

Performance Period	Fund Return	Sector Average	Outperformance
1 Year	10.4%	19.0%	-8.6%
3 Years (annualised)	15.1%	14.9%	0.2%
5 Years (annualised)	12.8%	12.8%	0%
Since Inception (annualised)	9.5%	9.7%	-0.2%

Asset allocation	
Global Equity	30%
Domestic Equity	39%
Property	11%
Bonds	11%
Commodities	6%
Cash (domestic + offshore)	3%

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%	Alphabet Inc
New Gold Issuer	Broadcom
Gold Fields	Ulta Beauty
Vukile	Microsoft
Growthpoint	Amazon

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Commentary for the Quarter Ended December 2025

Performance

During the quarter, the fund experienced a return of 4.5% compared to the benchmark's 4.6%. Over a 12-month period, the fund achieved a return of 10.4%, while the benchmark returned 19.0%.

Macro

MSCI World underperformed MSCI EM, up 3.2% in USD terms for the quarter. The JSE All Share index was up 7.3%, while SA bonds were up 8.8% ZAR terms. The ZAR strengthened by 4.2% against the USD.

US equities rose again in Q4 and even after a sharp April selloff triggered by tariff announcements, the S&P 500 ended the year up 17.9%. AI remained the dominating theme driving US markets performance throughout 2025. Earnings growth supported valuations, while concerns over tech valuations and cyclical risks caused brief pullbacks. China's equity market saw strong performance supported by a surge in technology shares post the development and adoption of Deepseek – a ChatGPT rival and South Korea was the best performing market on the EM index for the quarter, driven by strong demand for their AI memory technology.

Locally, investor confidence was strengthened by major policy and credibility improvements. SA's inflation target was lowered and the country was removed from the FATF grey list. These developments lowered risk premiums and supported capital inflows. Resources were the standout sector for the year, surging more than 100%, boosted by a historic rally in precious metals.

Portfolio

The domestic equity and property allocation was the main contributor to the performance during the quarter with the Local Equity contributing 3.1% while property contributed 2.2%. Offshore cash and equity detracted 1.5% from the portfolio performance as the ZAR strength limited returns from holding USD and US equities.

At the instrument level, Alphabet, Redefine properties, Vukile properties, growthpoint and the R2032 bond were leading contributors, whereas United rentals, Autozone, Meta Platforms and Paypal were detractors from portfolio returns. During the quarter Amazon, Pepkor, and Richemont was added to the fund, while the fund sold out of AVI, Mr Price, Autozone, AB Inbev, and United Rentals.

Our approach

Our strategic asset allocation process, which focuses on investing in growth assets with a proven real return profile, remains central to the portfolio's structure for 2026. In terms of equity instruments, our investment philosophy prioritizes sustainable growth in real cash earnings over time. Companies are expected to generate high cash returns relative to their capital requirements and to reinvest effectively. Although valuation risks remain, our disciplined approach has resulted in long-term performance.

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