



Metropolitan Aggressive Fund

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Risk profile - Aggressive

METROPOLITAN

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INVESTMENT STRATEGY

This fund is an aggressively positioned high equity, multi-asset-class portfolio with the objective of delivering a consistent total return of CPI + 5% to CPI + 6% over appropriate investment terms. It has a long-term investment horizon and is suitable for members with an intended investment horizon of seven years or longer.

MARKET INDEX RETURNS

| | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 7 Years |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| FTSE/JSE Capped Swix All Share | 9.62% | 18.62% | 25.41% | 12.36% | 11.92% | 8.05% |
| BEASSA ALBI | 10.54% | 18.81% | 26.14% | 11.14% | 9.84% | 9.67% |
| IGOV | 4.83% | 7.38% | 13.46% | 7.85% | 7.25% | 5.79% |
| STEFI Composite Index | 2.07% | 4.17% | 8.55% | 6.87% | 6.12% | 6.45% |
| FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property | 18.70% | 25.23% | 51.34% | 15.97% | 5.37% | 0.91% |
| MSCI World All Countries Gross | 0.71% | -0.16% | 21.02% | 13.62% | 15.63% | 14.70% |
| Citigroup World BIG | 0.67% | -4.09% | 2.62% | 1.20% | 1.53% | 3.67% |
| FTSE EPRA NAREIT ZAR | 10.90% | 4.33% | 19.15% | 6.09% | 4.95% | 8.01% |

INVESTMENT RETURN

| | 3 Months | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 7 Years | Inception |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Aggressive Fund | 5.57% | 12.72% | 20.84% | 11.73% | 10.67% | 9.44% | 10.94% |
| Strategic Benchmark | 6.08% | 13.22% | 21.80% | 11.84% | 9.94% | 7.71% | 11.42% |
| Performance Benchmark (CPI +5%) | 1.81% | 6.62% | 9.41% | 10.60% | 10.40% | 10.75% | 12.48% |

QUARTERLY COMMENT

In Q3 2024, both global and South African markets saw positive changes, mainly due to interest rate cuts and government support. The U.S. Federal Reserve cut rates by 50 basis points, boosting global assets like bonds and property. China's stimulus in September led to a big rally in emerging markets, helping overall performance. In South Africa, a rate cut and lower inflation improved market sentiment. Financial and industrial stocks performed strongly, while bonds and property delivered high returns. However, resource stocks lagged due to lower global demand. The rand strengthened by 5.6%, supported by global factors and political improvements, but the rand strength dampened returns from global building blocks in the fund. Local assets were the largest contributors to returns in absolute terms.

The Aggressive fund experienced another strong quarter overall, delivering 5.57% for the 3-month period, taking the 12-month return to a pleasing 20.84%.

Looking ahead, South African stocks are now fairly priced, and global equities face limited gains due to high valuations and a strong rand. Emerging markets, however, offer attractive opportunities. Overall, the outlook remains cautiously optimistic, with a focus on balancing risks and seeking the best opportunities.

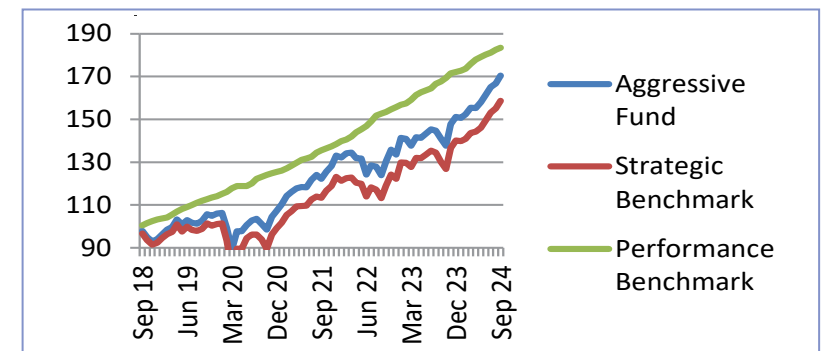
PORTFOLIO MANDATE

To achieve the desired investment outcome, all combinations of asset classes are considered and an optimum allocation is selected to achieve this objective with a high degree of certainty. The risk of exposure to losses in the short term is continually managed by maximising diversification to asset classes, strategies and investment managers.

ASSET ALLOCATION (Strategic benchmark)

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|--------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| SA Equity | 46,00% | Global Equity | 29,00% |
| SA Bonds | 5,25% | Global Bonds | 2,75% |
| SA Cash | 2,25% | Global Property | 2,50% |
| SA Listed Property | 2,25% | Global Cash | 0,00% |
| Direct Property | 10,00% | | |

CUMULATIVE RETURNS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2018



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