Protea South Africa FR Retail Hedge Fund

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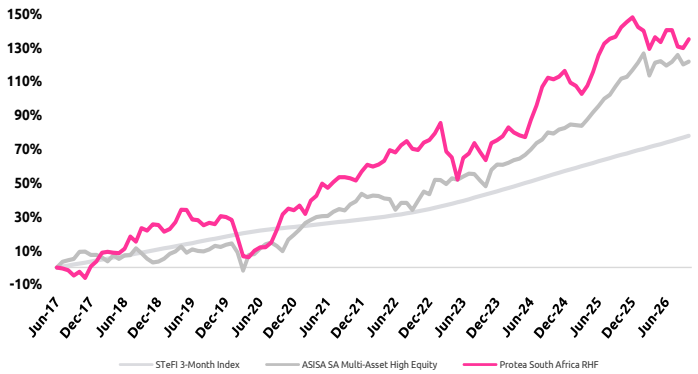
Fund Profile

The fund is a South African long/short equity hedge fund with the objective of generating above-average returns by following a 'quantamental' investment approach, combining traditional fundamental analysis with quantitative investment techniques. The investment manager systematically identifies individual mispriced securities whilst ensuring sufficient diversification to guard against inappropriate risk concentration. The fund focuses on JSE-listed securities and has a net equity exposure of 35-70% at most times, with a maximum gross exposure of 200% (i.e. maximum 2x leverage).

Investment Strategy

The portfolio is managed as a long/short hedge fund, predominantly focused on extracting alpha returns from the South African equity market. Its core strategy is to be long undervalued equities and short overvalued equities whilst ensuring that there is sufficient diversification to guard against inappropriate risk concentration. The equities are selected by following a "quantamental" investment approach, which combines a traditional fundamental understanding of the fair value of listed equity shares with analysis of the business's competitive environment, economic growth, broad economic themes and relative valuations.

Cumulative Performance Since Inception



Fund Source: Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA Ltd as at October 2026
Index Source: Bloomberg as at October 2026

Return Analysis (ZAR)

	Fund	STeFI 3M Index	ASISA SA Multi-Asset High Equity
1 Year	-2.92%	6.75%	4.79%
3 Years (annualised)	12.87%	7.49%	14.43%
5 Years (annualised)	9.00%	6.87%	10.07%
7 Years (annualised)	9.36%	6.16%	10.13%
Since Inception (annualised)	9.59%	6.36%	8.91%

Risk Analysis

	Fund	STeFI 3M Index	ASISA SA Multi-Asset High Equity
Best Month	8.50%	0.72%	9.60%
Worst Month	-9.56%	0.26%	-10.02%
Highest Rolling 12 Months	36.10%	8.30%	30.65%
Lowest Rolling 12 Months	-20.87%	3.48%	-10.47%
Largest Cumulative Drawdown	-20.87%	n/a	-14.12%
% Positive Months	57.14%	100.00%	67.86%

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

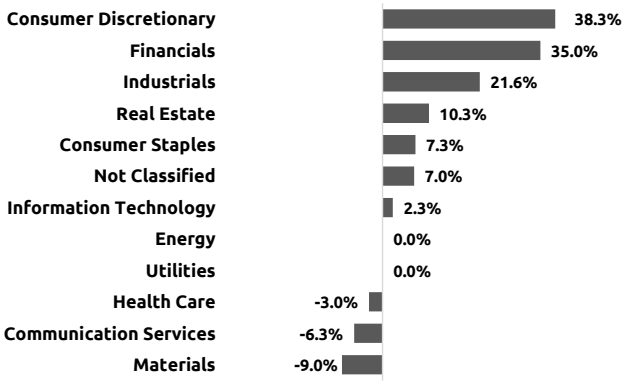
Fund Details

Risk Profile:	High
Portfolio Manager:	Jean Pierre Verster
Fund size (in Millions):	R207.58
NAV Price (Inception):	R1,000.00
NAV Price (as at month-end):	R2,026.44
Number of Units:	101,059.59
ISIN Number:	ZAE000272894
Inception Date:	1 July 2017
ASISA Classification:	Retail Hedge Fund - South African - Long/Short Equity - Long Bias
Hurdle:	3 month STeFI
Minimum Investment:	R50,000 lump sum or R2,000 monthly
Service Fee per annum:	1.44% incl. VAT (1.25% excl. VAT)
Performance fee (uncapped):	20% excl. VAT of the excess performance above the perpetual hurdle rate, subject to a high-water mark
Subscription Frequency:	Daily
Redemption Frequency:	Daily
Income Distribution (Declaration):	Last day of December
Distribution Total for the past 12 months:	R41.25 per unit for December 2025
Investment Manager:	Protea Capital Management (Pty) Ltd
Telephone Number:	+27 11 822 2154
Website:	www.proteacapitalmanagement.com
Auditor:	Deloitte

Portfolio Objective

The long-term investment objective of the portfolio is to achieve consistent absolute returns by investing according to a long/short equity investment strategy.

