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# **Satrix Balanced Index Fund**

March 2018

## **Fund Objective**

The Satrix Balanced Index Fund is Regulation 28 compliant and offers diversified exposure to all the key local and international asset classes. The Fund tracks a composite index benchmark, with a long term strategic asset allocation, rebalanced on a bi-annual basis in March and September

## **Fund Strategy**

SA bonds (8%)

SA cash (5%)

The composite benchmark of the fund comprises the following asset class building

Asset class Index exposures

Smart SA equity core (55%) 25% Proprietary Satrix Stable Dividend Index

25% S&P Quality Index

50% Proprietary Satrix Momentum Index

FTSE/JSE All Bond Index

FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property Index SA property (6%) SA inflation-linked bonds (6%) Barclays SA Gov Inflation-Linked Bond Index

SA Nominal Cash

MSCI World Equity Index

Barclays Global Treasury Index

The asset composition of the index aims to target a CPI+5.5% return over the long

### Why choose this fund?

International equities (15%)

International bonds (5%)

- The Smart SA Equity Core reflects the equity characteristics we feel are most significant.
- The strength in combining portfolios of these different characteristics is that they perform predictably and reliably with one another providing a smoother and diversified performance experience.
- The international portion of the fund (20%) provides some rand-hedge protection.
- You gain access to a fund that aims to grow capital steadily, while providing income over the medium to longer term.
- The high equity exposure gives you material exposure to an asset class that, though more volatile than others, usually delivers superior performance in the long term.

# **Fund Information**

ASISA Fund Classification	SA - Multi-Asset - High Equity
Category Benchmark	SA - Multi-Asset - High Equity - Median
Risk profile	Moderate Aggressive
Benchmark	Proprietary Satrix Balanced Index
Portfolio launch date	Oct 2013
Fee class launch date	Oct 2013
Minimum investment	Manual: Lump sum: R10 000 I Monthly: R500 SatrixNOW.co.za: No minimum
Portfolio size	R2 952.3 million
Last two distributions	30 Jun 2017: 16.49 cents per unit 31 Dec 2017: 16.92 cents per unit
Income decl. dates	30 June I 31 Dec
Income price dates	1st working day in July & January
Valuation time of fund	17:00
Transaction cut off time	Manual: 15:00 SatrixNOW.co.za: 13:30
Daily price information	Local newspaper and www.satrix.co.za
Repurchase period	3 working days

## Fees (Incl. VAT)

	Retail Class (%)
Advice initial fee (max.)	N/A
Manager initial fee	N/A
Advice annual fee (max.)	1.14
Manager annual fee	0.40
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.73
Transaction Cost (TC)	0.23

Advice fee | Any advice fee is negotiable between the client and their financial advisor. An annual advice fee negotiated is paid via a repurchase of units from the investor.

Where this fund invests into other unit trusts, it does so into zero fee classes except for offshore equity (0.30%) and offshore bonds (0.12%).

Total Expense Ratio (TER) | The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the charges incurred by the portfolio, for the payment of services rendered in the administration of the CIS. The TER is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 1 year. The TER is calculated since inception from 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2017. A higher TER does not imply a poor return nor does a low TER imply a good return.

The Transaction Cost (TC) is the cost incurred by the portfolio in the buying and selling of underlying assets. This is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 1 year. Obtain the costs of an investment prior to investing by using the EAC calculator provided at www.satrix.co.za

## **Top 10 Holdings**

Securities	% of Portfolio
Naspers -N-	6.23
Stanbank	4.01
FirstRand / RMBH	2.94
Mr Price Group Limited	2.60
Sanlam	2.56
Clicks Group Ltd	1.90
Capitec	1.88
Woolies	1.73
Tiger Brands	1.71
JSE	1.66
Top 10 Holdings as at 31 Mar 2018	

# Performance (Annualised) as at 31 Mar 2018 on a rolling monthly basis

Retail Class	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)	Cat. Performance (%)
1 year	11.48	12.85	3.44
3 year	5.55	6.76	3.39
5 year	N/A	N/A	N/A
Since inception	8.11	9.44	5.95

