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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

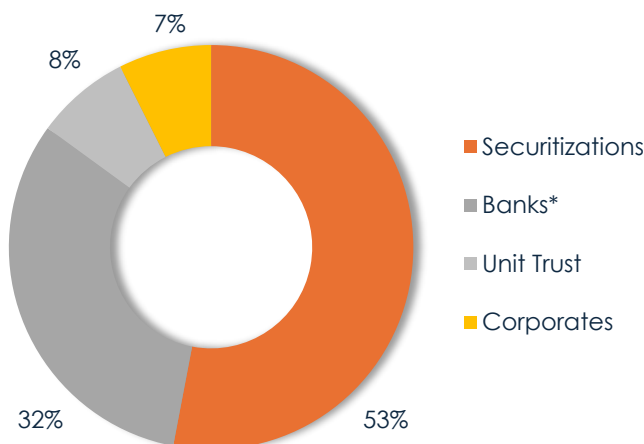
Employs a conservative approach to enhance yields through extracting the liquidity risk premium in longer dated and less liquid debt instruments, as well as an increased exposure to credit assets. Our fundamental credit review process is robust, combining qualitative and quantitative analysis, overlaid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

Source: Taquanta Asset Managers

Issuer Type



*Includes 29% in Credit-linked Notes, which are bank issued notes referencing other entities.

Source: Taquanta Asset Managers

Fund Details

Risk Profile:

Low **Mid** High

Portfolio Manager:

Taquanta Asset Managers

Currency:

ZAR

Fund Size:

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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:

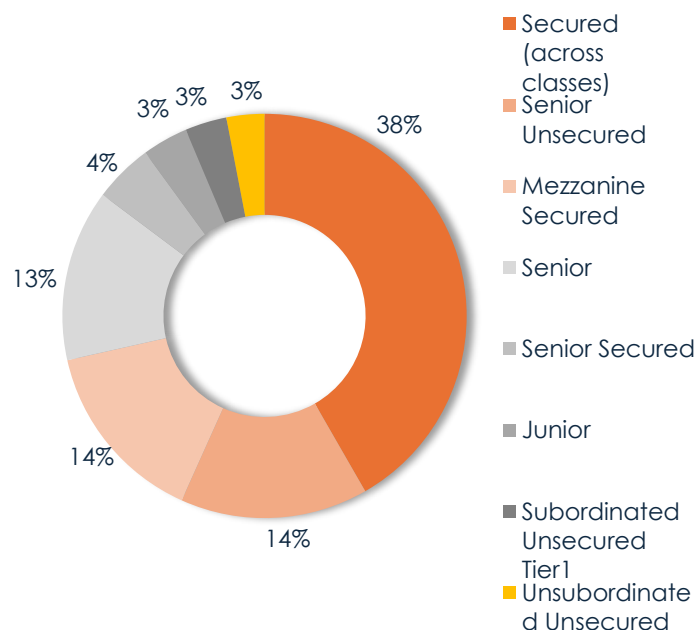
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Top 5 Credit Exposures (excluding unit trust exposure)

Issuer Name	% Exposure
The Republic of South Africa	35%
Standard Bank of South Africa	15%
Nedbank Limited	5%
Obaro Agrifin SPV	5%
Constantia Issuer Trust	5%

Source: Taquanta Asset Managers

Capital Ranking



Fund Outlook

The first quarter of 2026 year has seen credit spreads continue to compress across the curve, and the fund's diversified approach of investing across listed, unlisted, and structured debt instruments, provides flexibility to continue to source assets at attractive risk adjusted levels. While the supply of assets has increased, the significant demand for assets shows no signs of abating. Looking ahead into the second quarter of 2026, primary market issuance spreads are expected to remain suppressed, as demand continues to exceed supply. We remain focused on credit selection and pricing given the macro and geopolitical environment. The fund continues to maintain a low-duration strategy, supported by a balanced maturity profile and liquidity positioning.

Market Commentary

As of early April 2026, U.S. Federal Reserve funds futures suggest that interest rates are expected to remain steady within the 3.50%–3.75% range, with limited anticipation of near-term rate cuts. This cautious stance reflects concerns over a cooling labour market and persistent upside risks to inflation, exacerbated by the geopolitical turmoil arising from the ongoing war in the Middle East. In contrast, South Africa's Forward Rate Agreements (FRAs) point to potential rate hikes of 50 to 75 basis points over the next 12 to 18 months. These expectations are driven by the depreciation of the rand and concerns over possible second-round effects on the broader consumer basket should the conflict and its impact on global energy prices persist.

The South African rand weakened sharply in March due to rising risk-off trades and concerns over prolonged disruptions to oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, which pushed crude oil prices higher. In this risk-off global environment, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) kept its repo rate unchanged at 6.75% during its March 26 meeting. This decision was in line with expectations, reflecting concern over upside inflation risks caused by surging energy costs linked to geopolitical concerns.

Domestic inflation in South Africa provided a glimmer of relief in February, as the headline rate declined to 3.0% year-on-year, it's lowest since June 2025, driven by slower price increases in food, non-alcoholic beverages, and healthcare. However, inflationary pressures in areas such as alcoholic beverages, housing, and utilities persisted. Core inflation also eased to 3.0%, it's lowest in seven months, though monthly CPI rose slightly by 0.4%, up from January's 0.2% increase.

Globally, inflation in the U.S. held at 2.4% year-on-year in February, supported by rebounding energy prices but mitigated by falling used vehicle prices. Geopolitical uncertainties remain a major market driver, with the U.S. escalating military actions against Iran. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz, through which 20% of global oil shipments pass, has heightened supply concerns and financial market volatility. For South Africa, these oil price shocks further reinforce expectations of restrictive monetary policy amid broader macroeconomic uncertainties.

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