## TAQUANTA BOND FR FUND

Class R2



# Minimum Disclosure Document - 31 October 2025

### **FUND PROFILE**

The Taquanta Bond FR Fund is actively managed and aims to exceed the returns generated by the benchmark over a 3-year rolling period where portfolio position deviation from the benchmark is minimised. The portfolio is not a tracking fund, but will closely replicate the composition of the benchmark and aims to over time generate returns in excess of the benchmark.

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund will aim to outperform the JSE/ASSA All Bond Index (ALBI) Index over a rolling 3-year period with a low tracking error.

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The fund will predominately invest in bonds but can also invest in a diversified range of listed and unlisted instruments, including government bonds, semi-government bonds, corporate bonds, fixed deposits, assets in liquid form, money market instruments and other interest-bearing instruments that offer value on a relative basis. The fund will predominately invest in South African markets but is permitted to include investments in offshore jurisdictions subject to the investment conditions determined by the legislation from time to time. The fund is looking to achieve its investment objective by actively selecting an optimal blend of assets from its investment universe.

### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



Bond exposure is achieved via investments in the derivative market.

# **INFORMATION & DISCLOSURES**

Income Distribution Frequency: December and June
Income Distribution Cents per Unit (CPU): June 2025 (8.04),
December 2024 (6.39)

Portfolio Valuation Time : 17H00 daily
Transaction Cut-Off Time : 14H00 daily

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Risk Profile

LOW MID HIGH

Portfolio Manager: Taquanta Asset Managers (Pty) Ltd

Fund Size (in Millions): R 984.59

Fund Benchmark/Hurdle: JSE/ASSA All Bond Index (ALBI) Index over

a rolling 3-year periods (after fees)

ASISA Classification: South Africa - Interest Bearing - Variable

Term

Currency: ZAR

Units in Issue: 63,077,197.99
Unit Price (NAV per Unit)<sup>3</sup>: R 15.71

Minimum Investment R 10 000 once off lump sum

R 500 per month contribution

Inception Date: 10 February 2021

Regulation 28 Compliant: Yes

### **NAV ATTRIBUTE TO INVESTORS**

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	2021		-1.18%	-2.94%	2.79%	3.19%	1.23%	0.84%	2.12%	-2.28%	-0.41%	0.41%	2.77%	6.51%
	2022	1.27%	1.91%	-0.06%	-2.03%	1.09%	-2.94%	2.46%	0.45%	-2.08%	1.17%	3.94%	0.68%	5.79%
	2023	2.97%	-0.80%	1.34%	-1.09%	-4.69%	4.66%	2.36%	-0.18%	-2.29%	1.78%	4.70%	1.44%	10.23%
	2024	0.77%	-0.54%	-1.94%	1.53%	0.89%	5.26%	4.11%	2.37%	4.05%	-2.10%	3.15%	-0.22%	18.39%
	2025	0.51%	0.15%	0.30%	0.90%	2.85%	2.44%	2.84%	0.83%	3.58%	2.66%			18.35%

The performance prior to 12 April 2024 is for class T4, with subsequent performance being for class R2.

## STATISTICS AT October 2025 (Annualised)

	* FUND	** BMK	
1 Year	21.80%	20.09%	
Highest 12 month rolling return	27.02%	26.17%	
Lowest 12 month rolling return	1.07%	0.32%	
Since Inception (Annualised)	12.37%	11.25%	

<sup>\*</sup> Taquanta Bond FR Fund - Class T4 (up to 12 April 2024) & Class R2 (post 12 April 2024) Fund Source: Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA of October 2025

## FEES

Service Fee (incl. VAT p.a.):

Cost Ratios (incl. VAT):

\* Total Expense Ratio (TER%)²:

\* Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):

\* Total Investment Charges (TIC%)¹:

Performance Fee (PF) Included in TER:

0.00%

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<sup>\*\*</sup> JSE/ASSA All Bond Index (ALBI) Index Benchmark(s) Source: Bloomberg as at October 2025

<sup>\*</sup> TIC reported is up to end December 2024, Which includes the PF component for T4 class. R2 class doesn't have PF applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Total Investment Charges (TIC%) = TER (%) + TC (%). <sup>2</sup> The Total Expense Ratio (TER%) of a portfolio, expressed as a percentage of the daily average value of the portfolio, is calculated over a period of usually a financial year and represents a measure of the portfolio's assets that were relinquished to meet portfolio operating costs, including charges, levies and fees. Typical expenses which are deducted from a portfolio include service charges, taxes, trustee fees and audit fees. Unit prices are published daily on the Manager's website. Investor instructions received after 14:00pm shall be processed the following business day.

