

Fund Objective

The primary objective of the Taquanta Enhanced Cash Fund is to achieve consistent returns in excess of a generic money market fund with an emphasis on capital preservation and low performance volatility.

Investment Strategy

Employs a conservative approach to enhance yields through extracting the liquidity risk premium primarily in longer-dated bank paper with a maximum maturity up to 7 years. 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. The fund is primarily invested in bank issued instruments that can be liquidated easily

Fund Details

Risk Profile:



Low Mid High

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| Portfolio Manager: | Taquanta Asset Managers |
| Currency: | ZAR |
| Fund Size: | R2,9 bn |
| Inception date: | March 2005 |
| Benchmark: | STeFl Composite |
| Compliance: | Regulation 28 & 30 |
| ASISA Fund Classification: | Similar to Varied Specialist |
| Valuation Method: | Mark to Market |
| Floating Rate Asset: | 99% |
| Avg Term to Maturity | 2.75 years |
| Modified Duration: | <0.15 Years |
| No. of Counterparties: | ≥13 |

Fund Performance

| Period (naca) | Fund Return | Benchmark | Active Returns |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 Month | 0,6% | 0,6% | 0,1% |
| 3 Months | 2,0% | 1,7% | 0,3% |
| 1 year | 8,7% | 7,1% | 1,5% |
| 2 years p.a. | 9,4% | 7,6% | 1,6% |
| 3 years p.a. | 9,7% | 7,9% | 1,7% |
| 5 years p.a. | 8,5% | 6,9% | 1,6% |
| Volatility (3yrs p.a.) | 0,3% | 0,2% | 0,3% |

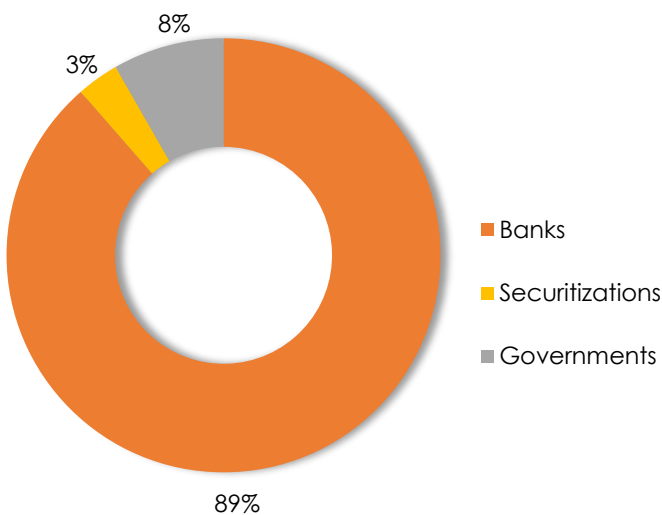
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Top 5 Credit Exposures (excluding unit trusts)

| Issuer Name | % Exposure |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Nedbank Limited | 21% |
| Standard Bank/RSA | 19% |
| Firststrand Bank Limited | 13% |
| ABSA Bank Limited | 10% |
| BNP Paribas | 9% |

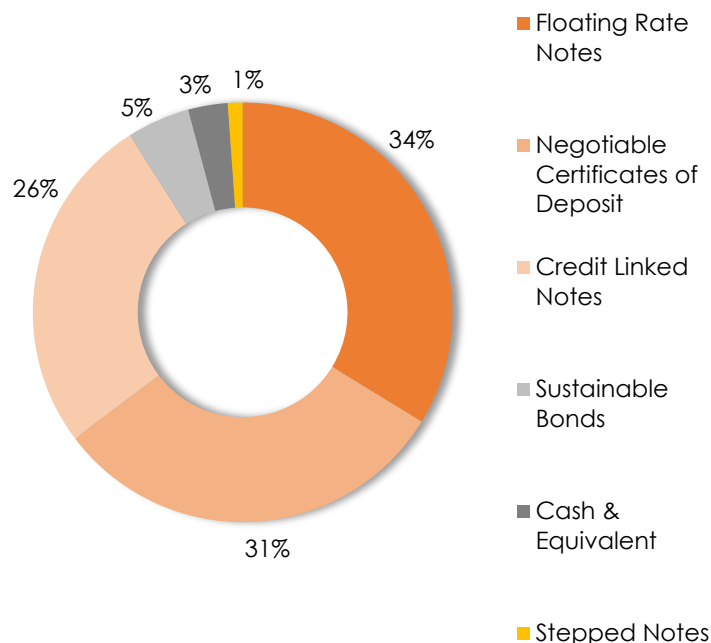
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Issuer Type



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Instrument Type



Fund Outlook

Against a backdrop of heightened geopolitical uncertainty, persistent inflation risks, and shifting monetary policy expectations, our fixed-income strategy remains anchored in capital preservation, sustainable income generation, and disciplined risk management. Portfolio positioning continues to favour high-quality credit, supported by prudent liquidity management and active duration positioning to balance interest rate risk with opportunities across the yield curve. While South Africa's macroeconomic backdrop has shown gradual signs of improvement, the external environment remains volatile and sensitive to shifts in market sentiment. We therefore maintain a measured and flexible approach, focused on protecting client capital while remaining well placed to capture attractive risk-adjusted opportunities arising from periods of market volatility and price dislocation.

Market Commentary

Geopolitical tensions remained a key driver of market sentiment during the month, with further military action involving the United States and Iran adding to uncertainty in the Middle East. Ongoing negotiations around a possible ceasefire and nuclear agreement did little to reassure markets, as the conflict continued to drive volatility in energy prices, cloud the global growth outlook, and support demand for traditional safe-haven assets such as gold.

Against this backdrop, the South African rand strengthened over May, appreciating from around R16.67/USD at the start of the month to approximately R16.22/USD by month-end. The currency was supported by firmer commodity prices, particularly gold, as well as a more hawkish stance from the South African Reserve Bank (SARB), which helped bolster investor confidence despite a more uncertain global environment.

The SARB raised the repo rate by 25 basis points to 7.00% at its May Monetary Policy Committee meeting, marking its first rate hike since 2023. The decision reflected increasing concern about the inflation outlook, particularly the risk that higher energy prices could feed more broadly into the domestic price environment. In line with this, South African headline inflation rose to 4.0% year on year in April from 3.1% in March, driven mainly by higher electricity tariffs, rising fuel costs, and the pass-through from elevated global oil prices. Core inflation also edged higher to 3.6%, suggesting that underlying price pressures are becoming more broad-based.

Globally, inflation pressures remained firm, especially in the United States, where annual CPI rose to 3.8% in April, reinforcing expectations that interest rate cuts may be delayed. Meanwhile, South Africa's external position weakened somewhat, with the trade surplus narrowing to R15.2 billion in April from R30.2 billion previously, as stronger import growth outpaced exports. Although precious metals exports continued to benefit from supportive commodity prices, weaker performance across other categories limited overall trade momentum.

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| 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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