

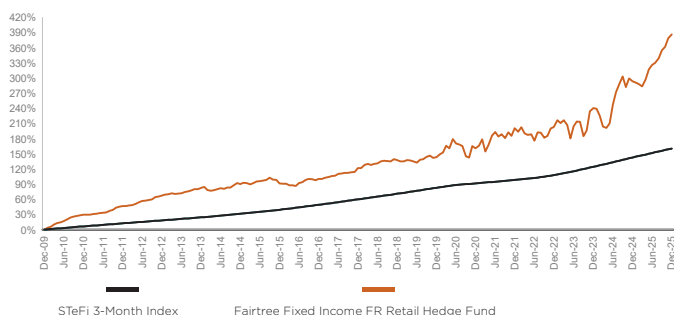
#### Investment Objective

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	23.60%	7.28%
3 Years	17.06%	7.78%
5 Years	13.24%	6.32%
10 Years	9.75%	6.44%
Since Inception	10.39%	6.16%

All performance figures are net of fees.

#### Risk Analysis

	Fund	SteFi 3-Month Index
Sharpe Ratio	0.44	n/a
Sortino Ratio	0.76	n/a
Standard Deviation	10.11%	0.37%
Best Month	12.85%	0.72%
Worst Month	-9.06%	0.26%
Highest Rolling 12 Months	41.40%	8.30%
Lowest Rolling 12 Months	-5.84%	3.48%
Largest Cumulative Drawdown	-13.09%	n/a
% Positive Months(Since Incept.)	68.75%	n/a
Correlation (Monthly)	0.21	
Value at Risk (VaR) 95%	5.73%	

#### Fund Details

Risk Profile:	Medium - High
Portfolio Manager:	Ian Milard and Jacobus Lacock
Fund size:	R 127,80 m
NAV Price (as at month end):	4,216.89
Number of Units:	24,208.05
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:	1.59% (incl. VAT)
	*Includes Base fee/Investment Management Fee of 1.00% (excl.VAT)
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%):	3.78%
Performance Fee (PF) Included in TER:	2.11%
Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):	0.07%
** Total Investment Charges (TIC%):	3.85%

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

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

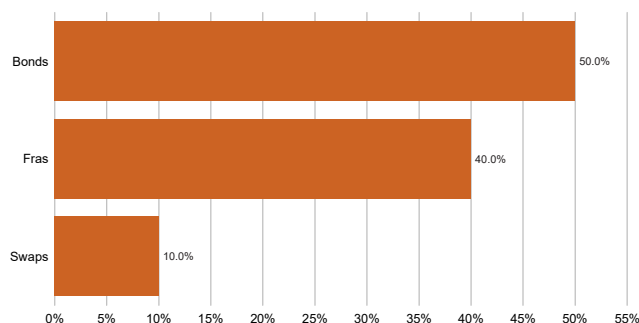
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#### Sector Allocation

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%	0.39%	-4.44%	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%	2.81%	11.94%	7.30%	4.45%	3.63%	-5.16%	4.48%	-1.42%	15.64%
2025	-0.62%	-0.89%	-1.13%	3.70%	4.86%	2.09%	1.13%	1.96%	3.60%	1.61%	3.64%	1.62%	23.60%

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

December 2025 saw global markets navigate a complex macro backdrop of easing inflation, shifting monetary policy expectations, and ongoing geopolitical risks. Equity performance was mixed across regions: US equities were broadly flat (S&P 500 0.06%), European equities outperformed (MSCI EUR +2.7%), Chinese equities weakened (MSCI China -1.2%), while South African assets extended a strong rally (ALSI +4.6%, ALBI +2.5%). Bond markets reflected growing conviction that global policy tightening has peaked, with yields moving unevenly, while the US dollar weakened sharply (DXY -1.1%). Commodity markets were mixed, with gold up 2% as geopolitical risks persisted. Overall sentiment remained cautious but constructive as investors looked ahead to a potential easing cycle in 2026.

US macro data in December was mixed but supportive of a gradual policy pivot. Headline inflation declined to 2.7%, below expectations and the lowest level since July. The Federal Reserve cut rates by 25bps to 3.5-3.75%, marking its third cut of 2025, while signalling scope for further easing should inflation continue to moderate.

Economic momentum remained strong, with Q3 GDP growth revised up to 4.3% (annualised), driven by consumer spending, exports, and fiscal support. However, labour market conditions softened, as unemployment rose to 4.6%, the highest level since 2021. Markets reflected this tension between growth and policy uncertainty: equities were flat to lower, and the yield curve steepened.

Eurozone macro conditions continued to stabilise into year-end. Inflation was revised down to 2.1%, aligning closely with the ECB's target. The ECB left policy rates unchanged, maintaining a cautious, data-driven stance with the refinancing rate at 2.15% and the deposit rate at 2.0%.

Growth showed tentative improvement, with Q3 GDP revised to 0.3% q/q, while the unemployment rate held steady at 6.4%, underscoring labour market resilience. Improved macro visibility and rate stability supported equity markets, with European indices outperforming global peers during the month.

China showed early signs of macro stabilisation. Inflation rose to 0.7% in November, easing deflation concerns and marking the highest level since early 2024. The PBoC kept key rates unchanged, signalling confidence that existing stimulus measures are sufficient to meet growth targets.

Economic activity surprised to the upside, with Q3 GDP expanding 1.1% q/q, supported by liquidity injections and targeted fiscal interventions. The urban unemployment rate remained stable at 5.1%, suggesting labour market resilience. Equity markets responded modestly, reflecting cautious optimism around the sustainability of the recovery.

South African assets ended 2025 on a strong footing. In December, capping a standout year with equities up 42% and bonds up 24% locally. In USD terms, returns were even more pronounced due to a 13% appreciation in the rand over the year.

Macro sentiment improved following a sharp decline in inflation expectations after the SARB's shift to a 3% inflation target. Sector performance was led by Resources and Financials, while credit conditions remained stable after Moody's reaffirmed SA's Ba2 rating with a stable outlook, despite ongoing structural growth challenges.

The best performing commodities for December were Platinum (22.3%), Palladium (10.7%) and Copper (7.8%).

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



## Glossary

<b>Net Asset Value (NAV) :</b>	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.
<b>Annualised Return :</b>	Is the weighted average compound growth rate over the performance period measured.
<b>Highest &amp; Lowest Return :</b>	The highest and lowest rolling twelve-month performance of the portfolio since inception.
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER) :</b>	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.
<b>Transaction Costs (TC) :</b>	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.
<b>Total Investment Charges (TIC) :</b>	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.
<b>Total Investment Charges (TIC%) :</b>	= 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).
<b>Standard Deviation :</b>	The deviation of the return of the portfolio relative to its average.
<b>Drawdown :</b>	The greatest peak to trough loss until a new peak is reached.
<b>Sharpe Ratio :</b>	The ratio of excess return over the risk-free rate divided by the total volatility of the portfolio.
<b>Sortino Ratio :</b>	The ratio of excess return over the risk-free rate divided by the downside deviation of the portfolio.
<b>Correlation :</b>	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.
<b>Value at Risk (VaR) :</b>	Value at risk is the minimum loss percentage that can be expected over a specified time period at a predetermined confidence level.
<b>Leverage/Gearing :</b>	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

<b>Leverage Risk :</b>	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.
<b>Derivative Risk :</b>	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.
<b>Counterparty Credit Risk :</b>	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.
<b>Volatility Risk :</b>	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.
<b>Concentration and Sector Risk :</b>	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.
<b>Correlation Risk :</b>	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.
<b>Equity Risk :</b>	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

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