

Minimum Disclosure Document - 31 January 2025

**FUND PROFILE**

The Taquanta Equity FR Fund is actively managed and aims to exceed the returns generated by the benchmark over a 3-year rolling period where portfolio position deviation from the benchmark is minimised. The portfolio is not a tracking fund, but will closely replicate the composition of the benchmark and aims to over time generate returns in excess of the benchmark by following a portable alpha investment strategy.

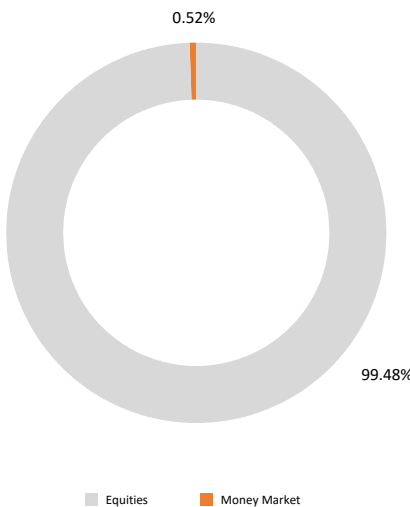
**FUND OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the portfolio is to produce enhanced returns relative to the benchmark over rolling 3-year periods where portfolio position deviation from the benchmark is minimised and to overtime generate long-term capital growth.

**INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The portfolio invests in select combinations of equities, equity securities, equity securities listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange or listed and unlisted financial instruments. The portfolio will not invest in international equities, equity securities, international listed and unlisted financial instruments or in Africa (outside of South Africa).

**ASSET ALLOCATION**



Equity exposure is achieved via investments in the derivative market.

**INFORMATION & DISCLOSURES**

Income Distribution Frequency:	December and June
Income Distribution Cents per Unit (CPU)	June 2024 (13.07), December 2024 (5.62)
Portfolio Valuation Time :	17H00 daily
Transaction Cut-Off Time :	14H00 daily

**FUND DETAILS**

Risk Profile



Portfolio Manager:	Taquanta Asset Managers (Pty) Ltd
Fund Size (in Millions):	R1 646.98
Fund Benchmark/Hurdle:	FTSE / JSE SWIX over rolling 3-year periods
ASISA Classification	South African - Equity - General Equity
Currency:	ZAR
Units in Issue:	108,550,111.99
Unit Price (NAV per Unit) <sup>3</sup> :	R14.58
Minimum Investment:	R10 000 once off lump sum R500 per month contribution
Inception Date:	27 November 2019
Regulation 28 Compliant:	No

**NAV ATTRIBUTABLE TO INVESTORS**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019											-0.04%	-1.24%	-1.29%
2020	-1.15%	-7.05%	-14.97%	15.31%	-2.00%	9.19%	3.17%	0.14%	-2.89%	-2.35%	10.30%	2.36%	6.64%
2021	5.01%	4.74%	4.34%	-0.24%	-0.10%	-2.33%	2.08%	-1.74%	0.28%	3.46%	-0.62%	6.15%	22.63%
2022	0.16%	1.98%	3.22%	-3.76%	0.63%	-7.33%	2.87%	-1.24%	-3.84%	5.14%	9.96%	-2.59%	4.11%
2023	7.32%	-2.28%	-1.89%	3.37%	-5.84%	4.05%	4.13%	-4.80%	-2.99%	-2.87%	8.51%	2.51%	8.27%
2024	-2.72%	-2.14%	2.92%	3.06%	1.06%	4.82%	3.99%	1.44%	4.13%	-0.83%	-0.83%	-0.19%	15.32%
2025	2.41%												2.41%

**STATISTICS AT January 2025**

	* FUND	** BMK
1 Year	21.40%	19.46%
Highest 12 month rolling return	56.64%	51.51%
Lowest 12 month rolling return	-1.86%	-2.20%
Since Inception (Annualised)	10.86%	10.03%

\* Taquanta Equity FR Fund - Class R1 Fund Source: Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA as of January 2025

\*\* FTSE / JSE SWIX Benchmark(s) Source: Bloomberg as at January 2025

**FEES**

Service Fee (excl. VAT p .a.):	0.50%
Cost Ratios (incl. VAT):	
* Total Expense Ratio (TER%) <sup>2</sup> :	0.58%
* Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):	0.00%
* Total Investment Charges (TIC%) <sup>1</sup>	0.58%
* Performance Fee (PF) Included in TER:	0.00%

<sup>1</sup> Total Investment Charges (TIC%) = TER (%) + TC (%). <sup>2</sup> The Total Expense Ratio (TER%) of a portfolio, expressed as a percentage of the daily average value of the portfolio, is calculated over a period of usually a financial year and represents a measure of the portfolio's assets that were relinquished to meet portfolio operating costs, including charges, levies and fees. Typical expenses which are deducted from a portfolio include service charges, taxes, trustee fees and audit fees. <sup>3</sup> Unit prices are published daily on the Manager's website. Investor instructions received after 14:00pm shall be processed the following business day.

