

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

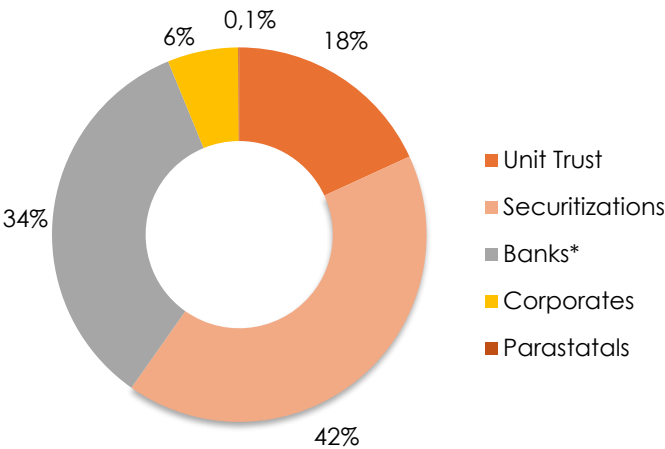
Employs a conservative approach to enhance yields through extracting the liquidity risk premium in longer dated and less liquid debt instruments, as well as an increased exposure to credit assets. Our fundamental credit review process is robust, combining qualitative and quantitative analysis, overlaid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

Source: Taquanta Asset Managers

Issuer Type



*Includes 27% 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:

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Currency:

ZAR

Fund Size:

R454,8 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:

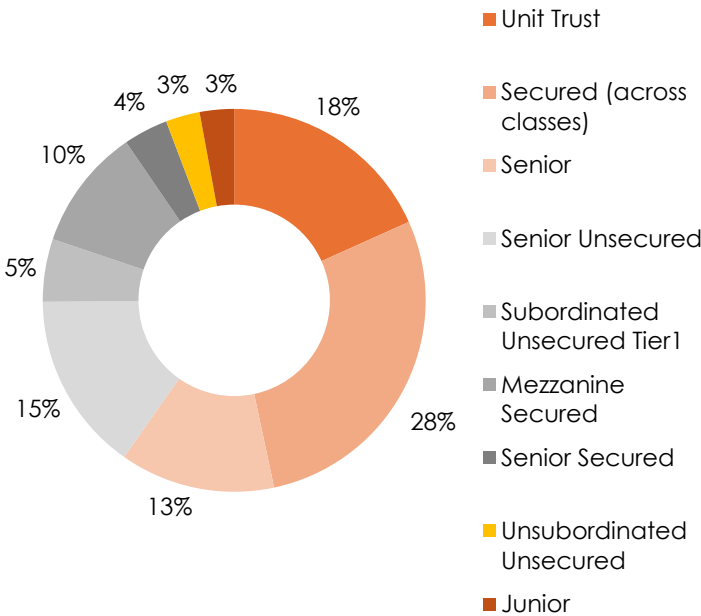
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Top 5 Credit Exposures (excluding unit trust exposure)

Issuer Name	% Exposure
The Republic of South Africa	29%
Standard Bank of South Africa	16%
Nedbank Limited	6%
Obaro SPV (RF) Proprietary	5%
The Thekwini Fund 17 (RF) Ltd	5%

Source: Taquanta Asset Managers

Capital Ranking



Fund Outlook

The fund continues to maintain a low duration strategy, supported by a balanced maturity profile and liquidity positioning. With credit spreads trending lower due to the significant demand for assets relative to supply, the fund strategy of investing across listed, unlisted and structured debt instruments provides flexibility in sourcing assets. Given the domestic economic environment and the supply and demand dynamics in the debt markets, we maintain our focus on credit selection and liquidity risk management.

Market Commentary

During the final week of October, the South African rand traded within a relatively narrow band against the U.S. dollar, fluctuating between a high of 17.3587 on 31 October and a low of 17.0897 on 29 October. The most notable daily movement occurred on 29 October, when the rand appreciated by 0.633%.

South Africa's 10-year government bond yield eased below 9%, its lowest level since January, supported by higher real returns and growing expectations of U.S. interest rate cuts. As one of the world's leading gold producers, South Africa also continues to benefit from sustained strength in the gold price, further enhancing its investment appeal. Real yields remain among the most attractive in emerging markets, underpinned by credible monetary policy, a more stable currency, and gradual structural improvements such as a more reliable power supply and increased infrastructure investment. Local bonds have additionally gained from the South African Reserve Bank's implicit shift toward the lower end of its 3%–6% inflation target range. On the fiscal side, government efforts toward consolidation remain on track, with debt stabilization and a larger primary surplus expected for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

In regulatory and political developments, the Department of Transport confirmed that a Foreign Operator's Permit was granted to the Russian Abakan Air cargo aircraft that recently landed in Upington under unusual circumstances. The U.S.-blacklisted Ilyushin IL-76, which arrived heavily loaded and departed empty after refueling at Lanseria, has drawn scrutiny due to its undisclosed cargo. Meanwhile, the government unveiled a new energy policy blueprint signaling a renewed commitment to modular nuclear reactors and greater reliance on natural gas in power generation.

According to Moody's Ratings, South Africa's ongoing structural reforms are gradually improving the country's economic resilience, though not yet sufficient to lift growth to the government's 3.5% target. Economic expansion has averaged below 1% annually over the past decade, constrained by deteriorating infrastructure, energy shortages, logistical inefficiencies, and persistent governance challenges. The coalition government formed after last year's election, when the African National Congress lost its parliamentary majority, has made reform acceleration a key priority, targeting a growth rate of up to 3.5% by 2030.

Inflation remained contained, with the annual consumer price index rising to 3.4% in September from 3.3% in August, slightly below market expectations of 3.5%. The uptick was largely driven by higher costs for housing, utilities, and hospitality services, while transport costs declined at a slower pace. Food inflation, meanwhile, recorded its smallest increase in five months. The inflation rate remains comfortably within the SARB's target range of 3%–6%.

Globally, the U.S. Federal Reserve reduced the federal funds rate by 25 basis points to a target range of 3.75%–4.00% during its October meeting, in line with expectations. While one member advocated a deeper 50 bps cut and another preferred no change, Chair Jerome Powell emphasized that further rate reductions in December are not guaranteed. U.S. CPI data showed a 0.3% monthly increase in September, with annual inflation rising to 3.0% from 2.9% in August.

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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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