

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

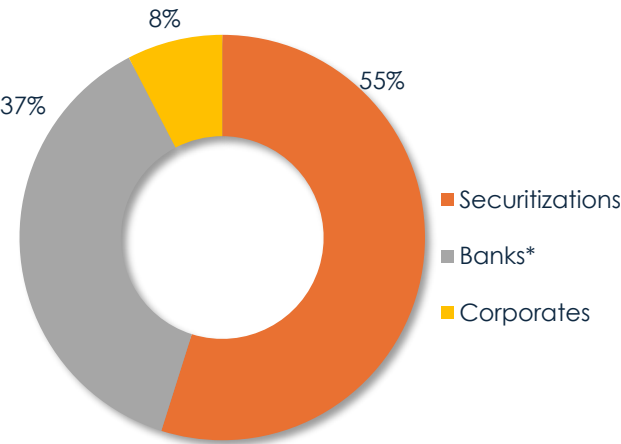
Employs a conservative approach to enhance yields through extracting the liquidity risk premium in longer dated and less liquid debt instruments, as well as an increased exposure to credit assets. Our fundamental credit review process is robust, combining qualitative and quantitative analysis, overlaid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

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Fund Details

Risk Profile:



Portfolio Manager:

Taquanta Asset Managers

Currency:

ZAR

Fund Size:

R465,8 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:

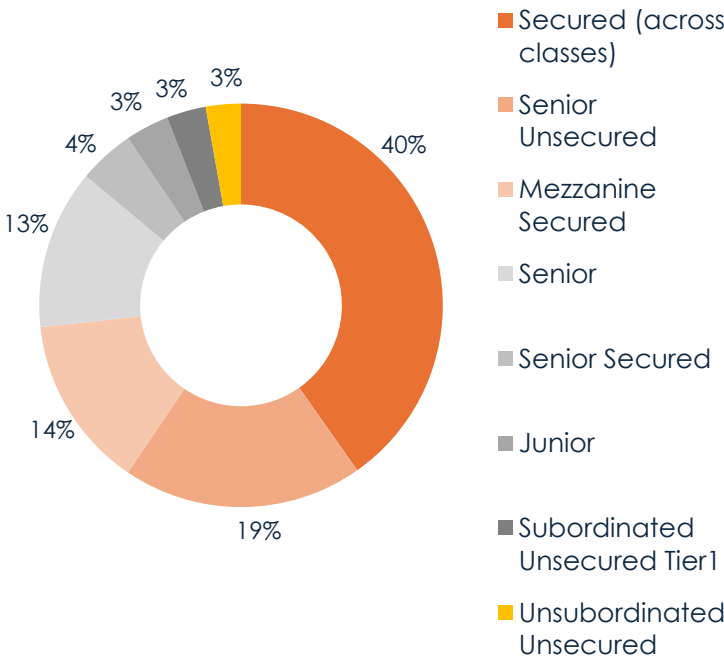
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Top 5 Credit Exposures (excluding unit trust exposure)

Issuer Name	% Exposure
The Republic of South Africa	35%
Standard Bank of South Africa	15%
Nedbank Limited	8%
ABSA Bank Limited	6%
Constantia Issuer Trust	5%

Source: Taquanta Asset Managers

Capital Ranking



Fund Outlook

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 source assets at attractive levels. Primary market issuance spreads are expected to remain suppressed in early 2026, driven by ongoing supply-demand imbalances in the debt market. In this environment, our emphasis remains on credit selection and appropriate pricing within the current domestic economic backdrop. The fund continues to maintain a low-duration strategy, supported by a balanced maturity profile and liquidity positioning.

Market Commentary

South Africa's rand strengthened beyond the R16 to the Dollar level for the first time in nearly four years, extending a rally supported by renewed global appetite for risk assets amid a broad retreat in the US dollar.

Domestic inflation edged slightly higher, with headline CPI rising to 3.6% year-on-year in December 2025 from 3.5% in November, in line with market expectations. Inflation remains comfortably within the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) revised 3% target range, allowing for a 1 percentage point tolerance band. The uptick was primarily driven by housing and utilities, food and non-alcoholic beverages, as well as insurance and financial services. Core inflation, which excludes food, non-alcoholic beverages, fuel, and energy, increased to 3.3% from 3.2%, reaching its highest level in ten months. On a month-on-month basis, CPI rose by 0.2% following a 0.1% decline in November.

The SARB maintained the repo rate at 6.75% at its January meeting, as widely anticipated, following a 25-basis point cut in November. The decision was split, with two members voting for an additional cut. While policymakers acknowledged an improving inflation outlook, they reiterated the need for a further decline in inflation expectations and highlighted upside risks, particularly from electricity tariffs and heightened global political uncertainty.

In the United States, headline inflation remained unchanged at 2.7% year-on-year in December, concluding a year marked by gradual disinflation but persistent cost-of-living pressures. Monthly inflation accelerated to 0.3% from 0.1% in November, driven by ongoing housing-related price pressures, rising food costs, and higher energy prices. At its January 2026 meeting, the Federal Reserve held the federal funds rate steady at 3.5%–3.75%, following three consecutive rate cuts in 2025 that lowered borrowing costs to their lowest levels since 2022. Market focus was further drawn to political developments after the Trump administration announced a criminal investigation into Fed Chair Jerome Powell, prompting widespread criticism from former central bank leaders and senior Republican figures.

In the euro area, consumer price inflation eased to 2.0% in December from 2.1% in November, reaching its lowest level since August and returning to the European Central Bank's target midpoint. This reinforced expectations that policy rates are likely to remain on hold in the near term.

Geopolitical risk escalated sharply at the start of January, when US forces carried out air strikes on Caracas and detained Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and First Lady Cilia Flores. While the events were dramatic, they followed months of mounting tensions, including an increased US military presence and repeated strikes on alleged drug-smuggling operations linked to Venezuela.

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Pension Funds Benefits				
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Derivative instruments	X	X	X	
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Participatory interest in a Hedge Fund			X	X
Long-term Deposits	X	X	X	
Short-term Deposits	X	X	X	
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Securities and instruments				
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