# POLAR STAR FR QUALIFIED **INVESTOR HEDGE FUND (ZAR)**

Collective Investment Scheme



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### KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION

This document provides the investor with key information about these portfolios. It does not serve as marketing material. The publishing of this information is required by law (Collective Investments Schemes Control Act 45 of 2002 ("CISCA"), Board Notice 52 ("BN52"), section 27), to help you understand the nature of the portfolios as well as the risks associated with investing in these portfolios. All potential investors are advised to read and familiarise themselves with the contents of this document in order to arrive at



PORTFOLIO INFORMATION	
Launch Date	1 October 2008
Launch Date under CISCA	1 June 2016
Directors of the Management Company	JF Louw*, IMA Burke*, R Jobing* and L Stinton (Managing Director). (*Non executive)
Legal Structure	Collective Investment Scheme
Distribution Date	On the last day of December
Financial Year End	On the last day of December
Auditor	Deloitte
Trustee	FirstRand Bank Ltd (acting through its RMB Custody and Trustee Services Division)
Prime Broker	JP Morgan Securities plc./Macquarie Bank Ltd/Société Générale/ABSA Bank Ltd./RMB
Fund Administrator	Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA (Pty) Ltd
Risk Profile*	High

\* 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 including liquidity risk, credit risk, market risk, and settlement risk. FundRock Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd, ("the manager"), and the investment manager do not render financial advice. Our risk indicator does not imply that the portfolio is suitable for all types of investors. You are advised to consult your financial adviser.

#### LIST OF PORTFOLIOS

FR Qualified Investor Hedge Fund Scheme

Polar Star FR Qualified Investor Hedge Fund

# THE PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVE

The objective is to invest in agricultural and energy related derivatives, index, options and OTC traded instruments. The portfolio is constructed with a fundamental bias and is supported by quantitative analysis.

The portfolio employs relative value trading which arbitrages the pricing mismatch between commodities, spread trading which arbitrages the carry cost of commodities as well as volatility arbitrage which arbitrages the mismatch in volatility pricing between different commodity exchanges.

CHANGES TO THE INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND/OR INVESTMENT POLICY

deed, the manager has to request and receive prior approval from the FSCA. Such request shall state the reasons for the proposed amendment and the impact or benefit this is likely to have

Upon receiving such approval, the auditor of the scheme must oversee a balloting process which is undertaken to

Investors holding at least 75% (seventy-five percent) in value of the participatory interests in the portfolio and who constitute more than 50% (fifty percent) of the portfolio's investors must vote in favour of the amendment for the amendment to be affected.

Voting shall be conducted by electronic ballot in accordance with the provisions of the deed, and the manager shall, after having dispatched the ballots to investors, allow for a period thirty days for investor to return the ballots

DOES THE PORTFOLIO INVEST IN UNDERLYING FUNDS?

- THES OF ASSETS IN WHICH THE PORTPOLIO MAY INVEST
  Exchange cleared and OTC traded commodify derivatives and indices and exchange cleared or OTC traded derivatives and financial instruments linked or referenced to commodity derivatives and indices;
  Exchange cleared and OTC traded freight derivatives and indices and exchange cleared or OTC traded derivatives and financial instruments linked or referenced to freight indices;
  Exchange cleared and OTC traded FX derivatives;
  Exchange cleared and OTC traded interest rate derivatives, and;
  Units in foreign Collective Investment Schemes.

# THE INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO THE PORTFOLIO

The Fund will invest in financial instruments based on the value of commodities but will ensure that the position is closed out before physical delivery is required

# INSTANCES WHERE THE PORTFOLIO MAY USE LEVERAGE

# THE TYPES AND SOURCES OF LEVERAGE

The portfolio can generate leverage by utilizing derivative instruments that inherent leverage built into their

# RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEVERAGE

The portfolio may use leverage techniques from time to time to purchase or carry investments

The interest expense and other costs incurred in connection with such leverage or borrowing may not be recovered by an appreciation in the investments purchased or carried.

Gains realized with leveraged investments may cause the underlying fund's net asset value to increase at a faster rate than would be the case without leverage. If, however, investment results fail to cover the cost of leverage or borrowings, the portfolio's net asset value could also decrease faster than if there had been no leverage or  $borrowings. \ Because of the \ leveraged \ nature of certain of the \ investments, a \ relatively \ small \ movement in the \ market$  $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \textbf{price of traded instruments may result in a disproportionately large profit or loss.} \\ \hline \end{tabular}$ 

The degree to which leverage may be employed in the hedge fund portfolio will be limited by the terms of this mandate. The limits laid down by this mandate should be carefully reviewed in making an investment decision.

### RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF LEVERAGE

The degree to which leverage may be employed in the hedge fund portfolio will be limited by the exposure limit in the

### COLLATERAL AND ASSET RE-USE ARRANGEMENTS

The cash held in the portfolio is available for use as collateral.

### THE MAXIMUM LEVERAGE ALLOWED FOR THE PORTFOLIO

The portfolio utilizes the commitment approach to measure leverage

Commitment Approach Leverage Limit	900%
Net Exposure Limit	200%

MATERIAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE MANAGER WITH THE PRIME BROKER

The parties agree that, for the duration of this agreement, they shall endeavour to avoid any conflict of interest between them

In order to protect the investors, the parties shall exercise due care and skill and note to any affected party the nature and extent of the potential conflict of interest as well as the steps undertaken to minimize the effect on any affected party by such conflict

# LEVEL OF COUNTERPARTY EXPOSURE

The portfolio will comply with the counterparty exposure limits as set out in BN52.

# METHODOLOGY OF CALCULATING COUNTERPARTY EXPOSURE

In terms of Section 8(2) of BN52 counterparty exposure shall be calculated to equal any initial margin held by a counterparty, the market value of any derivative, any net exposure generated through a scrip lending agreement and any other exposures created through reinvestment of collateral.

PROVISIONS IN THE CONTRACT WITH THE DEPOSITARY AND CUSTODIAN ON THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFER AND RE-HYPOTHECATION OF ASSETS

The prime broking agreement may allow for the re-hypothecation of assets.

The portfolio's prime broker may provide a financing service to the portfolio, whereby any shortfall in the financing of the portfolio's assets is provided by the prime broker. Any such financing will be collateralized from the assets of the portfolio. However, unlike a normal borrowing situation, the prime broker takes physical delivery of the portfolio's assets and is permitted to deal with them for its own account. The portfolio's assets are therefore treated as being indistinguishable from the assets of the prime broker and are not segregated as client money or assets.

In the event of the insolvency of the prime broker, the assets of the portfolio that are held as collateral against money owed to the prime broker, are completely exposed to the prime broker's creditors. In such instances, any action by the prime broker's creditors may lead to the closing out of positions without the consent of the investment manager and at a loss.

# DELEGATED ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT MAY ARISE

The Manager has appointed Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA (Pty) Ltd ("Apex") as the administrator. Both entities are subject to separate governance structures and independent oversight and internal controls; as well as the FSCA regulatory oversight. Both entities have satisfied the FSCA in terms of the conflict-of-interest policy they have in place.

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THE PORTFOLIO'S VALUATION AND PRICING METHODOLOGIES

The portfolio will apply the portfolio valuation and asset pricing policy of the Manager. This policy will be consistently applied and meets the requirements of BN52.

THE LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT OF THE PORTFOLIO AND THE REPURCHASE RIGHTS

The investment manager has implemented an appropriate liquidity management system and effective procedures taking into account the investment strategy, liquidity profile and redemption policy of the portfolio. In this respect the investment manager shall ensure that the liquidity profile of the investments of the portfolio is appropriate to the repurchase period of participatory

The investment manager shall conduct tests assessing the ability of a portfolio to liquidate a substantial portion or all of its assets within specific timeframes, in order to evaluate the impact on the portfolio's NAV under such scenarios and ensure that at least such percentage of the assets of the portfolio are liquid.

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#### The liquidity stress tests:

- where appropriate simulate a shortage of liquidity of the assets in the portfolio and atypical redemption requests; cover market risks and any resulting impact, including on margin calls, collateral requirements or credit lines; account for valuation sensitivities under stressed conditions; and are conducted at a frequency which is appropriate to the nature of the portfolio, taking in to account the investment strategy, liquidity profile, type of investor and redemption policy.

