



## AAM Fixed Income FR Retail Hedge Fund

Collective Investment Scheme | Key Investor Information Document

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### Key investor information document

This document provides the investor with key information about these portfolios. It does not serve as marketing material. The publishing of this information is required by law (Collective Investments Schemes Control Act 45 of 2002 (“CISCA”), Board Notice 52 (“BN52”), section 27), to help you understand the nature of the portfolios as well as the risks associated with investing in these portfolios. All potential investors are advised to read and familiarise themselves with the contents of this document in order to arrive at an informed investment decision.

Portfolio Information	
Launch Date	1 September 2016
Directors of the Management Company	JF Louw*, IMA Burke*, R Jobing* and L Stinton (Managing Director). (*Non executive)
Legal Structure	Collective Investment Scheme
Distribution Date	On the last day of December
Financial Year End	On the last day of December
Auditor	Deloitte
Trustee	FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through its RMB Custody and Trustee Services Division)
Prime Broker	Absa Bank Limited
Fund Administrator	Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA (Pty) Ltd
Risk Profile*	Medium

\*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.

### List of Portfolios

- **FR Retail Hedge Fund Scheme**  
AAM Fixed Income FR Retail Hedge Fund

### The Portfolio Objective

The objective of the portfolio is to provide consistent returns more than cash over the medium to long term. The cash benchmark will be as measured by the STeFI Composite Index.

### The Investment Strategy

The portfolio will be managed as a fixed income retail hedge fund with a relative value and variable duration bias.

### Changes to the Investment Strategy and/or Investment Policy

In order to amend any provision(s) contained in the supplemental deed, the manager has to request and receive prior approval from the FSCA. Such request shall state the reasons for the proposed amendment and the impact or benefit this is likely to have for the investor.

Upon receiving such approval, the auditor of the scheme must oversee a balloting process which is undertaken to obtain consent from the investors.

Investors holding at least 75% (seventy-five percent) in value of the participatory interests in the portfolio and who constitute more than 50% (fifty percent) of the portfolio’s investors must vote in favour of the amendment for the amendment to be effected.

Voting shall be conducted by electronic ballot in accordance with the provisions of the deed, and the manager shall, after having dispatched the ballots to investors, allow for a period thirty days for investor to return the ballots.

### Does Portfolio Invest in Underlying Funds?

No.

### The Types of Assets in which the Portfolio may invest

The portfolio may include the following instruments:

- Money market instruments;
- Bonds, debentures, notes and commercial paper;
- Listed Yield X futures;



- Repurchase transactions including buy-sell backs;
- Swaps and FRAs with approved counterparties;
- Credit linked notes;
- Listed and OTC bond options with approved counterparties;
- Preference shares.

Where the portfolio is invested in foreign assets, the portfolio may be exposed to further risk factors which may include:

**Exchange Rate Risk** – where that portfolio invests in investments denominated in currencies, e.g., US Dollars, such investments will expose the portfolio to fluctuations in exchange rates.

**Geopolitical Risk** – where the portfolio invests in assets issued or listed in different countries, the portfolio may be exposed to risks inherent to the political landscape and the application of different standards, regulations, laws or restrictions applicable to such investments, and changes in exchange control regulations.

#### **The Investment Restrictions applicable to the Portfolio**

The portfolio will be restricted in terms of the mandate.

#### **Instances where the Portfolio may Use Leverage** **The Types and Sources of Leverage**

The portfolio may leverage itself by short selling or trading on margin or purchasing options. The portfolio may at certain times be required to issue guarantees, and accordingly may borrow money from a bank, prime broker or any other such institution. The portfolio may also arrange for the issue of guarantees for the bridging required to conclude a private placement or underwriting of securities.

#### **Risks Associated with the Leverage**

The portfolio may use leverage techniques from time to time to purchase or carry investments.

The interest expense and other costs incurred in connection with such leverage or borrowing may not be recovered by an appreciation in the investments purchased or carried.

Gains realised with leveraged investments may cause the underlying fund's net asset value to increase at a faster rate than would be the case without leverage. If, however, investment results fail to cover the cost of leverage or borrowings, the portfolio's net asset value could also decrease faster than if there had been no leverage or borrowings. Because of the leveraged nature of certain of the investments, a relatively small movement in the market price of traded instruments may result in a disproportionately large profit or loss.

#### **Restrictions on the Use of Leverage**

The degree to which leverage may be employed in the portfolio shall be limited by the terms of the mandate. The

limits laid down in the mandate should be carefully reviewed in making an investment decision.

#### **Collateral and Asset Re-Use Arrangements**

The cash and long positions held in the portfolio are available for use as collateral for the short positions held.

#### **The Leverage Measurement for the Portfolio**

The portfolio will utilize the following leverage measure:

Value at Risk ("VAR") approach:

Limit	20%
Probability Level	99%
Period	1 Calendar month

#### **Material Arrangements of the Manager with the Prime Broker**

##### **The Manner of Managing Conflicts of Interest**

The parties agree that, for the duration of this agreement, they shall endeavour to avoid any conflict of interest between them.

In order to protect the investors, the parties shall exercise due care and skill and note to any affected party the nature and extent of the potential conflict of interest as well as the steps undertaken to minimise the effect on any affected party by such conflict.

##### **The Level of Counterparty Exposure**

The portfolio will comply with the counterparty exposure limits as set out in BN52.

##### **The Methodology of Calculating Counterparty Exposure**

In terms of Section 8(2) of BN52 counterparty exposure shall be calculated to equal any initial margin held by a counterparty, the market value of any derivative, any net exposure generated through a scrip lending agreement and any other exposures created through reinvestment of collateral.