Annualized return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

# Performance (Cumulative) as at 31 Mar 2018 on a rolling monthly basis

A1-Class	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)	Cat. Performance (%)
1 year	11.48	12.85	3.44
3 year	17.58	21.69	10.52
5 year	N/A	N/A	N/A
Since inception	41.09	48.92	29.10

Cumulative return is aggregate return of the portfolio for a specified period

# Actual highest and lowest annual returns\*

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Highest Annual %	15.04
Lowest Annual %	1.32

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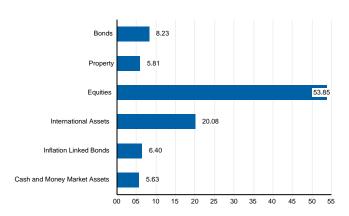


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## **Asset Allocation**



#### Portfolio Manager(s) Quarterly Comment - 31 Mar 2018

## Macro review

In the US, equities began 2018 strongly, buoyed by ongoing strength in economic data, robust earnings and the confirmation of a major tax reform package. US business confidence reached an unexpected, multi-decade high in March, while GDP for Q4 2017 was revised upwards to show growth of 2.9%. The latter part of the quarter, however, saw a marked increase in volatility as investors first digested the destabilising potential of an elevated US inflation reading and the possibility that the Fed may need to become more proactive in raising interest rates, as well as escalating US-China trade sanctions, which precipitated a renewed bout of turbulence in March.

In the Eurozone, the economic backdrop remained encouraging over the three months. GDP growth for Q4 2017 was confirmed at 0.6% quarter-on-quarter. Unemployment was stable at 8.6% in January 2018. However, forward-looking surveys painted a picture of slower future growth. The composite PMI hit a 14-month low in March, albeit the reading of 55.3 still implies solid growth. European Central Bank chairman Mario Draghi reiterated that interest rates would not rise until well past the end of the quantitative easing programme. On the political front, the key event of the quarter was Italy's election, which yielded no overall winner. Germany formed a new government after its inconclusive elections in September 2017. Angela Merkel remains as chancellor after her centre-right CDU/CSU agreed another grand coalition with the centre-left SPD.

Emerging markets saw positive returns in the first quarter despite a rise in market volatility stemming from tensions over global trade. Brazil's former president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva saw his criminal conviction upheld, while in Russia the central bank cut interest rates and the country's debt was upgraded to investment grade by ratings agency S&P. In China, macroeconomic data remained broadly stable, albeit there were ongoing signs of a gradual slowing in momentum, with official PMI easing to 50.3. By contrast, there was concern in India over reported fraud at a state -owned bank.

## Global and local market review

Global equity markets declined in Q1 2018 with investors unnerved first by concerns about the path of US interest rate rises and then worries over trade. US equities began the year strongly, boosted by tax reforms, but ended the quarter lower amid concerns over inflation and the impact of US-China trade sanctions. Following a 10% correction from its January highs and rallying back 8% by early March, the S&P 500 Index suffered another 5% pullback in the last few weeks, ending the month of March down 2.5% and losing 0.8% over the last three months, which was the first negative quarter since the third quarter of 2015. Eurozone equities posted negative returns as worries over US rates and trade affected other markets. Italy's election was inconclusive but had limited impact on the equity market.

Emerging market (EM) equities outperformed, delivering a positive return in US dollars. The MSCI EM Index was up +1.5% (total returns) in Q1 2018, ahead of the MSCI World (Developed Market) Index, which was down 1.2%, the first quarterly loss in two years. Over the last three months the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) posted a total return of -6.0%. This has been its worst quarterly performance in eight

years (Q2 2010: -8.2%). SA Industrials were the worst performer, returning -8.0% (Naspers and Tiger Brands were both down 12%). SA Resources lost 3.8% (rising global uncertainty) and SA Financials lost 3.6%.

Of the equity sectors, the top first-quarter performance came from Non-life Insurance (+24.4%), Fixed Line Telecoms (+10.0%) and General Retailers (+9.2%). The worst performance came from Real Estate Development and Services (-31.2%), Software (-30.5%) and Household Goods (-29.0%).

