Composite Index  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hurdle:                               | Standard Bank Call Rate   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum Initial Investment:           | R 100 000   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Portfolio Valuation:                  | Daily   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transaction Cut-Off:                  | The portfolio is valued daily and the<br>transactions cut-off time is 14:00pm on<br>business day. Investor instructions received<br>after 14:00pm shall be processed the<br>following business day. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fees (excl. VAT)                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Service fee:                          | 1.67%   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Performance fee:                      | 20% plus value added tax  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost Ratios (incl. VAT)               |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Expense Ratio (TER%)*:          | 3.33%   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fransaction Cost (TC%):               | 0.54%   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fotal Investment Charges (TIC%):      | 3.86%   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Performance Fee (PF) Included in TER: | 0.81%   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ncome Distribution (Declaration):     | December (Annually)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distribution (CPU): Cents per unit    | December 2024: 842.50   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Redemptions:                          | Daily   |  |  |  |  |  |

\*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.

\*\*This indicator is based on the risk measures allowed in the investment mandate. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the portfolio. 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. 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

### Cumulative Return



Fund Source: Apex Fund and Corporate Services as at March 2025 Index Source: Bloomberg as at March 2025

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.

# **Portfolio Profile**

The SalientQuants SA FR Retail Hedge Fund is a Long/Short Equity fund that employs a Statistical Arbitrage strategy to JSE Securities Exchange listed equities.

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# **Investment Objective**

The aim of the fund is to generate a return above the wholesale call rate at moderate to high risk.

### **Risk Profile\*\***

| LOW | LOW - MODERATE | MODERATE | MODERATE - HIGH | HIGH |
|-----|----------------|----------|-----------------|------|
|     |                |          |                 |      |

## Annualised Performance (%)

|                 | Fund  | STeFi Composite<br>Index |
|-----------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 1 Year          | 3.98% | 8.28%                    |
| 3 Years         | 0.19% | 7.54%                    |
| 5 Years         | 1.43% | 6.21%                    |
| 10 Years        | 2.52% | 6.72%                    |
| Since Inception | 7.16% | 7.04%                    |

### **Risk Statistics**

|  | Fund    | STeFi Composite<br>Index |
|--|---------|--------------------------|
| Sharpe Ratio                           | 0.05    | -0.36                    |
| Sortino Ratio                          | 0.08    | -0.54                    |
| Standard Deviation                     | 7.88%   | 0.52%                    |
| Maximum Drawdown                       | -13.92% | n/a                      |
| % Positive Months<br>(Since Inception) | 63.84%  | n/a                      |

### Highest and Lowest Annual Returns

|                                 | Fund    | STeFi Composite<br>Index |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Highest 12 month Rolling Return | 31.89%  | 11.79%                   |
| Lowest 12 month Rolling Return  | -12.88% | 3.78%                    |

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 annualised total return is the weighted average compound growth rate of an investment over the measurement period. Please note that the annualised performance figures include returns earned during the relevant periods prior to the fund being regulated under CISCA.

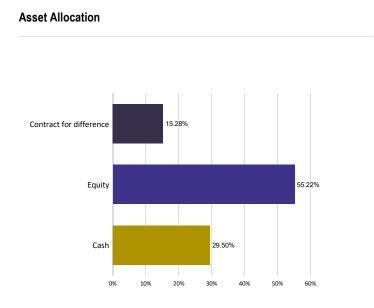
The above benchmark(s) are for comparison purposes with the fund's performance. The fund does not follow the benchmark(s).



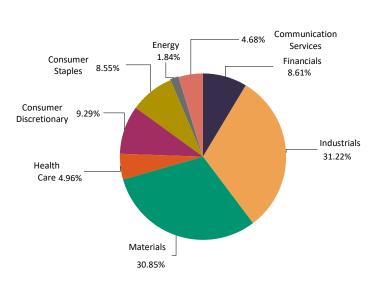
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# Sector Allocation



