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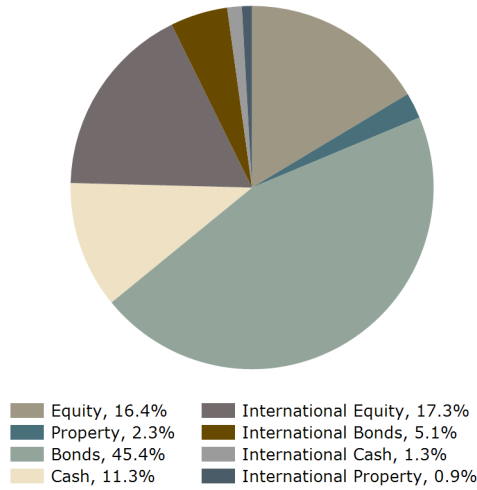
Fund Details

Fund Category	SA Multi Asset Low Equity
Benchmark	CPI+3%
Risk Profile	Cautious
Investment period	3 years
Launch Date	01 November 2014
Fund Size	R 24 million
Platform	Glacier

Fund Objective

The wrap fund aims to provide investors with stable income and a high level of capital stability. The probability of capital loss over the medium to long term is low. The fund will consist primarily of income orientated assets with a below average exposure to equities (maximum of 40%). Investors in this fund should have a minimum investment horizon of 3 years. The fund is compliant with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act, 1956.

Asset Allocation

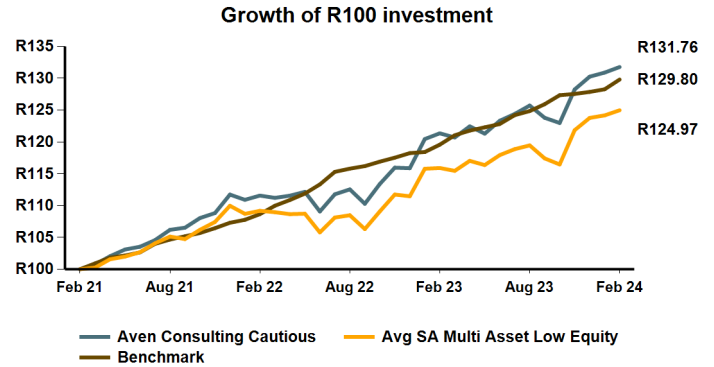


Investor Profile

This fund is suitable for investors looking for:

- Stable income and a high level of capital stability
- Low probability of capital loss over the medium to long term
- A minimum investment horizon of 3 years

Cumulative performance - 3 years *



Performance (%)	Fund*	Fund Benchmark	Avg SA Multi Asset Low Equity
1 Month	0.67	1.20	0.65
3 Months	2.75	1.77	2.57
6 Months	4.81	3.97	4.62
1 Year	8.58	8.56	7.83
2 Years (annualised)	8.68	9.30	6.99
3 Years (annualised)	9.63	9.08	7.71
5 Years (annualised)	9.35	8.14	7.42
YTD	1.16	1.52	0.97
Since Launch	8.08	8.07	6.72

Risk statistics (3 years)	Fund*
Returns (annualised)	9.63%
Standard deviation (annualised)	5.10%
% Positive months	75.00%
Maximum drawdown	-2.75%
Sharpe ratio	0.72

Manager Selection (%)

ABAX Absolute Prescient	10.00	Granate BCI Multi Income	9.00
Amplify SCI Defensive Balanced (Matrix)	11.00	Ninety One Global Multi-Asset Income FF	2.00
Amplify SCI Flexible Equity (Abax)	5.00	Ninety One Opportunity	10.00
Amplify SCI Global Equity FF (Sarofim&Co)	3.00	PSG Flexible	5.00
Amplify SCI Strategic Income (Terebinth)	12.00	Satrix Low Equity Balanced	10.00
Amplify SCI Wealth Protector (Truffle)	10.00	SIM Flexible Income	8.00
Aylett Balanced Prescient	5.00		

Monthly Fund Performance* (%)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2024	0.49	0.67											1.16
Fund 2023	3.95	0.75	-0.54	1.45	-0.94	1.67	0.87	1.06	-1.53	-0.66	4.28	1.57	12.42
Fund 2022	-0.74	0.60	-0.32	0.31	0.54	-2.75	2.48	0.69	-2.01	2.82	2.26	-0.08	3.71

