

### INVESTMENT POLICY SUMMARY

The fund tracks the performance of its benchmark, the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index. The fund is rebalanced monthly. The fund will invest in a basket of permitted government and corporate fixed-interest securities. The aim is to track the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index. By investing in a passive vehicle, the returns to investment strategies are known. By applying a full replication strategy, the fund will mirror the composition of the chosen benchmark. In order to reduce costs and minimise tracking error, Satrix Bond Index Fund engages in scrip lending activities.

### WHY CHOOSE THIS FUND?

- \*If you seek general market performance through a well-diversified bond portfolio at low cost.
- \*If you seek a core component for the bond portion of your portfolio.
- \*If you who prefer to take a longer term view when building wealth.
- \*If you are cost conscious.

### FUND INFORMATION

<b>ASISA Fund Classification</b>	SA - Interest Bearing - Variable Term
<b>Risk profile</b>	Cautious
<b>Benchmark</b>	FTSE/JSE All Bond Index
<b>Portfolio launch date</b>	Dec 2008
<b>Fee class launch date</b>	Apr 2014
<b>Minimum investment</b>	Manual: Lump sum: R10 000   Monthly: R500 SatrixNOW.co.za: No minimum
<b>Portfolio size</b>	R5.9 billion
<b>Last two distributions</b>	30 Jun 2024: 45.63 cents per unit 31 Dec 2023: 45.13 cents per unit
<b>Income decl. dates</b>	30 Jun   31 Dec
<b>Income price dates</b>	1st working day in July and January
<b>Valuation time of fund</b>	17:00
<b>Transaction cut off time</b>	Manual: 15:00 SatrixNOW.co.za: 13:30
<b>Daily price information</b>	www.satrix.co.za
<b>Repurchase period</b>	T+3

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Securities	% of Portfolio
Republic Of South Africa 10.50% 211226	12.81
Republic Of South Africa 8.00% 31012030	11.84
Republic Of South Africa 8.75% 280248	11.80
Republic Of South Africa 8.875% 28022035	10.52
Republic Of South Africa 8.25% 31032032	10.51
Republic Of South Africa 8.50% 31012037	9.31
Republic Of South Africa 9.00% 31012040	7.85
Republic Of South Africa 8.75% 31012044	7.52
Republic Of South Africa 7.00% 280231	6.54
Rsa 6.25% 310336	2.59

as at 31 Oct 2024

### PERFORMANCE (ANNUALISED)

Retail Class	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
1 year	20.62	21.29
3 year	9.94	10.49
5 year	8.80	9.43
10 year	7.83	8.45

Annualized return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

### ACTUAL HIGHEST AND LOWEST ANNUAL RETURNS\*

Highest Annual %	20.62
Lowest Annual %	2.59

### FEES (INCL. VAT)

	Retail Class (%)
<b>Advice initial fee (max.)</b>	N/A
<b>Manager initial fee</b>	N/A
<b>Advice annual fee (max.)</b>	1.15
<b>Manager annual fee</b>	0.52
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	0.50
<b>Transaction Cost (TC)</b>	0.01

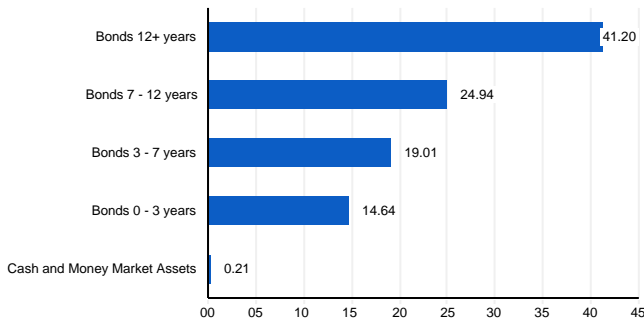
Advice fee | Any advice fee is negotiable between the client and their financial advisor. An annual advice fee negotiated is paid via a repurchase of units from the investor. The portfolio manager may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. This fund is also available via certain LISPS (Linked Investment Service Providers), which levy their own fees.

Total Expense Ratio (TER) | The Management Fee is expressed as an annual percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS This Fee is net of any scrip lending income and Management Fee waiver, where applicable.

The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the charges incurred by the portfolio, for the payment of services rendered in the administration of the CIS. The TER is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 3 years on an annualised basis. The Transaction Cost (TC) is the cost incurred by the portfolio in the buying and selling of underlying assets. This is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 3 years on an annualised basis.

The current TER/TC cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER and TC. A higher TER and TC does not imply a poor return nor does a low TER and TC imply a good return. Obtain the costs of an investment prior to investing by using the EAC calculator provided at satrix.co.za.

