

Taquanta High Yield Credit Fund

Factsheet

August 2026

Fund Objective

The objective of the High Yield Credit fund is to generate returns in excess of a typical income fund. This fund is best suited for investors looking for enhanced income returns with very low liquidity requirements.

Investment Strategy

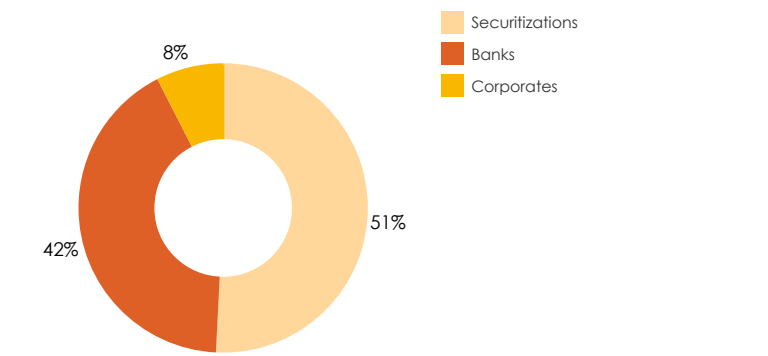
Employs a conservative approach to enhance yields through extracting the liquidity risk premium in longer dated and less liquid debt instruments, as well as an increased exposure to credit assets. Our fundamental credit review process is robust, combining qualitative and quantitative analysis, overlaid with institutional memory to question convention, operating within a strong risk and compliance framework. Our portfolio construction process builds a well-diversified fund targeting up to 30+ counterparties to further diversify risks.

Fund Performance

Period (naca)	Fund Return	Fund Target	CPI +5%
1 month	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%
3 months	2.6%	2.4%	2.9%
6 months	5.3%	4.8%	6.3%
1 Year	11.0%	11.3%	9.3%
2 years p.a.	10.8%	11.7%	8.9%
3 years p.a.	10.4%	12.1%	9.1%
5 years p.a.	10.5%	11.3%	10.0%

Source: Taquanta Asset Managers

Issuer Type



*Banks include 33% in Credit-linked Notes, which are bank issued notes referencing other entities.

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Fund Details

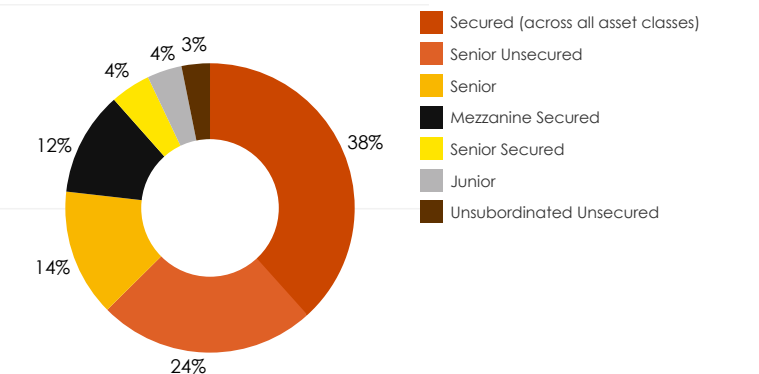
Risk Profile:	LowMidHigh		
	Taquanta Asset Managers		
Portfolio Manager	Taquanta Asset Managers		
Currency	ZAR		
Fund size	R419.7M		
Inception Date	August 2013		
Targeted Return	STeFI Composite (Cash) +4%		
Minimum Rating	BB- (at time of purchase)		
Maximum Offshore Exposure	40% (Hedged to Rands)		
Lock-in Period	5 Years		
Maturity Limit	7 Years		
Modified Duration	< 0.25 years		
No. of Counterparties	> 30		

Top 5 Credit Exposures

Issuer Name	% Exposure
The Republic of South Africa	35%
Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	17%
Nedbank Limited	13%
ABSA Bank Limited	7%
Obaro SPV (RF) Proprietary Limited	5%

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Capital Ranking



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Fund Outlook

The start of the third quarter has been characterised by continued compression in credit spreads, supported by strong investor demand and favourable market liquidity conditions. The fund's diversified investment approach across listed, unlisted and structured credit continues to provide access to attractive risk-adjusted opportunities, although primary market spreads remain under pressure as demand for high-quality credit exceeds available supply. Against a backdrop of strong auction participation, elevated issuance activity and ongoing spread tightening, particularly within the financial sector, we remain focused on maintaining pricing discipline and selectively allocating capital to opportunities that offer appropriate compensation for risk. The fund maintains a low-duration bias, supported by a balanced maturity profile and strong liquidity positioning.

Market Commentary

Geopolitical tensions between the United States and Iran continued to pose risks to global energy markets, given the strategic importance of the Strait of Hormuz. Any sustained disruption to energy flows could place renewed upward pressure on oil prices and inflation, with potential implications for production activity and a more uncertain policy response from global central banks.

South African inflation provided some relief, with headline CPI easing to 4.3% in July from 5.0% in June, below analysts' expectations of 4.5%. The moderation was driven mainly by lower transport and food-price inflation, while fuel inflation also softened as global oil prices retreated from earlier highs. The rand tested levels below R16.00 to the US dollar, supported by a comparatively favourable inflation print and shifting global risk sentiment, although broader growth and labour-market headwinds remained a constraint.

Macroeconomic activity remained subdued, with firms still awaiting a catalyst to lift confidence and activity. South Africa's seasonally adjusted Absa Purchasing Managers' Index declined to 45.8 points in August from 46.8 in July, marking a fourth consecutive monthly fall. Similarly, the RMB/BER Business Confidence Index edged lower to 38 in the third quarter from 39 in the second quarter, remaining well below the neutral 50-point level.

In the United States, annual inflation eased slightly to 3.4% in July from 3.5% in June, supported mainly by a 2.9% monthly decline in gasoline prices. In addition, nonfarm payrolls fell by 23,000 jobs in July, well below the median expectation of an 81,000 increase. Against the backdrop of conflicting US policy objectives, and in the absence of clear forward guidance from Fed Chair Kevin Warsh at the Jackson Hole Symposium, the global interest-rate outlook continues to remain broadly uncertain.

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Long-term insurance subcategory B2				
Long-term Insurance subcategory B2-A				
Long-term Insurance subcategory B1-A				
Long-Term Insurance subcategory C	X	X	X	
Retail Pension Benefits				
Pension Funds Benefits				
Shares	X	X	X	
Money market instruments	X	X	X	
Debentures and securitised debt	X	X	X	
Warrants, certificates and other instruments	X	X	X	
Bonds	X	X	X	
Derivative instruments	X	X	X	
Participatory interests in CIS's	X	X	X	
Participatory interest in a Hedge Fund			X	X
Long-term Deposits	X	X	X	
Short-term Deposits	X	X	X	
Structured Deposits			X	X
Securities and instruments				
General Category IIA experience				X

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