

Cadiz Absolute Yield Fund

REGULATION 28 COMPLIANT

Fund Information

FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to provide investors with a return of 2% in excess cash over a rolling 3 years and a positive return over any rolling 12 month period. The fund is expected to deliver more consistent returns than an income fund and reduce the volatility inherent in the bond market. Great care is applied to protect the fund against incurring losses.

WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

The fund can invest in a combination of assets, such as government and corporate bonds, inflation linked bonds, listed property and cash both in South Africa and offshore. Derivative strategies such as swaps and futures may also be used for efficient portfolio management purposes and to mitigate downside risk. The fund does not invest in ordinary shares.

The intended maximum limits, (see underlying instruments mentioned below), may not exceed 25% of the value of fund:

- Listed property: up to 10%
- Preference shares: up to 10%
- International assets: up to 10%
- Hybrid instruments: up to 5%

The fund has a flexible mandate with no duration or maturity limits for its investments.

WHO IS THE FUND SUITABLE FOR?

- Investors seeking a cash alternative to a bank deposit.
- Retirees who seek a managed exposure to income generating investments.
- Those who seek active management within the fixed interest universe.
- Investors who have at least an 18 month or longer investment horizon.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

The fund is actively managed by an experienced team who are able to change the fund's duration depending on our view of the interest rate cycle and the valuation of fixed rate bonds. Derivatives are deployed to switch between fixed and floating rate exposure, which also mitigates the risk of volatility associated within the bond market.

There are no guarantees that the fund will always outperform cash over short periods of time and therefore capital losses are possible, especially in the case of negative credit events which may affect the underlying holdings. The fund's investments are subject to a stringent risk management process.

FEES ON CLASS A (EXCLUDING VAT)

Initial fee: 0%

Annual Management fee: 0,80%

PERFORMANCE FEE

None

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER) AND TRANSACTION COSTS

Cadiz Absolute Yield Fund (Class A)

PERIOD (ANNUALISED) 1 AUGUST 2015 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Total expense ratio	1.0%
Transaction costs	0.0%
Total investment charge	1.0%

RISK VS REWARD



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FUND MANAGERS



Alastair Sellick
Joint Head of Fixed Income



Sidney McKinnon
Joint Head of Fixed Income

GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception	1 March 2006
Benchmark	STeFi + 2% pa net of fees over rolling 3 years. No negative returns over rolling 12 months
Sector	ASISA SA Multi Asset Income
Fund Class	A
Fund Size	R500 million
Regulation 28 compliant	Yes
Minimum Investment	Lump sum: R5 000 Monthly: R500 Adhoc: R500
Income Distribution (Class A)	Bi-annual (end June and end December)
ISIN Code	ZAE 000078382
Domicile	South Africa
JSE Code	AHAY

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Class A as at 31 December 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception	1 March 2006
Fund category	ASISA SA Multi Asset Income
Portfolio managers	Alastair Sellick and Sidney McKinnon
Fund Size	R500 million
Benchmark	STeFi + 2% pa net of fees over rolling 3 years. No negative returns over rolling 12 months
Performance fee	None

PERFORMANCE 31/12/2018

	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
1 Year	9.2%	9.4%	-0.2%
2 Year (annualised)	8.9%	9.5%	-0.5%
3 Year (annualised)	8.9%	9.5%	-0.6%
5 Year (annualised)	7.4%	9.0%	-1.6%
7 Year (annualised)	7.8%	8.9%	-1.1%
Since inception (1/03/06) annualised	8.8%	9.2%	-0.4%

Source: Morningstar

RISK STATISTICS* (FOR CLASS A)

	Fund
Sharpe ratio annualised	0.54
Maximum drawdown	-15.04%
Highest annual return	10.81%
Lowest annual return	4.99%

* Risk statistics for Class A refers to the highest and lowest actual 12 month return over the related period since the inception of the fund.

