



Protea South Africa FR Retail Hedge Fund

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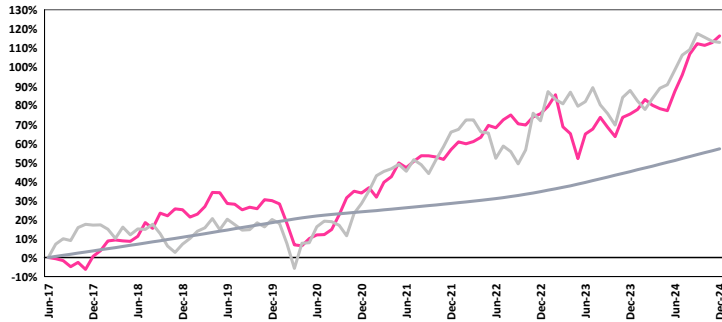
Fund Profile

The fund is a South African long/short equity hedge fund with the objective of generating above-average returns by following a 'quantamental' investment approach, combining traditional fundamental analysis with quantitative investment techniques. The investment manager systematically identifies individual mispriced securities whilst ensuring sufficient diversification to guard against inappropriate risk concentration. The fund focuses on JSE-listed securities and has a net equity exposure of 35-70% at most times, with a maximum gross exposure of 200% (i.e. maximum 2x leverage).

Investment Strategy

The portfolio is managed as a long/short hedge fund, predominantly focused on extracting alpha returns from the South African equity market. Its core strategy is to be long undervalued equities and short overvalued equities whilst ensuring that there is sufficient diversification to guard against inappropriate risk concentration. The equities are selected by following a "quantamental" investment approach, which combines a traditional fundamental understanding of the fair value of listed equity shares with analysis of the business's competitive environment, economic growth, broad economic themes and relative valuations.

Cumulative Performance Since Inception



Protea South Africa FR Retail Hedge Fund All Share Index (Total Return) STeFi 3-Month Index

Fund Source: Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA Ltd as at December 2024
Index Source: Bloomberg as at December 2024

Return Analysis (ZAR)

	Fund	All Share Index (Total Return)	STeFi 3-Month Index
1 Year	23.38%	13.44%	8.25%
2 Years (annualised)	11.03%	11.33%	8.03%
3 Years (annualised)	11.36%	8.68%	6.94%
5 Years (annualised)	10.75%	12.16%	5.82%
Since Inception (annualised)	10.83%	10.60%	6.20%

Risk Analysis

	Fund	All Share Index (Total Return)	STeFi 3-Month Index
Sharpe Ratio	0.46	0.38	n/a
Sortino Ratio	0.76	0.71	n/a
Standard Deviation	12.17%	15.30%	0.48%
Best Month	8.50%	13.98%	0.72%
Worst Month	-9.56%	-12.13%	n/a
Highest Rolling 12 Months	36.10%	53.98%	8.30%
Lowest Rolling 12 Months	-20.87%	-18.42%	3.48%
Largest Cumulative Drawdown	-20.87%	-21.72%	n/a
% Positive Months (Since Inception)	56.67%	56.67%	100.00%
Correlation (Monthly)	0.21		
Value at Risk (VaR) 95%	5.38%		

The above benchmark(s) are for comparison purposes with the fund's performance. The fund does not follow the benchmark(s).

Fund Details

Risk Profile:	High
Portfolio Manager:	Jean Pierre Verster
Fund size (in Millions):	R234.65
NAV Price (Inception):	R1,000
NAV Price (as at month-end):	R 1,960.36
Number of Units:	117,843.17
ISIN Number:	ZAE000272894
Inception Date:	1 July 2017
ASISA Classification:	Retail Hedge Fund - South African - Long/Short Equity - Long Bias
Hurdle:	3 month STEFI
Minimum Investment:	R50,000 lump sum or R2,000 monthly
Service Fee:	1.24% p.a (excl.VAT) <small>*Includes Base fee/Investment Management Fee of 1%</small>
Performance fee (uncapped):	20% (excl. VAT) of the excess performance above the perpetual hurdle rate, subject to a high-water mark.