# Portfolio Performance Report (Net of Fees)

|      | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | Мау    | Jun    | Jul    | Aug    | Sep    | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | Total   |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 2006 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 0.88%  | 0.95%  | 0.72%  | 0.79%  | 2.65%  | 6.12%   |
| 2007 | 2.81%  | 1.69%  | 4.72%  | 2.23%  | 3.96%  | 0.02%  | 2.55%  | 0.20%  | 3.74%  | 2.76%  | -0.23% | 1.22%  | 28.74%  |
| 2008 | -2.97% | 5.68%  | -1.86% | 2.04%  | 2.58%  | 0.72%  | -4.79% | 0.09%  | -1.87% | 0.49%  | -1.75% | -0.21% | -2.25%  |
| 2009 | 0.01%  | 2.92%  | -0.67% | -0.92% | 1.08%  | 0.06%  | 0.98%  | -0.99% | 2.30%  | 2.32%  | -0.35% | 3.66%  | 10.76%  |
| 2010 | -0.88% | 1.87%  | 0.03%  | 2.34%  | -2.41% | 0.20%  | 1.82%  | 0.55%  | 7.95%  | -0.60% | 1.40%  | 0.41%  | 13.06%  |
| 2011 | -3.33% | 3.97%  | 1.41%  | 1.10%  | -1.84% | 1.05%  | 3.89%  | 1.70%  | -1.36% | 4.20%  | 2.29%  | -0.81% | 12.62%  |
| 2012 | 1.80%  | 1.44%  | 2.44%  | 4.17%  | -1.83% | 2.70%  | 6.38%  | 5.15%  | -1.94% | 1.01%  | 0.87%  | -0.52% | 23.53%  |
| 2013 | 2.48%  | 0.36%  | 2.71%  | 0.85%  | 1.67%  | -4.34% | 1.12%  | -0.96% | -0.12% | 1.01%  | -0.64% | 1.87%  | 5.96%   |
| 2014 | -3.41% | 2.61%  | -3.07% | -0.26% | 1.61%  | 4.01%  | -0.33% | 1.77%  | -1.90% | 4.62%  | -1.36% | 2.04%  | 6.11%   |
| 2015 | 0.48%  | 3.65%  | 4.03%  | 1.12%  | -0.82% | 0.51%  | 3.95%  | 0.11%  | 0.82%  | 2.49%  | 1.77%  | -1.79% | 17.38%  |
| 2016 | -7.49% | -5.25% | 1.79%  | -0.71% | -0.46% | 1.89%  | 4.17%  | -3.97% | 1.40%  | -1.27% | -1.41% | -1.79% | -12.88% |
| 2017 | 2.57%  | 2.00%  | -0.54% | -2.96% | -3.12% | -0.55% | 2.60%  | 1.40%  | 2.32%  | 1.41%  | 9.18%  | 5.87%  | 21.40%  |
| 2018 | -1.04% | 2.68%  | -1.24% | 1.23%  | -3.94% | -0.52% | -0.35% | 1.34%  | 0.52%  | -4.63% | -5.04% | 2.28%  | -8.72%  |
| 2019 | 1.57%  | 2.65%  | 2.32%  | -1.02% | 1.76%  | 2.23%  | 0.41%  | -0.94% | 1.03%  | 3.01%  | -1.38% | 3.77%  | 16.37%  |
| 2020 | 1.41%  | 0.16%  | -3.34% | -0.67% | 1.11%  | -1.32% | 2.06%  | -1.17% | -0.16% | 0.81%  | -0.24% | -0.54% | -1.99%  |
| 2021 | 0.59%  | 1.88%  | 0.05%  | -1.17% | 1.65%  | 0.24%  | -0.26% | 0.98%  | 2.84%  | -3.57% | 2.06%  | 0.43%  | 5.71%   |
| 2022 | 0.65%  | -0.22% | 0.74%  | 1.00%  | -1.02% | -1.06% | -0.36% | -0.73% | 0.07%  | 0.30%  | 0.70%  | -1.98% | -1.94%  |
| 2023 | -2.08% | -2.91% | 0.35%  | -0.61% | 2.78%  | 0.81%  | 0.16%  | 1.46%  | 0.31%  | 0.63%  | -0.80% | -0.99% | -1.01%  |
| 2024 | -0.52% | 0.44%  | 0.90%  | 0.90%  | 0.56%  | -0.26% | 2.94%  | 1.44%  | 1.55%  | 0.83%  | -1.72% | 0.19%  | 7.43%   |
| 2025 | -1.42% | -3.66% | 2.74%  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | -2.42%  |

The portfolio converted its valuation frequency from monthly to daily valuation effective June 2020. The performance shown above includes historical performance of the fund prior to its conversion to daily valuation.

The historical performance figures until the end of September 2016 reflect performance achieved prior to CISCA regulation. The portfolio has been transitioned under CISCA regulations on 1 October 2016 and has since been managed as a regulated product. The performance figure 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.



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### 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.

### 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.

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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. Sortion Ratio: The ratio of excess return over the risk-free rate divided by the downside deviation of the portfolio. Standard Deviation/Volatility: The deviation of the return of the portfolio relative to its average.

Statistical Arbitrage: A type of long short trading strategy.

### Hedge Fund Risk Disclosure

Hedge fund strategies may include leverage, short-selling and short term investments. In addition, hedge fund portfolios often invest in unlisted instruments, low-grade debt, foreign currency and other exotic instruments. All of these expose investors to additional risk. However, not all hedge fund managers employ any or all of these strategies and it is recommended that investors consult their advisers in order to determine which strategies are being employed by the manager and which consequent risks arise.

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