US Treasury yields rose markedly across the curve over the quarter as expectations of growth, inflation and interest rates shifted higher. Volatility returned to markets, picking up sharply from low levels and impacting risk assets. In March, sentiment was negatively impacted by rising trade tensions between the US and China. Tenyear yields increased from 2.41% to 2.74%, reaching a high of 2.95% in February, five-year yields increased from 2.21% to 2.56% and two-year yields from 1.88% to 2.74%.

The Bloomberg Commodities Index posted a modest negative return in Q1 2018. This was attributable to weakness from industrial metals amid rising global trade tensions and concern that further escalation could impact demand. Copper was particularly weak, down 8.3%. Conversely, the energy and agricultural components recorded solid gains. In agriculture, corn (+10.6%) and soy bean (+9.8%) prices were notably strong. In the energy segment, Brent crude (+5.1%) rallied into quarter-end amid rising confidence that Opec would maintain its production cuts through the full year 2018. In precious metals, gold (+1%) posted a positive return but silver (-5.1%) lost value.

EM local currency bonds largely ignored the increase in developed market (DM) yields because the dollar was weakening and global growth projections were being revised higher. Stronger EM currencies also led to lower inflation in EM economies. South African bonds outperformed their EM counterparts as political risks waned and the rand strengthened more than other currencies. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) returned 8.06% in Q1 2018 and the benchmark R186 yield fell to 7.99% from 8.64%.

The FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property Index (SAPY) delivered a total return of -19.6% during the three months to the end of March 2018, mainly due to company-specific concerns. Relative to other asset classes, the property index materially underperformed equities (ALSI: -6.0%; cash: 1.8%; bonds: 8.1%) over this period. On a rolling 12-month basis, the sector's total return is -7.1% due to the negative first quarter of 2018.

**Momentum:** Globally, cyclical sectors performed more strongly in January and February, when the market was focused on faster rate hikes, while in March the broader decline in risk appetites saw more defensive areas outperform. From a style perspective, this was consistent with the global Momentum and Growth factors' correction during March, as rotation and perhaps profit-taking have dragged on a generally positive Momentum factor during 2018, primarily driven by perceived increased risk to global growth.

In South Africa, there was large consistency with global outcomes, as back-end-loaded cyclical pressure over the quarter dampened an otherwise strong Momentum signal. Earnings Revisions (a sub-component of Headline Momentum), on the other hand, once again has not performed in line with Price Momentum, generating negative returns as poor earnings sentiment failed to deliver in an environment with high levels of corporate uncertainty.

As an overall factor however, the Momentum strategy struggled during Q1 2018 relative to the FTSE/JSE Shareholder Weighted Index (Swix). The strategy's performance was attributed on the positive side to exposure to its off-benchmark underweight positions in property stocks, including Resilient (RES), NEPI Rockcastle (NRP) and Fortress (FFB), while overweight positions in Standard Bank (SBK) and Barloworld (BAW) aided the strategy. On the negative side, cyclical exposure to Northam Platinum (NHM), African Rainbow Minerals (ARI), Kumba Iron Ore (KIO), Exxaro (EXX) and Assore (ASR) weighed on the strategy, while speculation around Capitec (CPI) fundamentals also contributed negatively.

At the last rebalance date (mid-March), we transitioned the portfolio based on the evaluation of new factor signals and the risk levels in the portfolio. Based on these signals, Exxaro (EXX), Reinet (RNI) and Impala Platinum (IMP) were removed, and Harmony (HAR) and The Foschini Group (TFG) were added. Exposures in British American Tobacco (BTI) and African Rainbow Minerals (ARI) have also been reduced while exposures to Mr Price (MRP) and JSE (JSE) were added in line with the risk objective of the fund.

We remain convinced of the factor's medium- to long-term significance and the premium it offers in the South African capital market and remain disciplined in our

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implementation and extraction of the factor.

