

Minimum Disclosure Document - 28 February 2025

**FUND PROFILE**

The Taquanta Active Income FR Fund allows our clients to attain a high-level of current income and return by investing across a wide universe of income-generating assets such as fixed income securities, preference shares, listed property and offshore investments. The ability to allocate assets across a broader investable universe creates excellent return potential at relatively low levels of risk. The Taquanta Active Income FR Fund aims to produce high levels of income and in the long-run generate consistent capital growth whilst maintaining a high levels of liquidity.

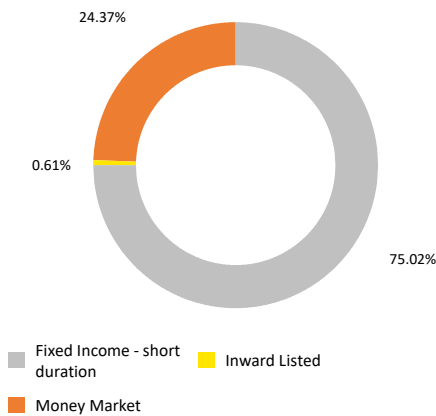
**FUND OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the portfolio is to produce a high-level of current income whilst aiming to preserve capital and over the long-run generate consistent capital growth

**INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The portfolio invests in a combination of securities including assets in liquid form and securities that may be included in a portfolio of a collective investment scheme such as money market instruments, equities, bonds, property equities, other interest-bearing securities, both domestically and offshore in order to maximise the level of current income and over the long-run generate consistent capital growth

**ASSET ALLOCATION**



**FUND INFORMATION**

Risk Profile



Portfolio Manager:	Taquanta Asset Managers(Pty) Ltd
Fund Size (in Millions):	R 3 830.00
Fund Benchmark/Hurdle:	110% STeFI Call Index
ASISA Classification	South African - Multi-Asset - Income
Currency:	ZAR
Units in Issue:	383,509,784.88
Unit Price (NAV per Unit):	R 9.95
Minimum Investment:	R10 000 once off lump sum R500 per month contribution
Inception Date:	21 August 2019
Regulation 28 Compliant:	Yes

**NAV ATTRIBUTABLE TO INVESTORS**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019								0.15%	0.49%	0.46%	0.60%	0.58%	2.31%
2020	0.58%	0.57%	0.24%	-0.25%	0.62%	0.60%	0.54%	0.65%	0.68%	0.55%	0.58%	0.75%	6.30%
2021	0.44%	0.55%	0.60%	0.60%	0.56%	0.61%	0.77%	0.65%	0.69%	0.58%	0.56%	0.57%	7.42%
2022	0.62%	0.50%	0.65%	0.58%	0.49%	0.65%	0.57%	0.62%	0.56%	0.79%	0.75%	0.74%	7.76%
2023	0.87%	0.66%	0.76%	0.66%	0.82%	0.90%	0.83%	0.84%	0.85%	0.83%	0.85%	0.79%	10.11%
2024	0.91%	0.76%	0.73%	0.92%	0.85%	0.79%	1.11%	0.53%	0.88%	0.89%	0.79%	0.82%	10.45%
2025	0.81%	0.71%											1.53%

The performance prior to 7 November 2022 is for class R1, with subsequent performance being for class R3.

**STATISTICS AT February 2025**

	* FUND	** BMK
1 Year	10.28%	8.88%
Highest 12 month rolling return	10.73%	9.11%
Lowest 12 month rolling return	5.84%	3.84%
Since Inception (Annualised)	8.22%	6.45%

\* Taquanta Active Income FR Fund - Class R3 Fund Source: Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA as of February 2025

\*\* Alexander Forbes 110% \*STeFI Call Index Benchmark(s) Source: Bloomberg as at the last calendar day of February 2025

**INFORMATION & DISCLOSURES**

Income Distribution Frequency:	Monthly
Income Distribution Cents per Unit (CPU):	February 2025 (8.25)
Portfolio Valuation Time:	17H00 daily
Transaction Cut-Off Time:	14H00 daily

**PORTFOLIO INCOME DISTRIBUTION HISTORY (CPU)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019								1.64	5.07	5.23	4.33	5.07
2020	5.07	5.00	6.88	5.76	5.25	5.02	5.74	6.43	5.51	5.08	5.31	5.79
2021	5.83	5.31	5.65	6.17	6.51	6.70	6.87	6.97	6.98	6.53	6.36	6.51
2022	6.59	5.90	6.46	6.15	5.42	7.33	6.77	7.66	8.10	8.39	9.67	10.22
2023	9.72	6.62	7.34	6.58	7.88	7.21	7.09	8.67	7.14	7.74	7.23	6.76
2024	7.58	9.85	6.47	8.83	7.18	6.67	7.82	7.14	8.62	8.37	6.51	7.08
2025	6.79	8.25										

**FEES**

Service Fee (excl. VAT p.a.):	0.90%
Cost Ratios (incl. VAT):	
* Total Expense Ratio(TER) <sup>2</sup> :	1.00%
* Transactions Costs Ratio(TC%) <sup>1</sup> :	0.01%
* Total Investment Charges(TIC%) <sup>1</sup> :	1.01%
* Performance Fee (PF) Included in TER:	0.00%

<sup>1</sup> Total Investment Charges (TIC%) = TER (%) + TC (%). <sup>2</sup> The Total Expense Ratio (TER%) of a portfolio, expressed as a percentage of the daily average value of the portfolio, is calculated over a period of usually a financial year and represents a measure of the portfolio's assets that were relinquished to meet portfolio operating costs, including charges, levies and fees. Typical expenses which are deducted from a portfolio include service charges, taxes, trustee fees and audit fees. <sup>3</sup> Unit prices are published daily on the Manager's website. Investor instructions received after 14:00pm shall be processed the following business day.