#### 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 below9%, 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 llyushin 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 below1% 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:8.5% by 2030.

Inflation remained contained, with the annual consumer price index rising to3.4% in September from 3.3% in August, slightly below market expectations of3.5%. 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 by25 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 80.0% from 2.9% in August. In corporate news, JPMorgan Chase appointed Conor Hillery and Matthieu Wiltz as co-Chief Executive Officers for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa The leadership change underscores the bank's commitment to expanding its presence in the region, with a goal of increasing EMEA revenues by20% by 2030. Hillery and Wiltz, both long-serving executives, succeed Filippo Gori, bringing nearly five decades of combined experience to their new roles

In the month of October, the ALBI TR ZAR Index delivered 2.56% m/m, while the CILI TR ZAR Index delivered 1.46% m/m.

Please Note: The above commentary is based on reasonable assumptions and is not guaranteed to occur.

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### **GLOSSARY**

**Net Asset Value (NAV):** Means net asset value, which is the total market value of all assets in a portfolio including any income accruals and less and deductible expenses such as audit fees, brokerage and service fees.

**Highest & Lowest Return:** The highest and lowest rolling twelve-month performance of the portfolio since inception.

**Total Expense Ratio (TER):** Reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's.

**Transaction Costs (TC):** Is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns.

### **FUND RISK**

**Derivative Risk:** Derivative positions are financial instruments that derive their value from an underlying asset. Derivatives are exposed to implicit leverage which could result in magnified gains and/or losses on the portfolio.

Volatility Risk: Volatility refers to uncertainty and risk related to size of change of an instrument or portfolio. It is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index. Volatility is proportional to the directional exposure of a portfolio and is measured by Value at risk (VaR) which is a statistical technique used to measure and quantify the level of volatility.

Equity Risk: Applies to investment in shares or derivatives based on shares. The market price of shares varies depending on supply and demand of the shares. Equity risk is the risk of loss due to the drop in the market price of shares. Equity risk can either be systematic risk which is risk to the entire market based on political and economic indicators or unsystematic risk which is company specific and includes risk relating to company profits, future prospects and general consensus on the company or sector.

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**Annualised Return:** Is the weighted average compound growth rate over the performance period measured.

**Total Investment Charge (TIC):** Should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager.

**Total Investment Charges: (TIC%):** = TER (%) + TC (%): The Total Investment Charges (TIC), the TER + the TC, is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product. It should be noted that a TIC is the sum of two calculated ratios (TER+TC).

**Derivative / Financial Instrument:** A contract that derives its value (positive or negative) from another asset

Concentration and Sector Risk: A large proportion of total assets invested in specific assets, sectors or regions. Concentrated positions or concentrated sectors in a portfolio will material impact the returns of the portfolio more so than diversified portfolios

Interest Rate Risk: The values of bonds and other debt securities are inversely proportional to the change in interest rates. Interest rate risk is generally greater for investments with longer maturities as well as when the market does not expect a change in the interest rates

Credit Default Risk: The risk that the government entity or company that issued the bond will run into financial difficulties and won't be able to pay the interest or repay the principal at maturity. Credit risk applies to debt investments such as bonds. The higher credit rating the less likely the possibility of the issuing company defaulting.

Currency/Exchange Rate Risk: Assets of a fund may be denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the fund and changes in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and the currency of the asset may lead to a depreciation of the value of the fund's assets as expressed in the Base Currency.

### MANDATORY DISCLOSURE:

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The annualized total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period, since the launch date of the portfolio. Actual annual figures are available from the Manager on request. The highest and lowest one (1) year returns represent the highest and lowest actual returns achieved during a 12-month rolling period year since the first launch date of the portfolio. The performance figures are the yields on a Net Asset Value ("NAV") basis. The yield figure is not a forecast. Performance is not guaranteed, and investors should not accept it as representing expected future performance. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, time of entry/actual investment date, date of reinvestment, and dividends withholding tax. Performance fees will be calculated and accrued on a daily basis based upon the daily outperformance, in excess of the benchmark, multiplied by the share rate and paid over to the manager monthly. Performance is calculated for a lump sum investment on a NAV. The performance figures are reported net of fees with income reinvested. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the financial product and impacts financial product returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Where foreign securities are included in a portfolio there may be potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risks, political risks, foreign exchange risks, tax risks, settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no augrantees. Prices are published on our website daily.

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