Quality: After a stellar 2017, the S&P Quality South Africa Index experienced another strong quarter as investors continue to favour stocks with defensive characteristics. Despite largely pro-cyclical domestic sentiment (e.g. leadership optimism, declining risk of credit rating downgrade, improving inflation outlook), global macro concerns have instead dominated mindshare and subsequently weighed on the local share market.

This environment continued to suit companies with strong balance sheets, clean earnings and high return to equity, as represented in our Quality basket. Furthermore, based on our analysis, the valuation gap between Quality and the market is still not pricing in the substantial historic premiums of a Quality strategy, and thus still presents value to investors who seek the strategy's diversification benefits within this factor portfolio construct.

In terms of stock selection, the largest relative outperformance over the quarter came from the overweight positions such as Mr Price (MRP), Truworths (TRU), Standard Bank (SBK) and Clicks (CLS), as well as underweight positions such as Naspers (NPN), Resilient (RES) and NEPI Rockcastle (NRP). By not holding these stocks, the fund accreted substantial value relative to the Swix. On the other hand, the largest two detractors in Value came from overweight positions in Capitec (CPI) and Tiger Brands (TBS), as a speculative report from Viceroy and an outbreak of listeriosis respectively weighed on these counters. Other overweight detractors included Exxaro (EXX) and Kumba Iron Ore (KIO). There were no constituent changes to the S&P Quality South Africa Index over the prior quarter, as this index rebalances in June and December each year.

The index and portfolio remain focused in its extraction of Quality and should markets give way to further risk aversion, the defensive character of the basket should prove rewarding while not meaningfully compromising returns during up markets.

Stable Dividend: After a fantastic performance during the 2016 calendar year, Value measures have experienced a disparate 2017 and start to 2018. The divergence between deep value measures (e.g. price-to-book) and yield measures (e.g. dividend yield) has been substantial, with the former struggling, and the latter continuing to perform well as investors seek defensive qualities during a period of high levels of uncertainty and flight to safety.

The impact of the news in December regarding the accounting irregularity at Steinhoff still has investors on edge, with further speculation surrounding Capitec and technology shares continuing to weigh on market sentiment. Further to these stock-specific issues, global forward macro momentum has slowed, which has largely favoured defensive shares with high dividend yields, in particular domesticorientated shares, of which the Stable Dividend strategy has significant exposure to.

During Q1 2018, overweight exposure to Foschini (TFG), Mr Price (MRP), Truworths (TRU), AECI (AFE) and JSE played a strong positive role here, while an underweight position in Naspers (NPN) also added excess return. Holdings in Exxaro (EXX) and African Rainbow Minerals (ARI) detracted from the index's relative performance.

There were many changes to the Satrix Stable Dividend strategy during the prior quarter, including 13 counters coming into the index, and 10 counters leaving the

# In Closing

Volatility has once again become the dominant factor in financial markets globally, exemplified by the VIX fear index experiencing its biggest daily spike in history during the quarter. There are growing concerns that global businesses may be subject to new regulation and be the target of tariffs if a US-China trade war escalates. Political risk is dominating fundamentals and we now have progressed into a new era where central banks are not the backstop supporting financial markets

In South Africa, the sentiment pendulum has swung from pessimism to optimism with the new political administration driving business and consumer confidence higher with expectations of a solid economic recovery being discounted. Either way, economic mood swings tend to be exaggerated. Also, the expectation that President Ramaphosa will, in one fell swoop, reverse years of maladministration and corruption are unrealistic.

## Portfolio Manager(s)

The Satrix Investment Team

## Management of Investments

The management of investments are outsourced to Sanlam Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, FSP 579, an authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002.

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## **Risk Profile (Moderate)**

This is a medium-risk portfolio that aims to deliver income and capital growth over the medium term. This portfolio is designed to minimise volatility and aims to cultivate as smooth a ride as possible. There is some exposure to risky asset classes (such as equities) necessary to grow capital over the medium to long term. This portfolio has a medium to long-term investment horizon. The portfolio is diversified across all major asset classes with an average exposure to equities, and offers real (after inflation) returns but with lower volatility.

