

Protea South Africa FR Retail Hedge Fund
Collective Investment Scheme | Key Investor Information Document

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Key Investor Information

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 July 2017
Directors of the Management Company	JF Louw*, IMA Burke*, R Jobing* and L Stinton (Managing Director). (*Non-executive Director)
Distribution Date	On the last day of December
Financial Year End	On the last day of December
Auditor	Deloitte
Legal Structure	Collective Investment Scheme
Prime Broker	FirstRand Bank Limited and Absa Bank Ltd
Fund Administrator	Apex Fund and Corporate Services SA
Risk Profile	High

List of Portfolios

FR Retail Hedge Fund Scheme

*Protea South Africa FR Retail Hedge Fund

*Protea Global FR Retail Hedge Fund

FR Qualified Investor Hedge Fund Scheme

*Protea Worldwide Flexible FR QI Hedge Fund

Portfolio Objective

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

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.

May the Portfolio Invest in Underlying Funds?

Yes

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.

The Types of Assets in which the Portfolio may invest

The portfolio has an unconstrained mandate and can invest across global jurisdictions. Eligible assets include but are not limited to:

- *Financial Products;
- *Derivative Instruments;
- *Capital market instruments;
- *Asset swaps;
- *Securities;
- *Units and sub-units; including participatory interests or any other form of participation in collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds or similar schemes, in South Africa or abroad;
- *Negotiable certificates of deposit;
- *Notes and promissory notes; and
- *Any investment in over-the-counter investments or an investment in any company, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or any other entity (whether incorporated or unincorporated) or issued by any government body and any other assets and investment instruments of any kind, unless expressly excluded.

Investment Restrictions applicable to the Portfolio

The following rules will apply:

- *The portfolio may use leverage, but such leverage will be subject to a maximum of 2 times the current underlying capital of the portfolio. Excluded from this calculation shall be the investments in the portfolio solely used to enhance the interest earned by the portfolio.
- *No net individual equity position shall exceed 15% of capital.
- *Directional exposure limit of 115% of current underlying capital.
- *The portfolio shall at all times hold a minimum of 10 equity positions.
- *The portfolio will manage exposure to equities based upon liquidity.

Instances where the Portfolio may Use Leverage

The Types and Sources of Leverage

The portfolio may leverage itself by short selling, trading on margin, purchasing or selling derivatives or repurchase transactions. 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.

The 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.

The 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 Maximum Leverage allowed for the Portfolio

The portfolio will utilize the commitment approach to measure leverage.

Commitment Approach Limit	200%
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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 may allow for the 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

The Repurchase of participatory interests

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.

Special Repurchase Arrangements or Rights of Some Investors

None

Investment Management Fees, Charges, and Expenses - Class 1

Service Fee	1.24%, excluding VAT
Performance Fee	Uncapped, but the maximum fee rate will be 40%, excluding VAT. The standard Performance Fee is 20%, excluding VAT.
Performance Fee Method	Excess performance (after deductions of the annual base fee) above the perpetual hurdle rate, subject to a high-water mark
High Water Mark Principle	Applicable
Hurdle	The percentage change in the 3-month Short-Term Fixed Interest(3-month STeF) Index over the measurement period
Entry Charge	0%
Exit Charge	0%

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.

For more detailed information about charges and how these are calculated, a detailed fee methodology is available on request from the Manager.

Other Fees

The portfolio may directly deduct and pay other fees if such payments are permitted in terms of Section 93 of CISCAs 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; and
- * Trustee and custodian fees.

Fair Treatment of Customers

The Manager observes a policy of Treating Customers Fairly ("TCF") and this permeates throughout the business and informs all business dealings of the Manager. The Manager strives to design, distribute, and provide products that meet the objectives of the TCF code and all investors investing in our products - simple and complex - are encouraged to seek qualified financial advice in order to select and invest in a product that not only meets their requirements, but is to their level of understanding and sophistication.

Preferential Treatment

The directors and employees of the investment manager may hold an investment in the portfolio. These investment may be zero fee at the discretion of the Investment Manager.

The Latest Annual Report

The latest annual report of the portfolio shall be kept at the office of the Manager for viewing by the investor.

Selling and Issuing Participatory Interest in the Portfolio

Purchase of Participatory Interests

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.

Minimum Investment Amount

R50,000 (Fifty Thousand Rand) as an initial lump sum; or R2,000 monthly subscription

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