

### Fund Objective

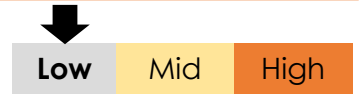
The primary objective of the Taquanta Enhanced Cash Fund is to achieve consistent returns in excess of a generic money market fund with an emphasis on capital preservation and low performance volatility.

### Investment Strategy

Employs a conservative approach to enhance yields through extracting the liquidity risk premium primarily in longer-dated bank paper with a maximum maturity up to 5 years. 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. The fund is primarily invested in bank issued instruments that can be liquidated easily

### Fund Details

#### Risk Profile:



<b>Portfolio Manager:</b>	Taquanta Asset Managers
<b>Currency:</b>	ZAR
<b>Fund Size:</b>	R2.9 bn
<b>Inception date:</b>	March 2005
<b>Benchmark:</b>	STeFI Composite
<b>Compliance:</b>	Regulation 28 & 30
<b>ASISA Fund Classification:</b>	Similar to Varied Specialist
<b>Valuation Method:</b>	Mark to Market
<b>Floating Rate Asset:</b>	100%
<b>Avg Term to Maturity</b>	2.5
<b>Modified Duration:</b>	<0.25 Years
<b>No. of Counterparties:</b>	≥15

### Fund Performance

Period (naca)	Fund Return	Benchmark	Active Returns
Month	<b>0.9%</b>	0.7%	0.2%
Quarter	<b>2.6%</b>	2.1%	0.5%
1 year	<b>10.4%</b>	8.5%	1.9%
3 years p.a.	<b>7.9%</b>	6.4%	1.6%
5 years p.a.	<b>7.5%</b>	6.0%	1.5%
Volatility (inception)	<b>0.6%</b>	0.5%	0.1%

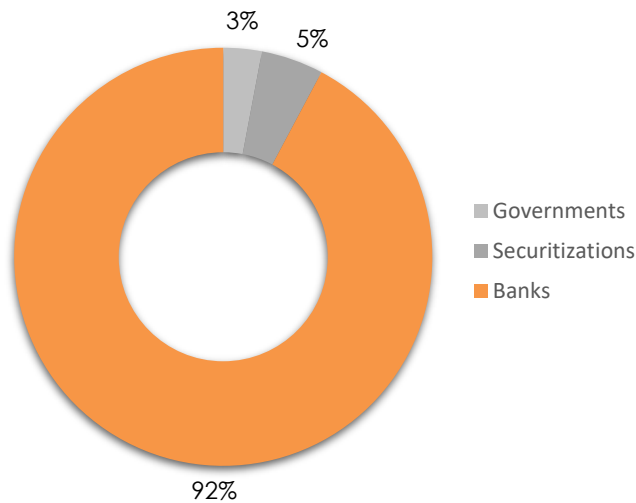
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### Top 5 Credit Exposures (excluding unit trusts)

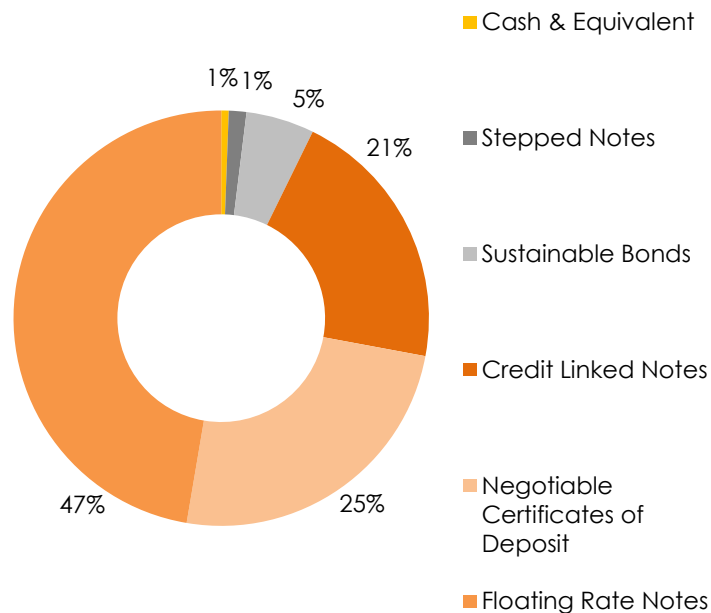
Issuer Name	% Exposure
ABSA Bank Ltd	<b>21.3%</b>
Standard Bank/ RSA	<b>18.2%</b>
Nedbank Ltd	<b>14.7%</b>
Firststrand Bank Ltd	<b>12.2%</b>
BNP Paribas	<b>10.2%</b>

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### Issuer Type



### Instrument Type



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## Fund Outlook

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Our cash funds maintain a bias towards floating rate instruments, thereby immunising our portfolios against interest rate fluctuations. This strategy helps us sustain a steady level of outperformance relative to benchmarks across different evaluation periods.

Considering the anticipated cycle of rate reductions, we're gradually expanding our exposure to include some fixed-rated investments, while staying within the acceptable duration limits. In addition, we continue to look for opportunities to boost our client's fund yield by leveraging our size, liquidity, term, or credit risk premiums, while simultaneously funding issuers at wholesale lending rates.

## Market Commentary

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On the 6th of June, The European Central Bank (ECB) reduced key policy rates by 25 basis-points. The interest rate on the marginal lending facility, the main refinancing operations, and the deposit account were lowered to 4.50 percent, 4.25 percent, and 3.75 percent, respectively. The ECB has surpassed the Fed in implementing rate cuts, as the Fed remains hesitant to do so ahead of its June policy meeting. Despite the inception of a cutting cycle, we anticipate that real rates are unlikely to fall at an accelerated pace while inflation continues to linger above target.

South Africa's gross domestic product (GDP) decreased by 0.1 percent in the first quarter of 2024, down from a marginal growth rate of 0.3 percent in the previous quarter. The decline in real GDP was primarily driven by reduced activity across the mining, manufacturing, and construction sector. The agricultural sector maintained its resiliency, while bolstering prospects of continued declines in food price inflation. Spending by households and government also saw declines, anchoring lower inflation expectations over the foreseeable future.

At their last meeting, the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to leave the repo rate unchanged at 8.25 percent. The decision to pause was unanimous and in line with surveyed expectations. The May MPC announcement was slightly overshadowed by a period of general elections. The results of the former saw the previous regime lose its outright majority in the national assembly. The rand momentarily appeared to have priced in this outcome while the markets wait in great anticipation for the shape of a coalition led government.

In the SA money market, forward rates also showed limited volatility, pricing in the probability of a 25-bps cut in the repo rate over the next 12 months. In May 2024, both the 3-month and 12-month JIBAR rates fell by 0.08 bps to 8.342 and 9.192, respectively, compared to the previous month. These elevated JIBAR rates still imply that money market funds are likely to generate a return of between 9 percent and 10 percent over the next 12 months with a minimal or negligible risk of capital loss.

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Long-term Insurance subcategory B1-A				
Long-Term Insurance subcategory C	X	X	X	
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Pension Funds Benefits				
Shares	X	X	X	
Money market instruments	X	X	X	
Debentures and securitised debt	X	X	X	
Warrants, certificates and other instruments	X	X	X	
Bonds	X	X	X	
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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