

Northstar Sanlam Collective Investments Income Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document

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Fund Objective

The objective of the portfolio is to provide investors with a regular and stable income that targets inflation beating returns over the long term, while actively managing risk of capital loss in the short term.

Fund Strategy

Investments to be included in the portfolio will, apart from assets in liquid form, consist of equity and non-equity securities, fixed interest instruments (including but not limited to bonds, cash deposits and money market instruments), debentures, preference shares and property securities as well as any other income enhancing securities which are consistent with the portfolio's primary objective and that the Act may allow from time to time. The portfolio's equity exposure will be limited to a maximum of 10% of the portfolio's net asset value. The manager may also include any forward currency, interest rate and exchange rate and exchange rate swap transactions for efficient portfolio management purposes. The portfolio will be managed in accordance with regulations governing pension funds.

Fund Information

Ticker	NMIF
Portfolio Manager	Mark Seymour
ASISA Fund Classification	South African - Multi Asset - Income
Risk Profile	Conservative
Benchmark	110% STeFI Call Deposit
Fund Size	R 394,231,023
Portfolio Launch Date	22/07/2014
Fee Class Launch Date	22/07/2014
Minimum Lump Sum Investment	R 10,000
Minimum Monthly Investment	R 500
Income Declaration Date	June & December
Income Pricing Date	1st business day of July & January
Portfolio Valuation Time	15:00
Transaction Cut Off Time	15:00
Daily Price Information	Local media
Repurchase Period	2-3 business days

Fees (Incl. VAT)

	A1-Class (%)
Maximum Initial Advice Fee	3.42
Maximum Annual Advice Fee	1.14
Manager Annual Fee	0.96
TER	1.25
TC	0.01
TIC	1.26

The manager decreased the annual management fee on 1 October 2017 to 0.96% from 1.14%.

Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. The TER and Transaction Costs cannot be determined accurately because of the short life span of the Financial Product. The TER presented is for the period 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2017. The one year TER and TIC for the period 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 were 1.16% and 1.18%, respectively.

Transaction Cost (TC) is the percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impacts Financial Product returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Financial Product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

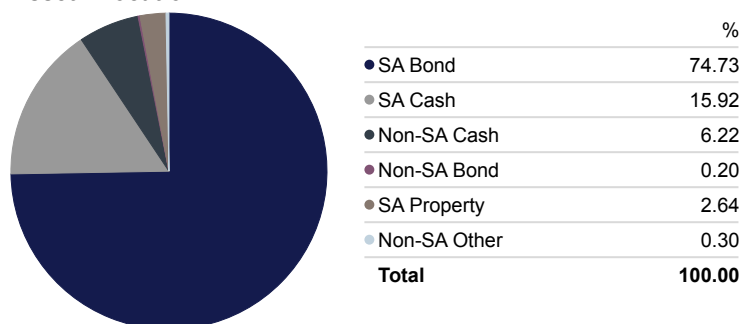
Total Investment Charges (TER + TC) is the total percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product.

The Northstar Sanlam Collective Investments Income Fund transitioned to Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd on 08 September 2017.

Top Ten Holdings

	% of Portfolio
BlackRock ICS USD Liquidity \$ Inc	4.70
INVESTEC BANK LTD 29/09/21 11.97%	4.62
INVESTEC BANK LTD 22/03/19 8.71%	4.32
THE STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA LTD 12/11/20 8.6%	3.88
ABSA BANK LTD 11/11/20 8.5%	3.86
Rmh 16/05/18 7.87%	3.07
FIRSTRAND BANK LTD 28/02/23 7.75%	2.98
Firstrand Call Acc - Current Acc	2.82
INVESTEC BANK LTD 02/04/18 7.335%	2.80
THE STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA LTD 31/01/22 9.455%	2.67

Asset Allocation



Annualised Performance (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year	7.99	8.32
3 Years	6.71	7.86
Since Inception	6.50	7.75

Cumulative Performance (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year	7.99	8.32
3 Years	21.51	25.50
Since Inception	24.00	29.03

Highest and Lowest Annual Returns

Time Period: Since Inception to 31/12/2017	
Highest Annual %	8.26
Lowest Annual %	3.94

Risk Statistics (3 Year Rolling)

Standard Deviation	1.46
Sharpe Ratio	-0.27
Information Ratio	-0.75
Maximum Drawdown	-1.27

Distribution History (Cents Per Unit)

31/12/2017: 1.71 cpu	31/03/2017: 1.85 cpu	30/04/2016: 0.56 cpu
30/09/2017: 0.44 cpu	31/12/2016: 1.84 cpu	31/03/2016: 1.64 cpu
08/09/2017: 1.31 cpu	30/09/2016: 1.78 cpu	31/12/2015: 1.70 cpu
30/06/2017: 1.80 cpu	30/06/2016: 1.23 cpu	30/09/2015: 1.62 cpu

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Risk Profile: Conservative

You prefer to receive stable income flows and are determined to keep your capital intact at all times. You understand that comfort means that you may not receive outside returns but that your capital will be safe — and the likelihood of losing money slim. The portfolio that gives you the most comfort consists primarily of income-oriented asset classes such as cash, nominal and inflation-linked bonds and property. You shy away from too much exposure to equities because of their higher volatility.