#### **Additional Information**

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\*The highest and lowest annualised performance numbers are based on 10 non-overlapping one year periods or the number of non-overlapping one year periods from inception where performance history does not yet exist for 10 years.

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## **Trustee Information**

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## **Glossary of Terms**

### Collective investment scheme (CIS)

A collective investment scheme (or unit trust) comprises a pool of assets such as equities, bonds, cash and listed property, which are managed by an investment manager and is governed by the cash and listed properly, which are managed by an investment manager and is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act no 45 of 2002. Each investor has a proportional stake in the CIS portfolio based on how much money he or she contributed. The word "unit" refers to the portion or part of the CIS portfolio that is owned by the investor. The "trust" is the financial instrument that is created in order to manage the investment. The trust enables financial experts to invest the money on behalf of the CIS investor.

#### Composite benchmark

Multi-asset class funds offer exposure to various asset classes including cash, equity, bonds and property both locally and internationally. In a passively managed multi-asset class fund each underlying asset class is managed to deliver the return of its respective index. For example, in the SATRIX Balanced Index Fund the property exposure is managed to deliver the performance of the FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property Index (J253). The composite index simply combines the underlying indices, each adhering to a specified weight.

## Linked Investment Service Provider (LISP)

A Linked Investment Service Provider is a financial institution which packages, distributes and administers a broad range of unit trust based investments. Any investment made through these products gives an investor a single point of entry into a selection of different investments.

An index is a unique grouping of shares, selected according to a pre-defined methodology e.g. largest market capitalisation or highest dividend yield. An index can be constructed to represent the overall market, a specific sector or a theme. The index performance can be used as a benchmark against which to compare active fund performances. A well-constructed index should be transparent, replicable and investable.

Long term strategic asset allocation
The long term strategic asset allocation is the target allocations for the various asset classes within the composite benchmark. The composite is rebalanced back to the strategic asset allocation biannually (March and September). The strategic asset allocation of the SATRIX Balanced Index aims to return CPI+5.5%pa, over the long-term.

### Rand-hedge protection

A Rand-hedge is a way of maximising returns on your investment in rand terms, through an offshore investment. The rand value of your investment increases if the currency declines (when the rand depreciates, the rand value of your offshore investment appreciates).

Before we can explain smart beta, we need to define the investment terms beta and alpha. Simply put, beta is the return you as an investor receive simply by being invested in the market. For example, the return you receive by investing in the FTSE/JSE All Share index is a beta return. If you employ an active fund manager (one who studies companies and chooses a basket of shares for you) who gives you a return which is different to that of the market (either positive of negative), this under- or outperformance of the market is called alpha.

Alpha = Fund performance - market performance (beta)

Smart beta funds attempt to capture excess returns in a systematic way. The idea is to deliver a better return while taking on less risk than the JSE All Share index. The result of weighting stocks differently to the JSE is that you have a fund which differs from the JSE in terms of: (a) individual stock exposure (b) sector exposure (e.g. resources, financials and industrials), and  $\stackrel{\frown}{(c)}$  factor exposure (e.g. foreign, size, yield and market sensitivity)

# Total Expense Ratio (TER)

This is the total costs associated with managing and operating an investment (excluding administration, financial planning and servicing fees). These costs consist primarily of management fees and additional expenses such as trading fees, legal fees, auditor fees and other operational expenses. The total cost of the fund is divided by the fund's total assets under management to arrive at a percentage amount, which represents the TER.

Volatility is a measure of 'risk', and refers to the extent to which the price of an investment or fund fluctuates over a certain period of time. Funds with a high volatility usually offer the potential for higher returns over the longer term than low volatility funds but also the potential for downside.

This Fund qualifies as a tax free investment according to section 12T of the Income Tax Act, with effect from 1 March 2015. South African individuals qualify for the associated tax benefits namely no tax on dividends, income or capital gains whilst still enjoying all the benefits of a unit trust. Note contributions to tax free investments are limited to R33 000 per tax year, with a lifetime limit of R500 000. Amounts invested in excess of these permissible thresholds are taxable.

Manager Information

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