##### **Provisions in the Contract with the Depository and Custodian on the Possibility of Transfer and Re-hypothecation of Assets**

The prime broking agreement does not provide for the transfer or re-hypothecation of assets.

The portfolio's prime broker may provide a financing service to the portfolio, whereby any shortfall in the financing of the portfolio's assets is provided by the prime broker. Any such financing will be collateralised from the assets of the portfolio. However, unlike a normal borrowing situation, the prime broker takes physical delivery of the portfolio's assets and is permitted to deal with them for its own account. The portfolio's assets are therefore treated as being indistinguishable from the assets of the prime broker and are not segregated as client money or assets.



In the event of the insolvency of the prime broker, the assets of the portfolio that are held as collateral against money owed to the prime broker, are completely exposed to the prime broker's creditors. In such instances, any action by the prime broker's creditors may lead to the closing out of positions without the consent of the investment manager and at a loss.

#### **Delegated Administration and Management of Conflict of Interest that May Arise**

The Manager has appointed Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA (Pty) (Ltd) as the administrator.

Both entities are subject to separate governance structures and independent oversight and internal controls; as well as the FSCA regulatory oversight. Both entities have satisfied the FSCA in terms of the conflict-of-interest policy they have in place.

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#### **The Portfolio's Valuation and Pricing Methodologies**

The portfolio will apply the portfolio valuation and asset pricing policy of the Manager. This policy will be consistently applied and meets the requirements of BN52.

#### **The Liquidity Risk Management of the Portfolio and the Repurchase Rights**

Liquidity management is facilitated through real time monitoring of the portfolio liquidity profile using both an independent third party risk monitoring system and internal proprietary system.

The investment manager shall ensure that the liquidity of the securities included in the portfolio shall not compromise the liquidity terms of the portfolio.

Regular liquidity stress-testing will be applied, providing for increased investor repurchases, and shortage of liquidity of the underlying assets in the portfolio.

#### **Repurchase of Participatory Interests**

Repurchase notification date will be 1 (one) calendar month prior to the repurchase pricing date.

Repurchase payment date will be 14 (fourteen) business days after the repurchase pricing date.

There may be exceptional circumstances where the Manager receives an offer to repurchase (redemption) which exceeds an amount or value specified by the Registrar and/or in the Deed, the Manager may borrow funds up to 10% of the portfolio value to meet the repurchase, and/or suspend the repurchase, or part thereof as per sec. 114(3) of CISCA

#### **Gating, Side-Pocketing and Repurchase Restrictions**

Sections 5(b) (ii) and 6(5) of BN52 provide that both retail hedge funds and qualified investor hedge funds may suspend the repurchases of units under exceptional circumstances and when it's in the interests of investors.

#### **Special Repurchase Arrangements or Rights of Some Investors**

None.

#### **Investment Management Fees, Charges, and Expenses**

<b>Service Fee</b>	1.08% (Excl. VAT)
<b>Performance Fee</b>	Uncapped, but the maximum fee rate will be 15%, excluding VAT
<b>Hurdle/Benchmark</b>	STeFI Composite Index

The portfolio may offer multiple classes of units for different types of investors and unit holders. The various classes in the portfolio may each have different fee structures for the different types of investors.

All investments will be allocated to specific classes at the discretion of the investment manager. All classes of units in the portfolio will invest in the same investment portfolio of securities and share the same investment objective and policy.

#### **Other Fees**

The portfolio may directly deduct and pay other fees if such payments are permitted in terms of Section 93 of CISCA and are due and payable under lawful agreement.

#### **The Charges Paid by the Portfolio**

These charges make up the running costs of the portfolio. Permissible deductions from a portfolio shall include:

- Initial fee & VAT.
- Investment management fee.
- Administration fee.
- Exit fee.
- Trading charges e.g., brokerage, securities transfer tax, VAT, and other levies.
- Auditor's fees.
- Bank charges.
- Trustee and custodian fees.



Management Company	Investment Manager	Trustee
FundRock Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd	Absa Alternative Asset Management (Pty) Ltd	FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through its RMB Custody and Trustee Services Division)
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The Manager does not provide any guarantee in respect to the capital or the return of the portfolio. Excessive withdrawals from the portfolio may place the portfolio under liquidity pressure and in such circumstances, a process of ring-fencing of withdrawal instructions and managed pay-outs over time may be followed. Commission and incentives may be paid, and if so, are included in the overall costs.

The Manager may close the portfolio to new investors in order to manage it in accordance with its mandate. Prices are published monthly on our website. Additional information, including key investor information documents, minimum disclosure documents, as well as other information relating to the basis on which the manager undertakes to repurchase participatory interests offered to it, and the basis on which selling and repurchase prices will be calculated, is available, free of charge, on request from the Manager.

The value of an investment is dependent on numerous factors which may include, but not limited to, share price fluctuations, interest and exchange rates and other economic factors. Where the portfolio invests in offshore assets, performance is further affected by uncertainties such as changes in government policy, taxation and other legal or regulatory developments. The Manager ensure fair treatment of investors by not offering preferential fee or liquidity terms to any investor within the same strategy.

The Manager is registered and approved by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (“FSCA”) under CISCA. The Manager retains full legal responsibility for the portfolio. FirstRand Bank Limited is the appointed trustee. ABSA Alternative Asset Management (Pty) Limited, FSP No. 22877, is authorised under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 37 of 2002 to render investment management services.

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