

Performance Period	Fund Return	Benchmark*	Outperformance
1 Year	18.5%	12.4%	6.1%
3 Years (annualised)	12.5%	10.7%	1.8%
5 Years (annualised)	9.9%	9.3%	0.6%
Since Inception (annualised)	8.1%	7.6%	0.5%

Asset allocation	
Domestic Equity	34%
Global Equity	42%
Property	7%
Bonds	9%
Commodities	3%
Cash	5%

Performance is reported for the C Class, net of fees

*Benchmark: Average of the SA Multi Asset High Equity ASISA category, calculated over a 1-year rolling period
Inception date: September 2018

Top 5 Domestic Holdings	Top 5 Global Holdings
R2032 8.25% NewGold Ltd BHP Group Santam Vukile	Broadcom Mastercard Pulte Group Microsoft Lockheed Martin

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Commentary for the Quarter ended December 2023

Performance

For the quarter, the fund returned 8.3% vs. the benchmark's 6.2%. Over 12 months, the fund returned 18.5% vs. the benchmark's 12.4%.

Macro

MSCI World outperformed MSCI EM and was up 11.5% in USD terms for the quarter. The JSE All Share index was up 6.2% and SA bonds were up 5.4% in ZAR terms.

The ZAR strengthened by 3.1% against the USD.

Despite a volatile year marked by wars, AI enthusiasm and policy interventions; the US closed 2023 strong with the S&P 500 up 24% for the year - driven by IT and communication services sectors vs (-19%) during 2022. 2024 is expected to see monetary policies easing by developed market central banks as global inflation tappers off. China closed 2023 still struggling to see a recovery despite euphoria at the beginning of the year post the Covid reopening, with a lack of meaningful stimulus expected during the second half. Going into the new year China is expected to continue facing similar challenges as 2023, including a contracting real estate sector, weak consumer demand and business confidence.

Locally, the JSE saw 22 de-listings during 2023 down to 284 listed companies by the end of the year. The trend continues from previous years as trading volumes on the exchange continue to decline, with decreasing foreign investment and local investors seeking investment opportunities elsewhere. GDP growth stats showed a slight contraction in the SA economy for Q3 2023 dragged by weaker agriculture numbers after the avian flu outbreak and Western Cape floods impacts. Positively, the year ended with lighter load shedding, after additional capacity from Kusile and renewables making a difference.

The Portfolio

For the quarter - The offshore equity allocation was the biggest contributor to returns contributing 4.5%, for the year the offshore allocation contributed 19.7%. The fund typically remains fully allocated to the offshore allowance per Regulation 28. Domestic equity was the second-largest contributor for the quarter and the year.

At the instrument level Broadcom, the R2032 Pulte Group and Blackrock were top contributors while Sasol, Hyprop (sold during the quarter) and Albemarle were detractors.

We continue to be fully allocated to equities where we invest in quality companies that have good growth prospects, these companies should be able to withstand the uncertain macro environment.