#### REPURCHASE OF PARTICIPATORY INTERESTS

Repurchase notification date will be 1 (one) calendar month prior to the repurchase pricing. Repurchase payment date will be 14 (fourteen) business days after the repurchase pricing date

GATING, SIDE-POCKETING AND REPURCHASE RESTRICTIONS

Sections 5(b) (ii) and 6(5) of BN52 provide that both retail hedge funds and qualified investor hedge funds may suspend the repurchases of units under exceptional circumstances and when it's in the interests of investors

SPECIAL REPLIECHASE ARRANGEMENTS OR RIGHTS OF SOME INVESTORS

### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES, CHARGES, AND EXPENSES

Service Fee	Capped at a base rate of 2.60%, including VAT.	
Performance Fee	Performance Fee is uncapped, the max performance fee rate will be 20%, excluding VAT.	
High Watermark	The fee calculation employs a HWM ensuring no fee is accrued until previous underperformance has been recouped.	
Hurdle	Average of 3month JIBAR plus 5% over the measurement period.	
Entry Charge	0%	
Exit Charge	0%	

The portfolio may offer multiple classes of units for different types of investors and unit holders. The various classes in the portfolio may each have different fee structures for the different types of investors.

All investments will be allocated to specific classes at the discretion of the investment manager. All classes of units in the portfolio will invest in the same investment portfolio of securities and share the same investment objective and policy.

A detailed fee methodology is available on request from the Manager.

#### OTHER FEES:

The portfolio may directly deduct and pay other fees if such payments are permitted in terms of Section 93 of CISCA and are due and payable under lawful agreement.

These charges make up the running costs of the portfolio. Permissible deductions from a portfolio shall include:

- Investment management fee; Administration fee;

- Trading charges and other levies; Auditor's fees:

### FAIR TREATMENT OF CUSTOMERS

The Manager observes a policy of Treating Customers Fairly ("TCF") and this permeates throughout the business and informs all business dealings of the Manager. The Manager strives to design, distribute, and provide products that meet the objectives of the TCF code and all investors investing in our products – simple and complex – are encouraged to seek qualified financial advice in order to select and invest in a product that not only meets their requirements, but is to their level of understanding and sophistication.

The directors and employees of the investment manager may hold an investment in the portfolio. These investments may be allocated into a non-fee-paying class with a 0% base fee and/or a 0% performance fee. All investments placed within this class shall be at the discretion of the InvestmentManager.

THE LATEST ANNUAL REPORT

The latest annual report of the portfolio shall be kept at the office of the Manager for viewing by the investor.

SELLING AND ISSUING PARTICIPATORY INTEREST IN THE PORTFOLIO

# PURCHASE OF PARTICIPATORY INTERESTS

Purchases of participatory interests will be effective on the first day of each calendar month. Applications for new purchases as well as the purchase amount need to be received no later than 10:00 on the last business day of the previous calendar month.

The investor shall complete a subscription form and return to the manager by the last business day of the previous calendar month for the investment to be processed and participatory interest (units) allocated in favour of the investor on the 1st day of the new

The manager may not sell any participatory interest (units) except on terms requiring the full payment of the selling price

MANAGEMENT COMPANY	INVESTMENT MANAGER	TRUSTEE
FundRock Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd	Polar Star Management (Pty) Ltd	FirstRand Bank Ltd (acting through its RMB Custody & Trustee Services Division)
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Collective Investment Schemes are generally medium- to long-term investments. The value of participatory interests (units) may go down as well as up. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Collective investments are traded at ruling prices and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions, as well as a detailed description of how performance fees are calculated and applied, is available on request from FundRock Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd ("the Manager").

The Manager does not provide any guarantee in respect to the capital or the return of the portfolio. Excessive withdrawals from the portfolio may place the portfolio under liquidity pressure and in such circumstances, a process of ring-fencing of withdrawal instructions and managed pay-outs over tim Commission and incentives may be paid, and if so, are included in the overall costs.

westment is dependent on numerous factors which may include, but not limited to, share price fluctuations, interest and exchange rates and other economic factors. Where the portfolio invests in offshore assets, performance is further affected by uncertainties such as changes in government policy, taxation and ulatory developments. The Manager ensures fair treatment of investors by not offering preferential fee or liquidity terms to any investor within the same strategy.

The Manager is registered and approved by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority ("FSCA") under the CISCA. The Manager retains full legal responsibility for the portfolio. Polar Star Management (Pty) Ltd, FSP No. 45053, is an authorised under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 37 of 2002 to provide investment management services. Polar Star Management (Pty) Ltd holds professional indemnity and fidelity insurance cover. Firsthand Bank Limited is the appointed trustee.

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