SYNOPSIS

PERFORMANCE (TOTAL RETURN)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Annualised (since 02/09/2002)	14.1%	14.6%
Last 12 months	10.1%	28.1%
Last 3 months	5.2%	12.8%

PORTFOLIO VALUE

R 4 632.7 million (30/06/2025: R 4 411.5 million)

INVESTMENT OUTLOOK AND PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

World: US growth robust but labour market softening
Tariffs may add renewed inflation pressure
Fed likely to be cautious about aggressive rate cuts
Earnings growth decelerating
Geopolitical and trade tensions remain elevated

South Africa: Growth constrained without structural reform
Energy supply stable but infrastructure fragile
Inflation moderating though risks remain
Pace of interest rate cuts slowing
Rand remains vulnerable to negative surprises

Portfolio construction: Remain cautious on resources sector
Physical gold position hedges systemic risks
Reduced financial underweight as valuation reflecting tough economic conditions
Increasing staple food producers and retailers
Healthcare remains significant weight, given defensive characteristics
Naspers/Prosus largest holding on attractive valuations
Selective exposure to listed property
Utilized cash to capitalize on opportunities

EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION (previous)

	Portfolio	
	%	%
JSE equities	94	(87)
JSE property	4	(4)
Commodities	0	(1)
Money market	2	(8)
	100	

1. PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

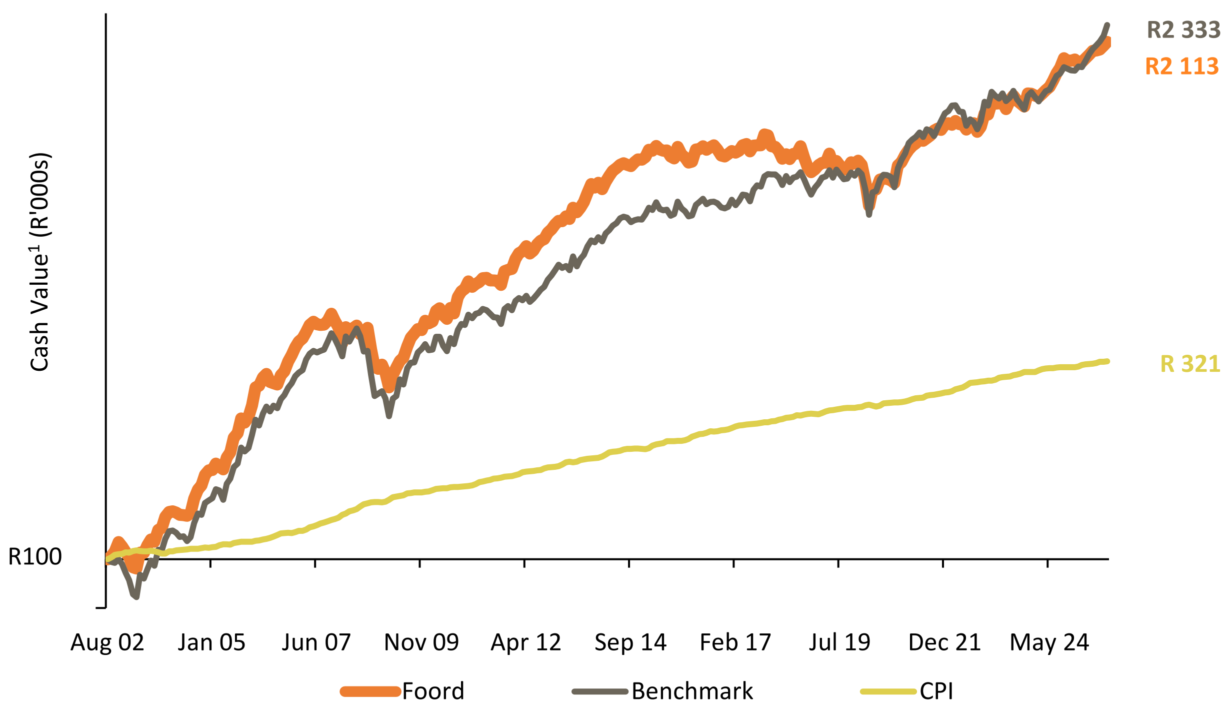
Total performance to 30 September 2025

	Portfolio %	Benchmark* %	Variance %	Peer Group# %
From inception (02/09/2002)	14.1	14.6	- 0.5	12.9
20 years	11.7	13.3	- 1.6	10.8
15 years	10.5	12.7	- 2.2	9.7
10 years	7.1	11.8	- 4.7	9.0
7 years	10.2	13.9	- 3.7	11.0
5 years	17.7	19.6	- 1.9	17.2
3 years	19.3	22.7	- 3.4	18.2
1 year	10.1	28.1	- 18.0	21.3
9 months	10.9	30.9	- 20.0	24.5
3 months	5.2	12.8	- 7.6	10.4

* Total return of the FTSE/JSE Capped All Share Index (prior to 01/07/2018 FTSE/JSE All Share Index)

(ASISA) South Africa Equity – SA General average

Daily linked time-weighted total rates of return (capital and income) based on unit price. Returns in percent net of management fees and fund expenses. Returns for periods exceeding 12 months are annualised percentages.