**ASSET ALLOCATION**



**PORTFOLIO QUARTERLY COMMENTARY - 30 SEP 2024**

The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 closed the third quarter at all-time highs after the US Federal Reserve Bank (Fed) cut rates by 50 bps for the first time since 2020. The US inflation rate has been on a downward trend since March this year, moving from 3.5% to 2.5% in its last print in September. The euro area showed a similar trend, moving from 2.8% at the start of the year down to 1.8%. However, the European Central Bank (ECB) cut rates by 25 bps in June and a further 60 bps in September. South Africa's inflation eased from 5.6% at the start of the year to 4.4%, and the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) cut interest rates by 25 bps at their policy meeting in September.

In rand terms, the third quarter saw US stock-heavy indices mute as the MSCI World Index was up 0.4%, while the MSCI USA and the S&P 500 indices were both down 0.1%. The Nasdaq 100 Index had been trading sideways through the quarter and ended the period down 3.7%. China announced a late stimulus push to revive its troubled economy, which sent waves across the globe and saw its stock market significantly up. In rands, the MSCI China Index was up 16.5% for the quarter, pushing the MSCI Emerging Markets Index up 2.6% for the same period. The MSCI India Index was up 1.2% during the quarter and global bonds were up 1%. The MSCI Europe Index was up 0.6% and the MSCI United Kingdom Index was up 1.9%.

Possible disruption of oil supply, fuelled by the escalation in Middle East conflicts - particularly Iran and Israel - resulted in volatility in the oil price. OPEC+, on the other hand, was planning to restore some of the production capacity it had halted and is set to push up production in December this year. Brent crude oil ended the quarter at US\$71.70 a barrel, a 15.6% drop from the start of the quarter. The gold price continued its run, reaching an all-time high and ended the quarter up 13.3%, at US\$2 635.70.

In July, President Joe Biden announced his withdrawal from the 2024 US presidential election and endorsed his second-in-command, Vice President Kamala Harris, as his replacement. It is a close contest as 5 November approaches, the US' 60<sup>th</sup> quadrennial presidential election. The US 20-year Government Bond yield closed the quarter at 4.18%.

In local markets, the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) was up 9.6% for the third quarter and the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index (Top 40) was up 8.6%. The outperformance in the local market was largely driven by Financials, which were up 13.9% for the quarter, and Industrials, which were up 11.4%. Resources were down 1.1%. The South African 10-year Government Bond yield closed the quarter at 8.85%, while the All Bond Index (ALBI) was up 10.5%. The cash benchmark, the Alexander Forbes Short-Term Fixed-Interest (STeFI) Composite Index, delivered positive money market returns of 2.1%, while the FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property Index (SAPY) was up 18.7% for the quarter.

During the quarter, the rand appreciated by 5.6% to the US dollar, closing at R17.23 to the greenback, R23.11 to the pound and at R19.23 to the euro.

**Bond Quarterly Q3 2024**

South African asset prices continued their strong recovery buoyed by positive sentiment from the formation of the Government of National Unity (GNU). The performance of South African bonds is all the more impressive when one considers that global EM investors have been net sellers to the tune of \$12.35 billion year to date. This includes outflows of \$7.282 billion from local currency debt, \$3.978 billion from blended currency debt, and \$1.088 billion from hard currency debt. South Africa saw local currency outflows of \$4.9 billion, primarily due to India's inclusion in the EM bond index, which has attracted inflows of \$13.1 billion.

Bonds have delivered great returns over the last 12 months, from very cheap valuation levels, leading investors to question whether there is still value in the asset class. The fourth quarter usually delivers positive returns for bonds as issuance reduces and coupons lead to a demand-supply imbalance. Historic performance in October is more mixed as investors usually adopt a cautious stance ahead of the Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS). This year, the Minister of Finance will deliver the mini-budget on 30 October. Bond investors will adopt a more positive stance going into this year's budget because the market is expecting the minister to give an indication of the fiscal rules that will be enacted in the February budget. The objective of legislated fiscal rules is to make sure that successive governments only pass budgets that are consistent with fiscal stability.

Global financial markets performed well during the quarter after the US Federal Issue Date: 21 Nov 2024

Reserve (Fed) delivered a 50-bps rate cut in September, in line with market expectations. The disappointing US non-farm jobs report released in August seems to have been the catalyst for the large rate cut. The Fed was among the last of the major central banks to cut rates. The European Central Bank (ECB) reduced its deposit rate by 25 bps at its May and September meetings. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB)'s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) lowered the repo rate by 25 bps in September. While the size of the rate cut was in line with economists' forecasts, the forward rate agreement market was pricing a high likelihood of a 50-bps cut. With the Fed having started rates cuts, we are now firmly in a global cutting phase of the cycle and lower policy rates will be supportive of bond yields going forward.

**RISK PROFILE (CAUTIOUS)**

This fund aims to provide stable income in conjunction with fluctuating capital values. It aims to provide a high level of income in excess of cash returns over the medium term. This fund is designed to track the bond benchmark and has a medium-term investment horizon.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

**Manager**

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**Investment Manager**

The management of investments are outsourced to Satrix, a division of Sanlam Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, FSP 579, an authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002.

**Trustee**

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