Sector Allocation



Asset Allocation

	Long	Short	Net
SA Equity/Swap	141.5%	-38.0%	103.5%
Foreign Equity/Swap	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
SA Cash & Other	0.0%	-3.5%	-3.5%
Foreign Cash	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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Net returns to Investors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017							-0.62%	-1.02%	-3.21%	2.37%	-3.80%	7.27%	**0.58%**
2018	3.00%	4.93%	0.46%	-0.42%	-0.23%	2.43%	6.52%	-2.59%	6.92%	-1.13%	3.01%	-0.38%	**24.35%**
2019	-3.08%	1.28%	3.24%	5.83%	-0.10%	-4.22%	-0.29%	-2.30%	1.11%	-0.64%	3.78%	-0.42%	**3.80%**
2020	-1.29%	-7.99%	-9.56%	-0.45%	3.57%	1.74%	0.17%	2.37%	6.71%	7.30%	2.64%	-0.70%	**3.11%**
2021	2.09%	-3.65%	5.95%	2.10%	5.06%	-1.66%	2.28%	1.95%	-0.04%	-0.41%	-0.83%	3.41%	**17.01%**
2022	2.58%	-0.62%	0.73%	1.41%	3.81%	-0.75%	2.51%	1.46%	-2.64%	-0.36%	2.51%	0.93%	**12.01%**
2023	2.22%	3.40%	-9.09%	-2.12%	-7.93%	8.50%	1.57%	3.66%	-3.01%	-2.92%	6.20%	1.01%	**-0.08%**
2024	1.35%	2.94%	-1.64%	-1.00%	-0.59%	5.75%	4.60%	5.58%	2.63%	-0.42%	0.69%	1.65%	**23.38%**
2025	-3.25%	-0.89%	-2.28%	2.38%	3.93%	4.56%	3.06%	1.21%	0.55%	2.37%	1.28%	1.14%	**14.64%**
2026	-2.33%	-0.90%	-4.51%	3.07%	-1.23%	2.99%	0.04%	-4.07%	-0.38%	2.30%			**-5.23%**

*The inception date for the portfolio is 1 July 2017. 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. Reinvestment of income is calculated on the actual amount distributed per participatory interest, using the ex-dividend date NAV price of the applicable class of the portfolio, irrespective of the actual reinvestment date.

Market Commentary

The Protea South Africa FR Retail Hedge Fund recorded a return of +2.3% for October. In terms of gross sub-strategy attribution, Longs contributed +2.6%, Shorts detracted -0.4%, and Special Situations contributed +0.3%. Futures & Options made no contribution for the month.

Our top Longs for the month were a branded consumer goods company and two investment holding companies. Our worst-performing Longs were a property company, a restaurant franchisor, and a specialist retailer. The fund had 57 Long positions at the end of October.

Our top Shorts were two precious metals miners, and a diversified mining company. Our worst-performing Shorts were a petrochemical company and two telecommunications companies. The fund had 26 Short positions at the end of October.

Special Situations contributed positively to the fund's performance in October. The fund held no Futures & Options positions during the month.

October saw a strong rebound in the Long portfolio, with positive contributions across a range of consumer, investment holding, and industrial businesses. Selected mining Shorts also continued to add to performance, although these gains were offset by weakness elsewhere in the Short portfolio, particularly among petrochemical and telecommunications positions. Special Situations also contributed positively during the month. Overall, the result reflected contributions from several different parts of the portfolio rather than reliance on a single market theme.

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

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.

Cost ratios per annum (incl. VAT)*	**1 Year**
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.36%
Performance fee included in TER	0.82%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.22%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)**	**2.58%**

*As at 30 September 2026

**TIC % = TER % + TC %

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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.
Currency/Exchange Rate Risk:	Assets of a fund may be denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the fund and changes in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and the currency of the asset may lead to a depreciation of the value of the fund's assets as expressed in the Base Currency.

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).
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.
Alpha:	Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.
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.
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.
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.

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Risk Profile

Risk Level:	Low	Low-Medium	Medium	Med-High	High

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