Glossary Terms

Annualised Returns

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

Asset Allocation

Asset allocation is the percentage holding in different asset classes (i.e. equities, bonds, property, etc.). It is used to determine the level of diversification in a portfolio.

Capital Volatility

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

Cumulative Returns

Cumulative return is the total growth experienced over the period measured.

Derivatives

Derivatives are instruments generally used as an instrument to protect against risk (capital losses), but can also be used for speculative purposes. Examples are futures, options and swaps.

Distributions

The income that is generated from an investment and given to investors through monthly, quarterly, bi-annual or annual distribution pay-outs.

Diversification

This is a strategy designed to reduce risk within a portfolio by combining a variety of investments (or asset classes) such as equities, bonds, cash or property, which are unlikely to all move in the same direction at the same time. This is designed to reduce the risk (and protect against capital losses) within a portfolio. Diversification allows for more consistent performance under a wide range of economic conditions as it smoothes out the impact of negative market events. The positive performance of some investments or asset classes should neutralize the negative performance of others.

Financial Instruments

Derivatives also known as financial instruments (such as a future, option, or warrants) whose value derives from and is dependent on the change in value of an underlying asset (such as a commodity, currency, or security) to protect against risk (capital losses).

Fund Objective

The fund objective is the portfolio's core goal.

Fund Strategy

The fund strategy is the way that the fund is managed to achieve the fund objective.

Information Ratio

The Information Ratio measures the market risk-adjusted performance of an investment or portfolio. The greater a portfolio's Information Ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been compared to the market in general.

Collective Investment Schemes

Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) (also called unit trusts) are portfolios of assets such as equities, bonds, cash and listed property, in which investors can buy units. They allow private investors to pool their money together into a single fund, thus spreading their risk across a range of investments, getting the benefit of professional fund management, and reducing their costs.

Market Capitalization

Market capitalization is the total value of the issued shares of a publicly traded company; it is calculated by multiplying the share price by the number of shares in issue.

Maximum Drawdown

The maximum drawdown measures the highest peak to trough loss experienced by the fund.

Participatory Interests

When you buy a unit trust, your money is pooled with that of many other investors. The total value of the pool of invested money in a unit trust fund is split into equal portions called participatory interests or units. When you invest your money in a unit trust, you buy a portion of the participatory interests in the total unit trust portfolio. Participatory interests are therefore the number of units that you have in a particular unit trust portfolio.

Sharpe Ratio

The Sharpe Ratio measures total risk-adjusted performance of an investment or portfolio. It measures the amount of risk associated with the returns generated by the portfolio and indicates whether a portfolio's returns are due to excessive risk or not. The greater a portfolio's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been (i.e. a higher return with a contained risk profile, where the portfolio manager is not taking excessive risk to achieve those returns).

Standard Deviation

Standard deviation (also called monthly volatility) is a measure of how much returns on an investment change from month to month. It is typically used by investors to gauge the volatility expected of an investment.

Portfolio Manager Comment

The Northstar Income fund returned 0.78% during the month of December vs. 0.52% for the STeFi call deposit index. The portfolio is on a yield of 8.2% and remains conservatively positioned with a modified duration of 1.2 (0.9 excluding inflation linked bonds).

Cyril Ramaphosa's election at the recent ANC's 54th national conference turned market pessimism on its head, resulting in strong returns for local stocks, bonds and property. Leading up to the conference, the local market had taken on a very negative tone with South Africa's weakening economic fundamentals being affirmed in the October medium-term budget policy statement. Added to the negativity was South Africa's plunge into junk status. South Africa's credit rating has been in steady decline over the last 5 years – recently S&P downgraded us to junk status and Moody's is one notch away from junk. One further downgrade by Moody's will result in approximately R120bn local bond selling by foreigners, which will put negative pressure on bond yields and the local currency at current levels. It's coming down to the wire and the market has given Cyril Ramaphosa the benefit of the doubt with respect to being able to reverse all of SA's economic and financial woes.

From a valuation perspective, assuming reasonable inflation levels and an appropriate SA specific risk premium, local bonds with maturities of up to 10 years look over-valued and longer dated bonds look more reasonably valued. The yield curve has rallied aggressively, with yields falling by approximately 80bps across the curve from their highs in November. The ALBI returned 5.7%, Inflation linked index rallied 4.9% and the local property index returned 4.2% with Growthpoint up 10.7% over the last month. Conversely the Rand has strengthened resulting in the US dollar losing ground by -9.6%, the Euro -9.0% and the Pound -9.8%.

The strongest contributors to portfolio returns were corporate bonds (mostly in the 3 to 7 year maturity range and some longer dated maturities) followed by floating rate notes and the fund's small allocation to property. The portfolio's foreign cash holding conversely detracted from returns.

Portfolio adjustments that took place during the month included the 2% increased weighting to inflation linked bonds and the combined 1% reduced weighting to Growthpoint and Redefine.

We continue to adjust the portfolio for the best yield versus risk profile as market conditions provide opportunities and as such we are likely to reduce fixed bond exposure in short dated fixed bonds and lift the offshore cash holdings marginally at currently more favourable levels.

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