



As of 31/01/2021

**Fund objective and strategy**

This is an income portfolio that aims to provide consistent positive returns and minimal volatility. Its objective is to outperform money market and traditional income portfolios over the medium to longer term.

The fund invests mainly in fixed income and credit markets, including in instruments such as money market securities, bonds, unlisted loans and inflation-linked bonds. It strategically allocates to these various instruments based on current valuations, seeking to enhance the yield of the portfolio while compensating as far as possible for the underlying risk. Within legal limits and in line with its objective, it may also invest in other securities such as listed property and preference shares.

Given that the fund aims to deliver consistent positive returns, it is designed to be less volatile than traditional bond funds, with significantly fewer negative monthly returns. It employs very moderate duration strategies.

The fund is managed according to the prudential investment guidelines for South African retirement funds.

**Fund information**

Ticker	RSMIB
Yield (%)	5.70
Portfolio manager	Bronwyn Blood
ASISA fund classification	South African - Multi Asset - Income
Risk profile	Conservative
Benchmark	STeFI Composite Index + 1%
Fund size	R 1,010,527,330
Portfolio launch date*	01/04/2016
Fee class launch date*	01/04/2016
Minimum lump sum investment	R 10,000
Minimum monthly investment	R 500
Income declaration dates	March, June, September & December
Income pricing dates	1st business day of April, July, October & January
Portfolio valuation time	15:00
Transaction cut-off time	15:00
Daily price information	Local media & www.sanlamunitrusts.co.za
Repurchase period	2-3 business days

Fees are including 15% VAT	B Class (%)
Maximum initial advice fee**	3.45
Maximum annual advice fee**	1.15
Manager annual fee	0.58
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.62
Transaction cost (TC)	—
Total investment charge (TIC)	0.62
TER measurement period	01 October 2017 - 30 September 2020

The TER shows the percentage of the fund incurred as administration expenses. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, and a low TER does not necessarily imply a good return. The current TER is also not necessarily an accurate indication of future TERs.

The TC shows the percentage of the fund incurred as expenses related to buying and selling the assets it holds. These expenses are necessary costs in administering the fund. The TC impacts fund returns but should not be considered in isolation, as there are many other factors that impact returns. These include the type of fund invested in, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

The TIC (TER + TC) measures the total cost to the investor of investing in this fund. It shows the total percentage of the fund incurred as costs.

\*The Granate Sanlam Collective Investments Multi Income Fund transitioned to Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd on 28 October 2017.

\*\*Granate does not provide financial advice. Advice fees are agreed between the investor and financial adviser.

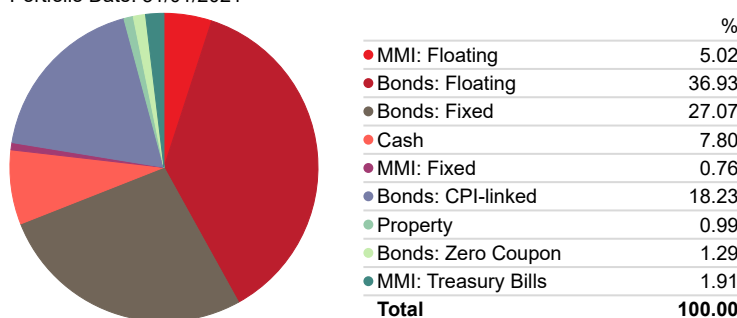
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**Top ten holdings**

Portfolio Date	% of portfolio
Investec Call	5.76
Eskom ES26	4.90
R2023 Government Bond	4.32
Nedbank FRN 210727	3.32
CCB Call	2.89
Firstrand FRN 310328	2.66
Granate Money Market CIS	2.51
R186 Asset Swap	2.49
Firstrand FRN 071223	2.19
Firstrand FRN 071233	2.05

**Asset allocation**

Portfolio Date: 31/01/2021



**Annualised performance (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark
1 year	9.23	6.11
3 years	9.06	7.54
Since inception	9.29	7.92

**Cumulative performance (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark
1 year	9.23	6.11
3 years	29.70	24.36
Since inception	53.66	44.53

**Highest and lowest calendar-year returns**

Time Period: Since Inception to 31/12/2020

Highest annual %	9.90
Lowest annual %	8.35

**Monthly returns**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2021	0.67												0.67
2020	0.76	0.57	-1.14	1.43	1.70	0.48	0.67	0.93	0.76	0.84	0.91	1.07	9.33
2019	1.09	0.64	0.71	0.91	0.75	0.80	0.66	0.83	0.68	0.57	0.61	0.77	9.41
2018	0.59	0.71	0.92	0.71	0.41	0.39	1.00	0.35	0.62	0.58	1.11	0.67	8.35
2017	0.83	0.72	0.73	0.87	0.97	0.68	0.98	0.90	0.77	0.51	0.48	1.06	9.90
2016	—	—	—	0.72	0.73	0.79	0.86	0.72	0.79	0.82	0.76	0.76	—