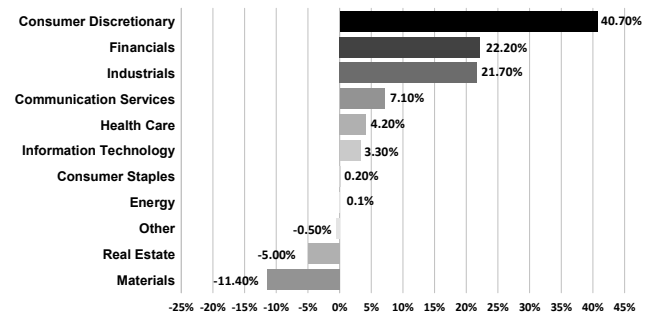
Cost Ratios (incl. VAT) as at September 2024

Total Expense Ratio (TER%):	1.67%
Performance Fee (PF) Included in TER:	0.00%
Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):	0.04%
*Total Investment Charges (TIC%):	1.71%
*Total Investment Charges (TIC%) = TER (%) + TC (%)	
Income Distribution (Declaration):	Last day of December
Distribution Total for the past 12 months:	R 59,32 per unit for December 2024
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Auditor:	Deloitte

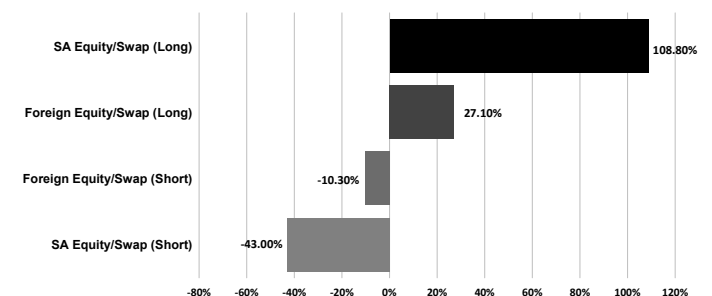
Portfolio Objective

The long-term investment objective of the portfolio is to achieve consistent absolute returns by investing according to a long/short equity investment strategy.

Sector Allocation



Asset Allocation





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 **Increase in NAV Attributable to Investors**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017							-0.62%	-1.02%	-3.21%	2.37%	-3.80%	7.27%	0.58%
2018	3.00%	4.92%	0.46%	-0.42%	-0.23%	2.43%	6.52%	-2.59%	6.92%	-1.13%	3.01%	-0.38%	24.35%
2019	-3.08%	1.28%	3.24%	5.83%	-0.10%	-4.22%	-0.29%	-2.30%	1.11%	-0.64%	3.78%	-0.42%	3.80%
2020	-1.29%	-7.99%	-9.56%	-0.45%	3.57%	1.74%	0.17%	2.37%	6.71%	7.30%	2.64%	-0.70%	3.11%
2021	2.09%	-3.65%	5.95%	2.10%	5.06%	-1.66%	2.28%	1.95%	-0.04%	-0.41%	-0.83%	3.41%	17.01%
2022	2.58%	-0.62%	0.73%	1.41%	3.81%	-0.75%	2.51%	1.46%	-2.64%	-0.36%	2.51%	0.93%	12.01%
2023	2.22%	3.40%	-9.09%	-2.12%	-7.93%	8.50%	1.57%	3.66%	-3.01%	-2.92%	6.20%	1.01%	-0.08%
2024	1.35%	2.94%	-1.64%	-1.00%	-0.59%	5.75%	4.60%	5.58%	2.63%	-0.42%	0.69%	1.65%	23.38%

*The inception date for the portfolio is 1 July 2017. The annualized total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period, since date of the launch of the fund. Actual annual figures are available from the manager on request. The highest and lowest 1 year returns represent the highest and lowest actual returns achieved during a 12 month rolling period year since the original launch date of the portfolio. The performance figures given show the yield 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 is calculated for a lump sum investment on a Net Asset Value basis. The performance figures are reported net of fees with income reinvested.