[1] Current value of R100 000 notional lump sum invested at inception, distributions reinvested (graphically represented in R'000s above)

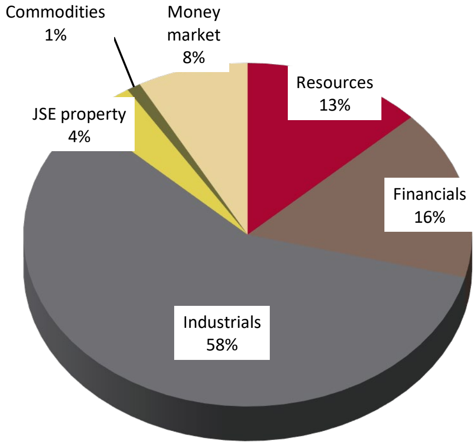
Quarterly performance comment:

- The fund delivered strong absolute returns while lagging its market-based benchmark — the FTSE/JSE CAPI Index surged by double digits, led overwhelmingly by resource shares, which gained more than 40% during the period
- An allocation to gold producers contributed positively to total returns, although an underweight position relative to the index detracted from relative performance — the gold price strengthened further amid US dollar weakness, heightened geopolitical tensions, and sustained central bank buying
- A meaningful allocation to media group Naspers/Prosus added to returns — both companies' shares rallied on renewed optimism in Chinese technology stocks and improved sentiment towards emerging market growth assets
- Holdings in SA Inc. companies exposed to the domestic economy detracted from returns — banks and retailers came under pressure amid persistent political uncertainty, a difficult economic backdrop, and weak GDP growth
- An investment in property company Fortress contributed to both absolute and relative returns — the market reflects the company's improved outlook and strong development pipeline, along with more favourable conditions for real estate given falling interest rates
- The fund's holding in global brewer Anheuser-Busch InBev detracted from performance — the share price weakened after the company reported lower sales volumes, reflecting softer demand in key markets such as Brazil and China
- Cash contributed to absolute returns but detracted on a relative basis given the strong equity rally — the SARB maintained their cautious approach, cutting rates by 25 basis points in July but pausing in September, citing lingering inflation risks

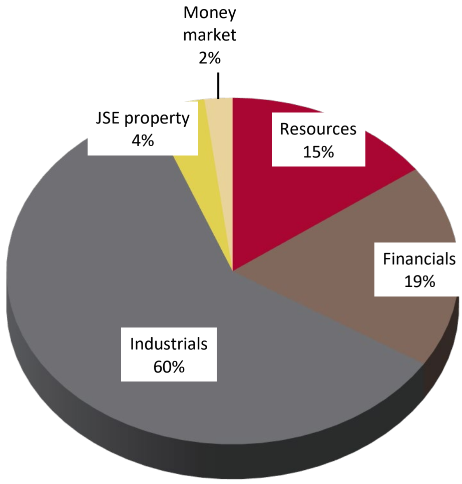
2. PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE

	Portfolio Effective exposure 30/06/2025	Portfolio Effective exposure 30/09/2025	FTSE/JSE Capped ALSI Weightings
	%	%	%
JSE equities: resources	13	15	32
JSE equities: financials (ex property)	16	19	24
JSE equities: industrials	58	60	38
JSE property	4	4	4
JSE equities*	91	98	98
Commodities	1	0	
Money market	8	2	
	100	**100**	
Total portfolio	**R 4 411.5m**	**R 4 632.7m**	
*Size distribution of JSE equities	%	%	%
Large capitalisation	59	62	89
Mid capitalisation	16	17	7
Small capitalisation	25	21	4
	100	**100**	**100**