**Distribution history (cents per unit)**

31/12/2020	1.46 cpu	31/12/2019	1.95 cpu
30/09/2020	1.49 cpu	30/09/2019	2.10 cpu
30/06/2020	1.64 cpu	30/06/2019	2.23 cpu
31/03/2020	1.84 cpu	31/03/2019	2.07 cpu

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**Risk statistics (3-year rolling)**

Standard deviation	1.45
Sharpe ratio	1.64
Information ratio	0.92
Maximum drawdown	-1.14

**Glossary terms****Annualised returns**

Annualised returns show the compound annual growth rate on a total return basis. Total return assumes that distributions are reinvested in the fund.

**Asset allocation**

Asset allocation is the percentage the fund holds in different asset classes. It is used to determine the level of diversification in the fund.

**Capital fluctuations (Volatility)**

Volatility refers to the extent to which the price of an investment or capital value fluctuates over a certain time period. High-volatility funds usually offer the potential for higher long-term returns than low-volatility funds.

**Collective Investment Schemes**

Collective Investment Schemes (also called unit trusts) are portfolios of assets such as equities, bonds, cash and listed property in which investors can buy units. This allows private investors to pool their money into a single fund, which spreads their risk across a range of investments, gives them the benefit of professional fund management and reduces their costs.

**Cumulative returns**

Cumulative return is the total return an investor would have achieved if they reinvested all distributions.

**Derivatives**

Derivatives are instruments generally used to protect against risk (capital losses). However, they can also be used for speculative purposes. Examples include futures, options and swaps.

**Distributions**

Distributions show the income that is generated from an investment and paid out to investors. These pay-outs can be monthly, quarterly, bi-annually or annually.

**Diversification**

Diversification is a strategy designed to reduce risk and protect against capital losses in a portfolio. It works by combining a variety of asset classes or investments that are unlikely to all move in the same direction at the same time. This allows for more consistent performance under a wide range of economic conditions, as it smooths out the impact of negative market events. The positive performance of some investments or asset classes should neutralise the negative performance of others.

**Fund strategy**

The fund strategy is how it is managed to achieve its objective.

**Information ratio**

The information ratio measures the risk-adjusted performance of a fund (the returns it generates and the investment risk it takes to do so) compared to its benchmark. The higher the ratio, the better the fund's risk-adjusted performance compared to the benchmark. For this ratio, risk is quantified by the standard deviation of the fund's returns relative to its benchmark.

**Maximum drawdown**

The maximum drawdown measures the highest peak-to-trough loss experienced by the fund.

**Participatory interests**

When you buy a unit trust, your money is pooled with that of many other investors. The total value of this pool is split into equal portions called participatory interests or units. You therefore buy participatory interests in that unit trust equal to the value of your monetary contribution.

**Sharpe ratio**

The Sharpe ratio measures the total risk-adjusted performance of a fund: the returns it generates and the risk it takes to do so. It indicates if a fund's returns are due to excessive risk or not. The higher a fund's Sharpe ratio (i.e. a higher return with a contained risk profile), the better its risk-adjusted performance. For this ratio, risk is quantified by the standard deviation.

**Standard deviation**

Standard deviation is a measure of the extent to which returns on an investment change from month to month. It is typically used by investors to gauge the volatility expected from an investment.

**Risk profile: Conservative**

This fund is suitable for investors who seek stable income flows and are aiming to keep their capital intact. It is highly unlikely to experience negative returns but will also not experience excessive returns on the upside.

The main investment risks are credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. To mitigate these, the portfolio is largely exposed to high-quality corporates and banks with low interest rate risk, and is diversified across the income-oriented asset classes.

**Additional information**

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*Note: Fund commentaries are updated quarterly.*

### Portfolio manager quarterly comment - 31/12/2020

#### Market comment

#### Hope, fear and what lies in between

*"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails." William Arthur Ward*

After the rollercoaster that was 2020, we find ourselves deeply contemplating what may lie in store for 2021. In thinking through some scenarios for the year ahead, the current state of play in markets is a combination of hope and fear.

#### Hope has finally sprung

The dominant market theme towards the end of 2020 was the strong vaccine-inspired global economic recovery. Combined with low interest rates and increased government spending (primarily in developed markets), this inspired a boom in equities and other risk assets, a fall in the dollar, and a consequent rise in the value of emerging market currencies, including the rand.