 **Market Commentary**

The fund rose by +1.6% for December, while the FTSE/JSE All-Share Total Return Index was -0.3% lower for the month. For the year, the fund returned a pleasing +23.4%, versus the Index's +13.4%.

In terms of sub-strategy attribution for the year, Longs contributed +22.0%, Shorts detracted -4.8%, and Special Situations contributed +4.4%. Futures & Options made no contribution. Our net foreign exposure contributed +1.8% to the fund's return for 2024.

Our top Longs for the year were a global internet group, a specialist retailer, and a bank. Our worst-performing Longs for 2024 were an investment holding company, a gambling business, and an IT services group. Our top Long contributed +1.8% to the fund's return, while our worst Long detracted -1.1%.

Our top Shorts for the year were a pharmaceutical group, a global brewer, and a diversified miner. Our worst-performing Shorts were a precious metals miner, a financial services group, and a retailer. Our top Short contributed +0.5% to the fund's return, while our worst Short detracted -0.8%.

Special Situations made a decent contribution for 2024, including a number of tender offers, an unbundling, and a managed liquidation opportunity. The foreign exposure of the fund contributed positively to the year's return, but below our expectations.

We held no Future & Option positions in the fund during the year. We made a concerted effort in 2024 to trade less frequently, and rather focus on implementing our disciplined investment philosophy with single-stock positions. This mitigates any potential tax changes which might impact strategies requiring more frequent trading.

We are optimistic about the future prospects of the fund and appreciate your support.

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

 **Portfolio Valuation & Transaction Cut-Off**

To invest in the portfolio, e-mail proteacapital@apexfs.group

The portfolio is valued daily. The transaction cut-off time is 14:00pm on a business day. Investor instructions received after 14:00pm shall be processed the following business day.

 **Risk Profile**

Risk Level:	Low	Low-Medium	Medium	Med-High	High
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The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest category does not mean the investment is risk free. There may be other special areas of risk relating to the investment including liquidity risk, credit risk, market risk, and settlement risk. Fundrock Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd, ("the manager"), and the investment manager do not render financial advice. Our risk indicator does not imply that the portfolio is suitable for all types of investors. You are advised to consult your financial adviser.

 **Total Expense Ratio**

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.



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Fund Risk

Leverage Risk:	The Fund borrows additional funds, trades on margin or performs short sale trades to amplify investment decisions. This means that the volatility of a hedge fund portfolio can be many times that of the underlying investments due to leverage on a fund.
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.
Counterparty Credit Risk:	Counterparty risk is a type of credit risk and is the risk of default by the counterparty associated with trading derivative contracts. An example of counterparty credit risk is margin or collateral held with a prime broker.
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.
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.
Correlation Risk:	A measure that determines how assets move in relation to each other. Correlation risk arises when the correlation between asset-classes change. Correlation risk also arises when the correlation within an asset-class changes. Examples of correlation within asset classes include equity pairs trading, fixed income curve trading and commodities pairs trading.
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.
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.

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.
Annualised Return:	Is the weighted average compound growth rate over the performance period measured.
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.
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).
Leverage/Gearing:	The use of securities, including derivative instruments, short positions or borrowed capital to increase the exposure beyond the capital employed to an investment.
Alpha:	Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.
Sharpe Ratio:	The ratio of excess return over the risk-free rate divided by the total volatility of the portfolio.
Sortino Ratio:	The ratio of excess return over the risk-free rate divided by the downside deviation of the portfolio.
Standard Deviation:	The deviation of the return of the portfolio relative to its average.
Drawdown:	The greatest peak to trough loss until a new peak is reached.
Correlation:	A number between -1 and 1 indicating the similarity of the dispersion of returns between the portfolio and another asset or index with 1 being highly correlated, -1 highly negatively correlated and 0 uncorrelated.
Value at Risk (VaR):	Value at risk is the minimum loss percentage that can be expected over a specified time period at a predetermined confidence level.



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