Effective exposure 30/06/2025



Effective exposure 30/09/2025



3. PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

- SA equity and property was increased to 98% of total — widespread negative sentiment created mispricing, allowing selective investment in attractively valued SA Inc opportunities
- Holdings in global media giant Naspers / Prosus was maintained — Prosus remains the fund's top holding, underpinned by strong balance sheets, compelling valuations and solid long-term earnings potential
- Took advantage of market volatility to increase exposure to quality consumer businesses such as Pepkor — holdings remain concentrated in defensive names well-positioned to weather a challenging economic environment
- Increased investment in the financial sector, by selectively adding to high quality banks such as Firstrand and short term insurer Santam — we continue to prefer quality banks and short term insurers over life insurers, which are better-placed to preserve margins and grow earnings, even as interest rates decline
- Kept a low weighting in commodity producers and exited the fund's physical gold position to lock in gains — we believe it prudent to realise profits given gold's strong rally, while retaining holdings in gold producers, which remain well supported by firm gold prices
- Continued to avoid large, diversified property counters — fundamentals for the asset class remain weak, with elevated debt burdens, excess capacity and ongoing uncertainty around office and retail space demand
- Our effective asset allocation is:

	Capped ALSI	Portfolio at	
	Current	30/06/2025	30/09/2025
	%	%	%
Precious metals	25	8	10
Commodity cyclicals	7	4	5
Capital goods/construction	1	5	4
Industrials/transport	4	4	4
Overseas companies	6	5	4
Health	1	8	7
Consumer/services	9	23	28
Telecommunications	4	0	0
Media	13	13	14
Financials	25	16	19
Property	5	4	4
Commodities	0	1	0
Money market	0	9	1
	100	**100**	**100**

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4. EFFECTIVE EXPOSURE AND PORTFOLIO SENSITIVITY

4.1 Effective exposure

Asset class	Market value R'000	Option exposure R'000	Effective exposure R'000	Effective exposure %
JSE equities	4,380,991		4,380,991	94.6%
JSE property	173,959		173,959	3.7%
Money market	77,723		77,723	1.7%
Total	**4,632,673**		**4,632,673**	**100.0%**

4.2 Sensitivity report

JSE EQUITIES

Change in portfolio equities	**-20.0%**	**-10.0%**	**-5.0%**	**0.0%**	**5.0%**	**10.0%**	**20.0%**
Resultant equity change *	-876,198	-438,099	-219,050	0	219,050	438,099	876,198
Resultant portfolio value *	3,756,475	4,194,574	4,413,623	4,632,673	4,851,723	5,070,772	5,508,871
Resultant portfolio change (%)	-18.9%	-9.5%	-4.7%	0.0%	4.7%	9.5%	18.9%

JSE PROPERTY

Change in portfolio property	**-20.0%**	**-10.0%**	**-5.0%**	**0.0%**	**5.0%**	**10.0%**	**20.0%**
Resultant property change *	-34,792	-17,396	-8,698	0	8,698	17,396	34,792
Resultant portfolio value *	4,597,881	4,615,277	4,623,975	4,632,673	4,641,371	4,650,069	4,667,465
Resultant portfolio change (%)	-0.8%	-0.4%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.8%

*[R'000]

5. RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Voting resolutions for Q3 2025	Total count	For	Against	Abstain
Adopt Financials	4	100%	0%	0%
Auditor/Risk/Social/Ethics related	59	98%	2%	0%
Buy Back Shares	6	100%	0%	0%
Director Remuneration	32	100%	0%	0%
Dividend Related	2	100%	0%	0%
Issue Shares	6	0%	100%	0%
Loan / Financial Assistance	8	50%	50%	0%
Other	11	73%	27%	0%
Re/Elect Director	38	100%	0%	0%
Remuneration Policy	15	33%	67%	0%
Shares under Director Control	2	0%	100%	0%
Signature of Documents	1	100%	0%	0%

General comments:

- There are few abstentions. We apply our minds to every single resolution put to shareholders. When there is an abstention it would typically be intentional or for strategic reasons
- We typically vote against any resolution that could dilute the interests of existing shareholders. Examples include placing shares under the blanket control of directors, providing loans and financial assistance to associate companies or subsidiaries and blanket authority to issue shares. On the rare occasion, we have voted in favour of such resolutions, we were able to gain the required conviction in the specifics of the strategic rationale for such activities and could gain comfort that such activities are indeed to be used to the reasons stated
- The firm also has a strong philosophy regarding management remuneration models. We believe in rewarding good managers with appropriate cash remuneration on achievement of relevant performance metrics that enhance long-term shareholder value. We are generally not in favour of share option schemes given the inherent asymmetry between risk and reward typical of such schemes. In addition, we do not believe that existing shareholders should be diluted by the issuing of new shares to management as is the case with most option schemes. We are in favour of the alignment created between management and shareholders when management has acquired its stake in the company through open market share trading and paid for out of management's own cash earnings

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