TOP 5 HOLDINGS

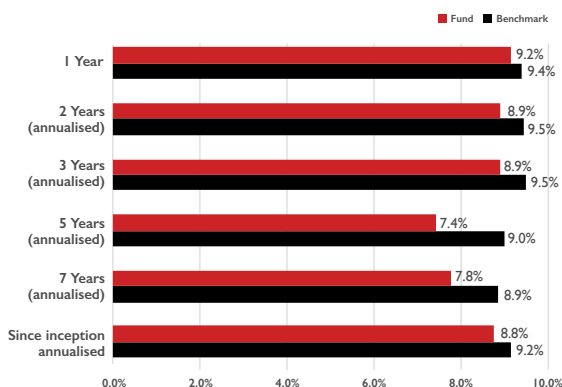
December 2018	Cash
United States Dollars	3-7 Years
Standard Bank Credit Linked Note	3-7 Years
First Rand Credit Linked Note	1-3 Years
ABSA Bank Credit Link Note	1-3 Years
Eqstra Floating Rate Note	1-3 Years

Source: Cadiz Asset Management

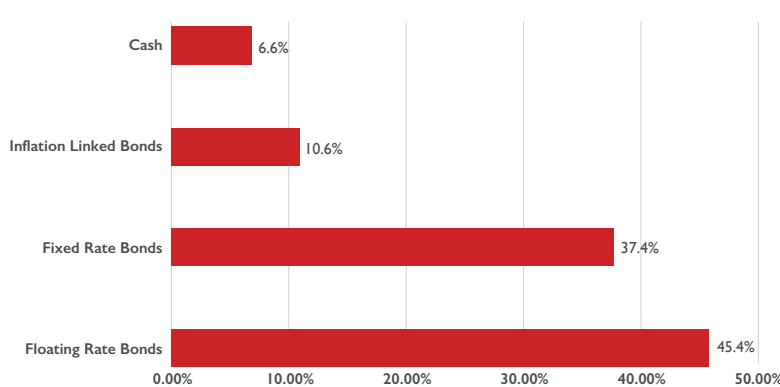
MODIFIED DURATION 2.20

GROSS YIELD 9.1%

FUND RETURNS VS BENCHMARK



EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE



INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Cadiz Absolute Yield Fund Class A

MONTHLY INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS DECLARED (CENTS PER UNIT ROUNDED TO 2 DECIMAL POINTS)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	0.70	0.85	1.05	0.65	0.35	0.67	0.77	0.43	0.84	0.58	0.68	1.30
2017	0.74	0.72	0.66	0.84	0.92	0.47	1.04	0.99	0.90	-0.12	0.09	1.15
2016	0.25	0.65	0.68	0.81	1.07	0.90	0.81	0.54	0.61	0.70	1.61	0.29
2015	1.25	0.39	0.60	0.61	0.32	0.45	0.71	0.36	0.28	-0.43	0.59	0.20
2014	-0.43	0.79	1.02	0.82	0.86	0.68	0.71	-2.08	0.52	0.90	0.56	0.57
2013	0.49	0.78	0.65	1.28	-0.28	0.21	0.39	-0.19	1.28	0.84	0.21	0.70

* Please note that the fund distributes bi-annually at the end of June and the end of December.

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Quarterly Fund Manager Commentary – Fourth Quarter 2018

ECONOMIC AND MARKET COMMENT

The 4th quarter of 2018 brought a turbulent and confusing year in the financial markets to an end with a small, unconvincing risk-back-on rally. South African yields were influenced by both local developments and international developments alike in Q4. A combination of ongoing rate hikes from the Fed and ever more hawkish rhetoric from the FOMC (and Fed Governor Jay Powell in particular) put upward pressure on US treasuries and global bond yields. In October, a very negative reaction to Finance Minister Tito Mboweni's inaugural Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) caused SA yields to sell off aggressively. Then in early December, suggestions that Eskom required a R100bn debt swap with the SA government also caused a very negative reaction in local yields. However, the absence of weekly auction issuance by National Treasury and a large dose of bond coupons coupled with an end-of-year ZAR rally caused a bond yield recovery to close a year of rising yields in South Africa. Ongoing uncertainty in the UK around how hard BREXIT will actually be (the likelihood of a no-deal BREXIT is now high and rising), and finally, the ratcheting upwards of Trade War tensions, courtesy of President Trump have created an uncertain global backdrop. Foreign outflows from the South African bond market continued, albeit at a reduced pace, and the total bond outflow for 2018 was around R68bn – a record outflow.