One scenario for 2021 sees these positive economic hopes and low interest rates continue to buoy markets. We too would like this upbeat global backdrop and renewed risk appetite to continue – and to feed through to South African assets.

#### Fear continues to lurk

However, the start of the year has seen some fear creep into market thinking:

- **Continued virus fears:** Rising infections and resulting lockdowns are wreaking further havoc, while new strains of the virus continue to emerge.
- **Vaccination rollouts:** Economies under pressure (such as our own) are almost certain to lag in vaccinations and to suffer slower growth as the mammoth logistical task of rolling out vaccines becomes evident.
- **The return of inflation in a low-growth environment:** The Democrat stronghold in the US speaks to further US fiscal stimulus. Combined with easy monetary policy, rising commodity prices, a constrained supply side and evidence of rising supply chain prices, we could have a return to inflation.
- **Overexuberance:** Global markets are at record highs. Eventually, booming valuations will have priced everything in – and the ongoing fear is always going to be that they have run too far.

#### We avoid swaying with sentiment

With the pendulum swinging between hope and fear, we cannot get caught up in the emotion. Aiming to stay rational, we avoid positioning portfolios for any single outcome. Rather, we consider the probabilities of various outcomes and seek positive risk compensation from individual investments to compensate for being unable to consistently predict these outcomes accurately.

#### Diversification means more to us than 'more'

For us, diversification is a trade-off between time horizon, returns and risk, which we define as not delivering the returns our clients need. It is a process that doesn't necessarily result in our clients making the most money in the short term but optimises the likelihood of meeting our mandates.

The winds of investment opportunity blow in many different directions, at different speeds and at different times. If we had an investment barometer with full foresight, diversification would not be necessary. We would simply hoist the sail that harnesses the most exuberant future winds. Risk would be minimal and returns abundant. However, we have made peace with the fact that we will not be able to find such a barometer and that risk is an inescapable companion on our voyage.

So, do we hoist every single sail and build portfolios that will bob along in just about any waters? Cater for all perceivable weather conditions? Surely, the more sails we have, the lower the risk? Not necessarily. Blindly adding sails (or positions) simply for the sake of perceived risk reduction is not diversification. That's simply not trying terribly hard and is better described as a dilution of returns. In fact, given our definition, this *increases* risk.

Diversification is not a numbers game that absolves us from having conviction. It's there to manage the risks of our conviction. It's not there to protect us against bad weather for a day or a week. It's there to ensure we can express our investment philosophy and process to the benefit of our clients in the many years ahead at acceptable levels of risk. It's there to make sure the ship sails swiftly and safely in uncharted waters and that we reach our destination as planned.

Diversifying is harnessing the highest probability opportunities from a variety of different fundamental drivers. It caters for the odd squall of error or tack of misjudgement. Setting our sails in this way makes it possible to have portfolios with few instruments or fundamental exposures that are still highly diversified.

#### How do we take this into the waters of 2021?

The Granate SCI Money Market Fund is our boat that sails in only the safest waters. It invests in short-term, rand-denominated instruments of only the highest quality.

For those looking for a sunset cruise along the coast, the Granate SCI Multi Income Fund hoists further sails: fixed and variable interest, inflation linkers, property, corporate credit, a bit of duration and some derivatives. Currently, corporate credit and property are not catching the breeze, but we have large sails out for the fixed, variable and inflation-linked winds blowing.

Finally, our equity-centric funds (the Granate SCI Balanced Fund and Granate SCI Flexible Fund) offer longer voyages across open waters by adding further sails: local and global equities. Spending some time in the same waters as our other ships, they benefit from this knowledge as they consider what lies over the horizon. We currently have sails hoisted to capture potential winds from global opportunities (such as those in semiconductors), a rebound in some of South Africa's top businesses, and winds that may come from rand-hedged and dual-listed opportunities.

Ultimately, our funds are built to be fit for purpose, and robust enough to withstand unexpected changes in wind. We never hoist only one sail. And we will always be on the boat with you.

*"Now—bring me that horizon." Captain Jack Sparrow*

#### Portfolio manager

Bronwyn Blood

Prior to joining Granate in December 2015, Bronwyn was the Portfolio Manager of the Flexible Fixed Interest funds and the flagship Absolute Yield Fund at Cadiz Asset Management. She took over the management of the Flexible Fixed Interest funds when Cadiz bought African Harvest in 2006 and managed the Absolute Yield Fund from 2007. Bronwyn holds a BCom Honours degree from the University of Natal.