

Performance Period	Fund Return	Benchmark*	Outperformance
3 months	6.3%	8.2%	-1.9%
6 months	3.2%	4.1%	-0.9%

* Benchmark: JSE Capped Swix
Inception date: March 2023

Top 5 Holdings

FirstRand
Naspers
Gold Field
Standard Bank
Bid Corp

Asset & Sector Allocation	
Cash	6%
Domestic Equity	94%
Basic Materials	18%
Consumer Discretionary	14%
Consumer Staples	15%
Financials	25%
Industrials	6%
Real Estate	3%
Technology	10%
Telecommunications	3%

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Commentary for the Quarter ended December 2023

Performance

For the quarter, the fund returned 6.3% vs. benchmark's 8.2%.

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 tapers 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 top contributors included stocks the fund did not own (Sibanye Stillwater) while the fund was also underweight Anglo American. Impala Platinum and Sibanye Stillwater were top contributors over the 12 months. Truworths a detractor over the quarter was a top contributor over 12 months.

We invest in quality companies that have good growth prospects, these companies should be able to withstand the uncertain macro environment.