Global bond yields generally rose in the beginning of the quarter – US 10yr treasury yields peaked at 3.25% - and then plunged to end the quarter at 2.68%. The 10yr German Bund yield rose from 0.58% to end the quarter at 0.24%. The market is now intimating that the ECB will not be able to start hiking rates at all – and if it is able to do so, the first rate hike would be around May in 2020. South African bond yields sold off quite dramatically over the quarter, peaking at 9.46%, and then recovered to finish the quarter at 8.86%.

The stability of the Rand, coupled with the sharp decline in oil prices, caused two large petrol price cuts. However, in spite of this, the SARB raised rates at their November MPC meeting, citing global risks and rising US rates as the main reason for their hawkish hike. The currency rallied and so too did bond yields, on the expectation that this insurance hike would reduce the need for more hikes later in the cycle.

The bond market (All Bond Index) returned +2.80% for Q4 2018, leaving the 2018 year to date return at +7.74%. Equity markets (represented by the JSE ALSI) were down -4.88% over the quarter and Inflation Linked Bonds (ILBs) returned +0.43% for the quarter, with a flat +0.34% return year to date. Cash returned +1.82% for the quarter. Rolling 12 month returns for bonds fell to +7.74%, equities have returned -8.53%, and ILBs only +0.34% with cash returning 7.29% over the last 12 months.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

We reduced the modified duration positioning of the Fund when risk aversion struck at the beginning of the quarter, but then used the higher yields to add duration in the middle of the quarter. The diversified holdings of Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) protected the fund in the rising short rate environment, and now that yields have fallen, we intend to increase holdings of FRNs. Our current House View on interest rates is that the SARB will hike again at some point in 2019. We will therefore reduce modified duration into strength as and when bond yields rally. As mentioned, we will increase our exposure to Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) if attractive opportunities present themselves, in terms of credit spreads, although investors have been over-paying for credit of late. We will continue to exercise caution with our credit assessments before investing in credit assets.

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12. Transaction costs are necessary costs in administering the fund and impacts the fund returns. They should be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many factors over time including market returns, type of fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and TER.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS:

Total Expense Ratio (TER)

- TER is a measure of a funds expenses relating to administration of the portfolio expressed as a percentage of the average daily value of the fund over a three year period. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return.
- The sum of the TER and transaction costs is shown as the Total Investment Charge. Since Fund returns are quoted after the deduction of these expenses, the TER and Transaction costs should not be deducted again from the published returns.

Regulation 28 Compliance

- Where indicated the fund is managed to comply with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act. Exposures in excess of the limits will be corrected immediately, except where, due to a change in the fair value or characteristic of an asset, e.g. market value fluctuations, in which case they will be corrected within a reasonable time period.
- The Management Company does not monitor compliance by retirement funds with section 19(4) of the Pension Funds Act (item 6 of Table 1 to Regulation 28).

Foreign investment risk

The portfolio may include underlying foreign investments. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of the underlying foreign investments to go up or down. The underlying foreign investments may be adversely affected by political instability as well as exchange controls, changes in taxation, foreign investment policies, restrictions on repatriation of investments and other restrictions and controls that may be imposed by the relevant authorities in the relevant countries.

Derivative risk

The use of derivatives may increase the overall risk in the Fund by multiplying the effect of gains and losses.

Maximum drawdown

- A maximum drawdown is the maximum loss from peak to trough of a portfolio.
- It is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period.

Sharpe ratio

The sharpe ratio is the average return earned in excess of one risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk.

Risks associated with investing in fixed interest and Money Market investments

- A money market fund is not a bank deposit account.
- Fluctuations in the market value of the securities in which a fixed income fund invests may have a negative impact on the fund. The income instruments are likely to be especially sensitive to changes in interest rates or changes in the market participants' expectations of how interest rates will change in future.
- There is a risk that certain corporate and other counterparties with whom the manager invests or through whom the manager transacts run into financial difficulty, and are unable to honour their commitments in full, which will lead to a potential loss of capital.
- There is a risk that in a high inflation environment, the securities in the Fund may appreciate at a rate lower than the inflation rate, and as such, the purchasing power of an investor's capital may decline.

Complaints

Cadiz Collective Investments are committed to handling client complaints in a timely and fair manner and has implemented systems and procedures to satisfy this commitment. The detailed Complaints Handling and Resolution Procedure is available on the website, or can be requested directly from the manager. A complaint should be lodged in writing with the Compliance Officer at investorservices@cadiz.co.za

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About the Management Company

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