

### 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

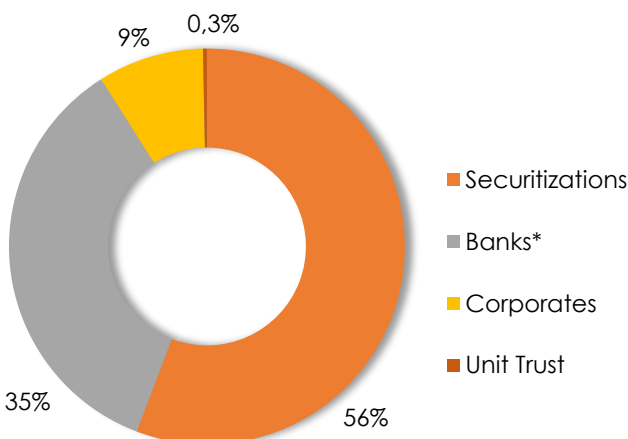
Employs a conservative approach to enhance yields through extracting the liquidity risk premium in longer dated and less liquid debt instruments, as well as an increased exposure to credit assets. Our fundamental credit review process is robust, combining qualitative and quantitative analysis, overlaid 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	<b>0,8%</b>	0,9%	1,6%
3 months	<b>2,6%</b>	2,8%	3,4%
6 months	<b>5,3%</b>	5,5%	4,9%
1 year	<b>11,1%</b>	11,4%	9,0%
2 years p.a.	<b>9,7%</b>	11,9%	8,4%
3 years p.a.	<b>10,6%</b>	12,2%	9,0%
5 years p.a.	<b>10,4%</b>	11,1%	9,9%
3yr volatility	<b>10,5%</b>	10,7%	9,6%

Source: Taquanta Asset Managers

### Issuer Type



\*Includes 34% in Credit-linked Notes, which are bank issued notes referencing other entities.

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### Fund Details

#### Risk Profile:

Low **Mid** High

#### Portfolio Manager:

Taquanta Asset Managers

#### Currency:

ZAR

#### Fund Size:

R410,2 m

#### Inception date:

August 2015

#### Target Return:

STeFI Composite (Cash) +4%

#### Minimum Rating:

BB- (at time of purchase)

#### Max offshore exposure:

40% (Hedged)

#### Lock in Period:

5 years

#### Maturity Limit:

7 years

#### Modified Duration:

<0.25 Years

#### No. of Counterparties:

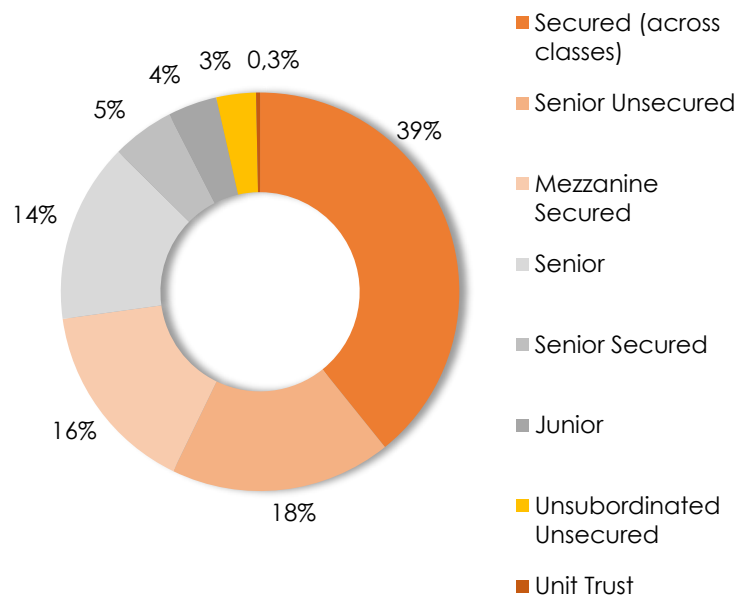
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### Top 5 Credit Exposures (excluding unit trust exposure)

Issuer Name	% Exposure
The Republic of South Africa	<b>36%</b>
Standard Bank of South Africa	<b>17%</b>
Nedbank Limited	<b>9%</b>
Obaro Agrifin SPV (RF)	<b>5%</b>
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### Capital Ranking



### Fund Outlook

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The second quarter has seen continued compression in credit spreads, underpinned by strong demand dynamics. The fund's diversified investment approach across listed, unlisted and structured credit continues to support deployment into attractive risk-adjusted opportunities, although primary market spreads are expected to remain under pressure as demand persists above supply. In this context and together with the improved sovereign sentiment following Moody's revision of South Africa's credit rating outlook to positive, we remain focused on selective credit positioning and pricing discipline. The fund continues to maintain a low-duration bias, supported by a balanced maturity profile and strong liquidity positioning.

### Market Commentary

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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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Short-term Deposits	X	X	X	
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