# MARKET COMMENTARY

## US Economic Growth and Monetary Policy Uncertainty

The US economy continues to navigate a complex landscape in February 2025, characterized by moderating growth and persistent inflationary pressures. Real GDP growth is expected to slow to around 1.5-2.0% for the year, down from 2.5% in 2024, as the effects of tighter monetary policy and fiscal consolidation weigh on consumer spending and business investment. However, the labour market remains resilient, with unemployment hovering near 4.0%, supporting household incomes and consumption.

While the labour market remains strong, fiscal and debt concerns, along with global trade uncertainties, pose significant risks. The Federal Reserve's cautious approach to monetary policy and the resilience of corporate earnings provide some support, but investors remain vigilant for signs of a potential downturn. As the year progresses, the interplay between inflation, policy decisions, and global macroeconomic developments will be critical in determining the trajectory of the US economy.

US headline CPI inflation has stabilized at around 3.0% year-on-year (YoY), down from peak levels but still above the Federal Reserve's 2% target. Core inflation, excluding volatile food and energy prices, remains elevated at 3.5% YoY, driven by sticky services inflation, particularly in housing and healthcare. While goods inflation has eased due to improved supply chains and lower commodity prices, services inflation continues to pose challenges.

The Federal Reserve maintained its cautious stance in February, holding the federal funds rate steady at 4.50-4.75%. With inflation still above target and the labour market tight, the Fed has signalled that rate cuts are unlikely in the near term. Having said that we note that markets are currently pricing in a potential 25-basis-point cut in the second half of 2024, contingent on further disinflationary progress and softer economic data.

## SA Fiscal Policy Uncertainty

In South Africa, the postponement of the 2025 budget speech, originally scheduled for February, introduced significant uncertainty. The delay stemmed from disagreements within the GNU over a proposed 2% VAT hike. The DA opposes the increase, arguing for structural reforms to de-risk the fiscal position. The final budget, now expected on March 12, will be closely watched for consensus on fiscal policy. A VAT increase of this magnitude could raise CPI inflation by 20-50 basis points, depending on passthrough effects. This, combined with rising global inflation risks, suggests that the SARB may have reached the trough of its ratecutting cycle. While a final 25bps cut in March remains possible, further easing this year appears unlikely.

## SA Inflation and Monetary Policy

Headline CPI inflation edged up to 3.2% year-on-year (YoY) in January, slightly below consensus expectations of 3.3%. The increase was driven by base effects in fuel prices, while food inflation surprised to the downside at 2.3% YoY. Core CPI inflation softened to 3.5%, with notable declines in vehicle, alcoholic beverages, and textiles inflation. The reweighted CPI basket had a limited impact on the inflation trajectory, and our forecasts remain unchanged at 4.0% for 2025 and 4.6% for 2026. PPI inflation for January rose to 1.1% YoY, in line with expectations, driven by higher fuel and electrical machinery prices. Food products PPI increased for the third consecutive month to 4.8% YoY, reflecting persistent price pressures in the category.

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) faces increasing risks of pausing its rate-cutting cycle for the remainder of 2025. The final version of the March budget, particularly any tax increases, will play a critical role in shaping the SARB's decisions. The SARB's hawkish bias was already evident in its last MPC meeting, where a 4-2 vote split, and recent comments emphasized caution. It is our view that the uncertainty surrounding the passthrough effects of tax increases on CPI inflation will provide the SARB with a rationale to halt rate cuts in 2025, potentially revisiting cuts only in 2026 when tax increases fall out of the base. Even without VAT hikes, the "tax more to spend more" structure of the preliminary budget versions poses inflationary risks, which the SARB will likely factor into its March decision.

## Interest Rate Outlook

February 2025 was a month of heightened uncertainty for South Africa's macroeconomic environment, shaped by debates over fiscal policy, evolving inflation trends, and external global influences. The South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) March meeting is poised to be a critical event, with the possibility of a final rate cut hinging on inflation risks and fiscal developments. We anticipate no rate cuts at the March meeting and only project another 25bps cut by the SARB to complete the rating cut cycle. In the month of February, the 3-month JIBAR rate remained flat at 7.558% while the 12-month JIBAR rates increased by 0.034% versus the previous month to 8.15% in South Africa.

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

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## 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).

## FUND RISK

**Credit Default Risk:** The risk that the government entity or company that issued the bond will run into financial difficulties and won't be able to pay the interest or repay the principal at maturity. Credit risk applies to debt investments such as bonds. The higher credit rating the less likely the possibility of the issuing company defaulting.

**Interest Rate Risk:** The values of bonds and other debt securities are inversely proportional to the change in interest rates. Interest rate risk is generally greater for investments with longer maturities as well as when the market does not expect a change in the interest rates.

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