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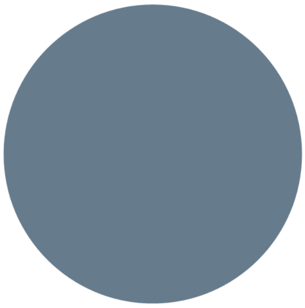
Fund Details

Fund category	SA Multi Asset Medium Equity
Benchmark	STeFI+3%
Risk profile	Cautious
Investment period	5 years
Launch date	01 December 2023
Fund size	R 95 million

Fund Objective

The wrap fund aims to provide investors with a differentiated source of return from a blended allocation of various hedge fund strategies. The fund will have a focus on capital preservation and low correlations to traditional asset classes, to deliver attractive risk adjusted returns regardless of the direction of markets. Investors in this fund should have a minimum investment horizon of 5 years. The fund is not compliant with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act. The fund can be used as a building block to complement exposure to traditional long only funds for cautious and moderate investors.

Asset Allocation

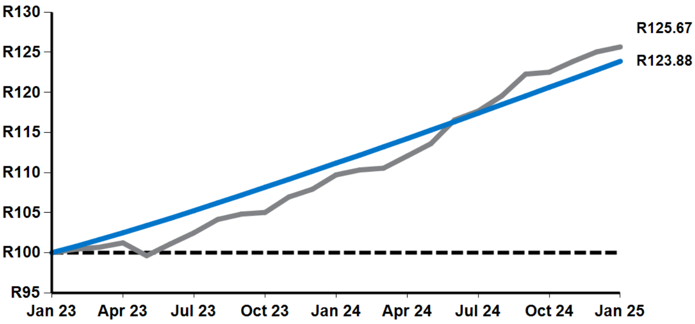


Investor Profile

This fund is suitable for investors looking for:

- High level of capital stability and capital preservation
- Little market risk and low correlation to traditional asset classes
- A minimum investment horizon of 5 years

Cumulative performance - 2 years*



Performance (%)	Fund*	Benchmark
1 Month	0.50	0.89
3 Months	2.57	2.69
6 Months	6.80	5.51
YTD	0.50	0.89
1 Year	14.55	11.42
2 Years (annualised)	12.10	11.30
Since Launch (annualised)	14.84	11.46

Risk statistics (2 years)	Fund*
Returns (annualised)	12.10%
Standard deviation (annualised)	2.98%
% Positive months	95.83%
Maximum drawdown	-1.59%
Sharpe ratio	1.28

Manager Selection (%)	
36One SNN Retail Hedge	15.00
Amplify SCI Absolute Income Retail Hedge (Acumen)	15.00
Amplify SCI Diversified Income Retail Hedge (Terebinth)	15.00
Amplify SCI Enhanced Equity Retail Hedge (All Weather)	15.00
Amplify SCI Real Income Retail Hedge (Marble Rock)	15.00
Peregrine Cap Pure H4 Retail Hedge	15.00
Amplify SCI Income Plus Retail Hedge (Matrix)	10.00

Monthly Fund Performance* (%)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2025	0.50												0.50
Fund 2024	1.66	0.56	0.20	1.37	1.37	2.61	0.95	1.61	2.27	0.20	1.09	0.97	15.88
Fund 2023		0.42	0.26	0.54	-1.59	1.47	1.38	1.62	0.64	0.20	1.83	0.91	N/A

Fees (% incl. VAT)	
Annual wrap fee	0.40
Underlying Manager TER's	2.90

* The simulated analysis before launch date was created using Morningstar and is for illustrative purposes only. It provides an indication of hypothetical past performance given historic asset and manager allocation, and cannot be construed as providing an indication of expected future performance. The investor is liable for CGT on any transactions in the units of the underlying unit trusts within the wrap funds. Compulsory investments are not subject to CGT. Performance is calculated using net returns (after fees) of the underlying unit trusts, and quoted excluding wrap fund fees. Performance quoted is pre-tax. Fund performance numbers shown are for a notional portfolio and do not reflect the actual performance of the client invested in the wrap fund due to timing differences of investments or disinvestments of the client. Dual-listed wraps will reflect combined fund sizes and will reflect primary platform performance information. Benchmark returns for CPI are based on actual published returns and an estimated one month return for the month of the report date. ASISA Benchmark returns are the ASISA returns available as at the time of reporting.

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Manager comment

The US jobs data was positive for the month when nonfarm payroll employment added jobs. China's stimulus package aided in boosting growth in the country's economy for 2024, allowing it to meet its target, while presenting opportunity for more growth. The Bank of Japan (BoJ) raised rates to the highest level in 17 years, with hopes to push interest rates to 1%. US Retail Sales were positive for the month amid a positive holiday shopping season. The European Central Bank (ECB) cut interest rates to maintain current inflation levels until the target level of 2% has been reached. Locally, President Cyril Ramaphosa signed the Expropriation Bill, stirring controversy both locally and globally. The SA Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) rate also dropped to below the South African Reserve Bank (SARB)'s target, motivating the reserve bank to cut rates.

Developed market equities bounced back from the December wobble, with a strong start to the year as the MSCI World Index ended the month positively at 3.53% in dollar terms. Emerging market equities underperformed relative to developed market equites, however, the MSCI EM Index was still in positive territory at 1.81% month-on-month (m/m) in dollar terms. Global property fared better relative to global bonds at 1.78% m/m and 0.57% m/m respectively. The FTSE Index was the biggest gainer for the month in the global market, ending at 5.52% in pounds. After two years of equity markets led by US mega-cap tech shares, the shape of January returns was different, with the EuroStoxx 50 Index (8.14% m/m) outperforming its US counterpart, the S&P 500 (2.78% m/m). The underperformance of US tech stocks - a significant contributor to the S&P 500's gains - is attributed to the announcement of the development of an AI model, DeepSeek, to replicate the performance of OpenAI. The Dow Jones Index ended the month in positive territory at 4.78% in dollar terms, whereas the Nikkei ended the month in negative territory at -0.80% in yen terms.

South African equity markets bounced back from a three-month losing streak in January with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index at 2.32%. The resurgence of the South African rand hints at shifting market sentiments after a turbulent end to 2024. Industrials, Property, and Financials were in negative territory at -2.60% m/m, -2.34% m/m, and -2.87% respectively. However, Resources and Cash were in positive territory at 16.29% m/m and 0.66% m/m, respectively, with Resources posting the biggest gains for the month. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index was also positive at 0.44% m/m. Short- and long-term bonds posted gains for the month although the gains were low. Bonds of 1-3 years gained 0.77% m/m; bonds of 3-7 years gained 0.76% m/m; bonds of 7-12 years gained 0.49% m/m; and bonds of 12 years and above gained 0.08% m/m. The rand strengthened in January, ending the month at 1.07% against the US dollar; 0.68% against the euro; and 1.87% against the pound.

Portfolio Manager

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About the Portfolio Manager

Lehan Kruger joined Sanlam Investments Multi Manager as a Portfolio Manager in 2021, having previously worked as an Investment Analyst in the manager research and investment team at Fundhouse for 6 years. His investment experience ranges from manager research to investment research, where he was a member of the investment committee responsible for developing tactical asset allocation views and portfolio construction across a range of mandates. Prior to this, he worked at CURO as a Specialist Fund Administrator as well as the Burgiss Group as a Financial Analyst.

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