## MARKET COMMENTARY

The South Africa Rand experienced a notable decline in the latter half of January, depreciating to 18.67 per dollar from 18.38 early in the month. The weakness in the currency was largely due to domestic economic vulnerability and growing concerns over U.S. trade policies under President Donald Trump. South Africa's political landscape has been particularly turbulent, with investor confidence waning despite the country's relatively high yields compared to its peers.

Uncertainty surrounding the coalition government since the President signed the land expropriation bill without compensation into law has exacerbated market unease. The coalition faced significant strain when the Democratic Alliance raised governance disputes following President Cyril Ramaphosa's signing of a controversial land expropriation bill. This legislation, aimed at facilitating land redistribution, surprised coalition partners and drew criticism for procedural missteps.

Despite these challenges, officials from the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) expressed limited concern over the rand's depreciation. On January 30, SARB reduced its key interest rate by 25 basis points to 7.50%, marking the third consecutive cut. While inflation remains under control, the medium-term economic outlook is clouded by global uncertainties. SARB revised its 2025 inflation forecast slightly downward to 3.9% from 4%, with projections for 2026 and 2027 remaining at 4.6% and 4.5%, respectively. The central bank expects inflation to stay within the lower half of its target range in the near term, despite potential upside risks.

South Africa's economy is expected to recover in the fourth quarter after a slowdown in the previous quarter, primarily due to an unusual drop in agricultural production. Steady growth is anticipated in the coming years, with GDP potentially reaching 2% by 2027. Inflation in December 2024 edged up slightly to 3% from 2.9% in November, remaining below SARB's 4.5% target midpoint. Key drivers of price growth included housing, utilities, food, alcoholic beverages, and miscellaneous goods. Core inflation, excluding volatile items like food and fuel, eased to 3.6%, its lowest level since February 2022.

Globally, U.S. policy developments continue to pose significant risks. President Trump's repeated tariff threats have raised fears of price hikes and a stronger dollar, which could adversely affect African nations with high debt levels. Our view is that Trump policies of mass deportation, tariffs, deregulations and tax cuts could potentially add inflationary pressures and as such increase the risk of prolonged higher interest rates in the US where inflationary pressures have been persistent for some time now. For example, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for December, released on January 15, showed a year-on-year increase to 2.9%, the highest rate since July 2024. Total CPI has risen for three consecutive months, moving further from the Federal Reserve's 2% target. Core CPI, however, eased slightly to 3.2% from 3.3%. Monthly total CPI increased by 0.2%, while core CPI saw a more significant rise of 0.4%.

Sticky inflation together with a still solid labor market led the Federal Reserve to maintain US interest rates in January, signaling caution amid ongoing political and economic uncertainties. We are predicting a challenging road ahead as the Fed balances inflation control with efforts to support economic stability.

Geopolitical tensions, such as the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and disruptions in the Red Sea, continue to impact commodity prices and supply chains, adding to inflationary pressures. Domestically, South Africa's energy crisis, characterized by renewed load-shedding, remains a significant drag on economic growth and investor confidence.

In South Africa, the SWIX Index delivered 2.32% m/m, while the JSAPY TR ZAR delivered -2.34% m/m for the month of January.

*Please Note: The above commentary is based on reasonable assumptions and is not guaranteed to occur.*

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## GLOSSARY

**Net Asset Value (NAV):** Means net asset value, which is the total market value of all assets in a portfolio including any income accruals and less and deductible expenses such as audit fees, brokerage and service fees.

**Annualised Return:** Is the weighted average compound growth rate over the performance period measured.

**Highest & Lowest Return:** The highest and lowest rolling twelve-month performance of the portfolio since inception.

**Total Expense Ratio (TER):** Reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's.

**Transaction Costs (TC):** Is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns.

**Total Investment Charge (TIC):** Should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager.

**Total Investment Charges (TIC%):** = TER (%) + TC (%): The Total Investment Charges (TIC), the TER + the TC, is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product. It should be noted that a TIC is the sum of two calculated ratios (TER+TC).

**Derivative / Financial Instrument:** A contract that derives its value (positive or negative) from another asset.

**Alpha:** Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

## FUND RISK

**Derivative Risk:** Derivative positions are financial instruments that derive their value from an underlying asset. Derivatives are exposed to implicit leverage which could result in magnified gains and/or losses on the portfolio.

**Volatility Risk:** Volatility refers to uncertainty and risk related to size of change of an instrument or portfolio. It is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index. Volatility is proportional to the directional exposure of a portfolio and is measured by Value at risk (VaR) which is a statistical technique used to measure and quantify the level of volatility.

**Concentration and Sector Risk:** A large proportion of total assets invested in specific assets, sectors or regions. Concentrated positions or concentrated sectors in a portfolio will material impact the returns of the portfolio more so than diversified portfolios.

**Equity Risk:** Applies to investment in shares or derivatives based on shares. The market price of shares varies depending on supply and demand of the shares. Equity risk is the risk of loss due to the drop in the market price of shares. Equity risk can either be systematic risk which is risk to the entire market based on political and economic indicators or unsystematic risk which is company specific and includes risk relating to company profits, future prospects and general consensus on the company or sector.

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