Fees (% incl. VAT)

Annual wrap fee	0.46
Underlying Manager TER's	0.76

* The investor is liable for CGT on any transactions in the units of the underlying unit trusts within the wrap funds. Compulsory investments are not subject to CGT. Performance is calculated using net returns (after fees) of the underlying unit trusts, and quoted excluding wrap fund fees. Performance quoted is pre-tax. Fund performance numbers shown are for a notional portfolio and do not reflect the actual performance of the client invested in the wrap fund due to timing differences of investments or disinvestments of the client. Benchmark returns for CPI are based on actual published returns and an estimated one month return for the month of the report date. ASISA Benchmark returns are the ASISA returns available as at the time of reporting.

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Manager Comment

Both the UK and Japan moved into a technical recession in Q4 2023 after posting two consecutive quarters of negative economic growth. UK Prime Minister Rushi Sunak is under pressure to find ways to stimulate the UK economy and address the country's cost of living crisis. Japan battled with high economic uncertainty and inflation, which weighed heavily on private consumption and foreign investment.

US inflation rose more than expected in January because of stubbornly high shelter prices which impacted consumers. A preliminary Reuters poll showed that China's manufacturing activity contracted in February as factory owners struggled to secure local and international orders. Eurozone business activity fell for the ninth month in a row, but the rate of decline eased in January.

In SA, President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered his State of the Nation Address and Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana presented the National Budget. In these speeches, government updated citizens on the steps it will take to move the economy in the right direction.

After a positive start to 2024, global equity markets accelerated in February, with the MSCI World Index ending the month at 4.24% in dollar terms. Emerging markets (EMs) underperformed developed markets (DMs) for four consecutive months before February but managed to slightly beat DMs, with the MSCI EM Index ending positively at 4.77% month-on-month (m/m) in dollar terms. Chinese equities rallied strongly due to economic stimulus and contributed to the performance of the MSCI EM Index. Although it was announced that Japan slipped into a recession, the Nikkei still managed to end the month positively at 7.99% in yen terms. Both Global Bonds and Global Property entered negative territory at -1.26% m/m and -0.55% m/m in dollar terms. Tech stocks contributed to the S&P 500's positive performance of 5.34% m/m in dollar terms, with Nvidia, Meta and Amazon being the top contributors. The Dow Jones Index was positive at 2.5% m/m in dollar terms and the FTSE gained 0.19% m/m in pound.

The South African stock market was in negative territory in February, when the FTSE/JSE All-Share Index ended at -2.44% in rand terms. Industrials and Financials were negative, at -0.79% m/m and -1.2% m/m, but Resources was the biggest laggard, at -6.92% m/m. Local Property and Cash were both positive for the month, at 0.82% and 0.65% respectively in rand. The bond market underperformed, with the FTSE/JSE All-Bond Index ending at -0.58% m/m in rand terms. Bonds of 1-3 years ended the month at -0.04%, with bonds of 3-7 years at -0.88%, bonds of 7-12 years at -0.78% and bonds of above 12 years ending at -0.53%.

Expectations of sustained higher US interest rates boosted the dollar, which was stronger against all major DM and most major EM currencies in February. The rand was among the worst-performing currencies. It depreciated against the US dollar by -3.05% m/m, the euro by -2.68% m/m and the pound by -2.4% m/m. However, the currency appreciated against the Japanese yen by 2.39% m/m.

Investment Committee

The investment committee forms an integral part of the investment management process. The investment committee members are involved in the process of multi management by participating in the Investment Committee Framework (the "Framework"). This Framework provides intermediaries with a platform to share their research and views with qualified investment professionals who will, based on certain constraints, construct a portfolio taking the intermediary's research into account.

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About the Portfolio Manager

Preanka joined Sanlam Investments Multi-Manager in September 2022 as a Portfolio Manager in the Retail Implemented Consulting team. She started her career in 2015 at Sygnia Asset Management as a Quantitative Investment Analyst and later, as a Manager Research Analyst. In 2018, Preanka moved to Alexander Forbes where she had Manager Research and Client Investment Specialist responsibilities. Preanka holds a BCom degree majoring in Economics, Finance and Applied Statistics, as well as a BCom (Hons) degree in Financial Analysis and Portfolio Management from the University of Cape Town. Preanka received her Master of Commerce degree specialising in Finance from the University of Witwatersrand.

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