

Performance Period	Fund Return	Benchmark*	Outperformance
3 months	-2.9%	-3.8%	0.9%
6 months	0.6%	-2.7%	3.3%

* Benchmark: JSE Capped Swix
Inception date: March 2023

Top 5 Holdings

Naspers
FirstRand
Standard Bank
Bid Corp
MTN

Asset & Sector Allocation	
Cash	3%
Domestic Equity	97%
Basic Materials	18%
Consumer Discretionary	14%
Consumer Staples	16%
Financials	24%
Industrials	7%
Real Estate	3%
Technology	11%
Telecommunications	4%

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Commentary for the Quarter ended September 2023

Performance

For the quarter, the fund returned -2.9% vs. benchmark's -3.8%. Over 6 months the fund outperformed the benchmark by 3.3%

Macro

The MSCI All Country World Index fell -4.3% in September as the US Fed signaled it may keep rates near current levels through 2024. The US 10-year reached 4.7% from 0.51% just three years ago. Equity markets fell in all major regions last month, with the US down the most (-4.8%). The global Tech sector performed worst while the only sector to rally was Energy as oil jumped 9.4%.

MSCI South Africa (US\$) 1M -4.4%; Y/D -12.2%. In 2023 (ZAR), gold (+12.6%) and cash (5.8%) are outperforming equities (+2.2%), bonds (+1.5%) and property (-8.9%). Strong economic data and stubborn inflation in Developed Markets continue to imply rates may remain higher for longer, however, two-thirds of calendar year global equity market returns usually occur in the last 10 weeks of the year.

Locally the electricity supply constraints and general service delivery problems with key state-owned enterprises will remain headwinds to the economy for the foreseeable future.

The Portfolio

The biggest contributors to the fund's performance relative to the benchmark was the consumer sector, where the funds overweight in Truworths, Shoprite and Famous brands contributed significantly. At the instrument level, not owning Impala Platinum, Vodacom, Multichoice and Discovery contributed to performance. Richemont and MTN were two of the largest detractors from performance in the quarter, positions in these two stocks were trimmed back.

In the current economic circumstances where interest rates are forecast to remain high and the underperformance of key state-owned enterprises, we are positioned in high-quality companies that are able to weather the economic pressures that result.

During the quarter we reduced weightings in FirstRand, MTN and Richemont and added to the weightings of Standard Bank and Bidvest while adding Vukile Property Fund to the portfolio.