

# ► Risk profile

Date: As At 31 May 2025



#### Appropriate term

Minimum: 3 years

Class: A

Risk measures		Fund	Bond Index	
Volatility (5 years) Maximum drawdown (since inception)		6.9% -18.3%	7.1% -19.3%	
Fund return range 1 year return range	<b>Min.</b> -5.4%	Avg.	Max. 28.0%	
3 year return range (pa)	2.8%	9.5%	19.5%	

# Fund information

ISIN number ZAE000021986

JSE code VELG

ASISA category South African - Interest Bearing -

Variable Term

Benchmark FTSE/JSE All Bond Index Inception date 02 August 1999

Fund size R 7.5 billion

Regulation 28 compliant No.

Fee information	Excl VAT	Incl VAT
Fund management fee Fund expenses Total expense ratio	0.35%	0.40% 0.02% <b>0.42%</b>
Fund transacting costs  Total investment charges		0.01%

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## ► Portfolio attributes



### Investment objectives

 Suitable for investors seeking specific exposure to the South African bond market as part of their overall investment strategy.



## Investment policy

- Invests primarily in bonds and any other interest bearing securities which are consistent with the investment objective.
- Underlying collective investment schemes may also be held.
- Derivative financial instruments are permitted.

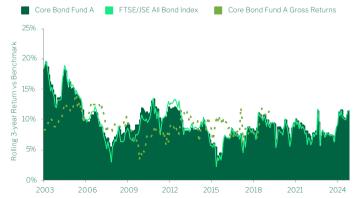


#### Fund related risks

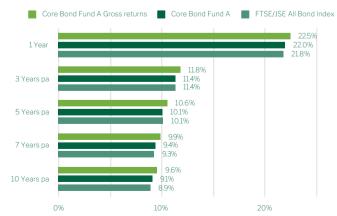
- Fixed income instruments, including corporate and government bonds, may experience capital loss in the event an issuer defaults on their interest or principal payments.
- The portfolio typically displays higher volatility than a money market portfolio.

# ▶ Performance profile

# Rolling three year returns



## Periodic performance<sup>1</sup>





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## About the fund manager

Taquanta Asset Management is one of the largest independent specialist cash and fixed income managers in South Africa and was formed as an independent group in 2007. Their fixed income team, consisting of former treasury professionals, possess skills that are clearly differentiated from generic cash and fixed income asset managers. The firm is amongst the top ranked cash managers in the country. The investment team at Taquanta has managed the Core Bond Fund since October 2012.

# Investment philosophy

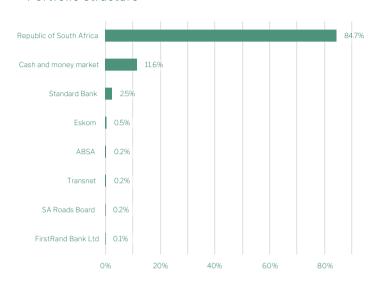
Designed to provide investors with low cost exposure to the SA Bond market.

In the South African bond category superior risk adjusted returns can be achieved by reducing explicit and implicit costs and staying largely neutral on modified duration relative to peers.

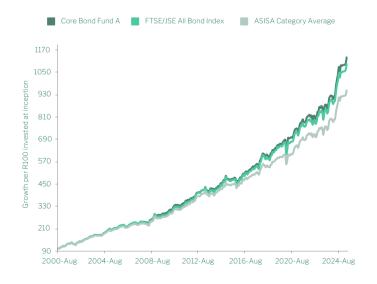
Cost and tax efficiently implemented by our Best of Breed partner Taquanta Asset Managers.

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### Portfolio structure

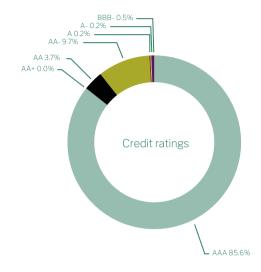


# Cumulative performance

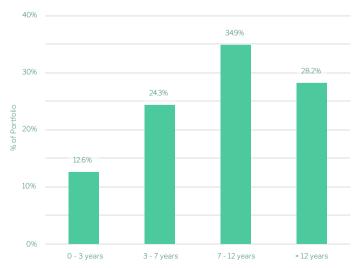


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## Credit ratings



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# General information

## Income distributions

Distribution frequency	Quarterl
Latest distribution date	March 202
Latest distribution	3.62 cp
Previous 12 months	14.94 cp

# Fees and charges<sup>2</sup>

1 year	3 years
0.00%	0.00%
0.40%	0.40%
0.42%	0.42%
0.00%	0.01%
0.42%	0.43%
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# Security lending\*

Securities lending revenue	0.03%	0.06%
Portfolio metrics	Fund	ALBI
Gross estimated yield	10.07%	9.91%
Modified duration (Years)	6.27	5.63

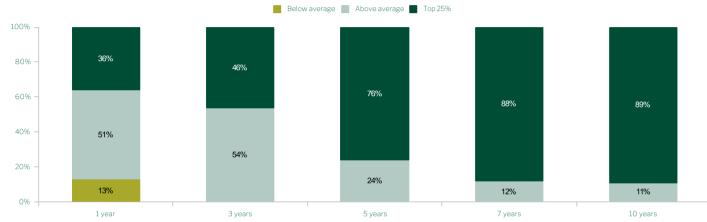
1 year

3 years

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# Consistency relative to peers over different rolling periods



The fund has delivered above average returns versus peers over most rolling periods. The longer the investment period the greater the chance that it was among the top 25% of all peers. This consistency is due to: lower costs and taxes; broader diversification across and within asset classes; and no market timing or active bets at a share or asset class level which results in greater performance variability.

### Long term benefits of lower costs

IMPACT OF FEES OVER 20 YEARS ON R100 000 INVESTED\*



<sup>\*</sup>Illustration uses a 10% return pa before fees and values are rounded to nearest R1 000



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### Definitions

- 1) The annualized total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period. Performance is calculated for the portfolio and individual investment performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. Due to the delayed release of inflation data, relevant benchmarks will lag by one month. Data source: © Morningstar Inc. All rights reserved.
- 2) Total Expense Ratio (TER), expressed as a percentage of the Fund class, relates to expenses incurred in the administration of the Fund class. 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 TERs. Transaction Costs (TC), expressed as a percentage of the Fund class, relate to the costs incurred in buying and selling the underlying assets of the Fund class. TC are an ager and in isolation as returns may be impacted by other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, the investment decisions of the investment decisions of the investment decisions of the Fund class. Both the TER and TC of the Fund class are calculated on an annualised basis, beginning 2022-04-01 and ending 2025-03-31. Where the Fund class is less than 3 years old, the TER and Transaction Costs cannot be determined accurately because of the short life span of the Financial Product. Calculations are based on actual data where possible and best estimates where actual data is not available.
- 3) Gross Estimated Yield means the sum of all expected income from underlying instruments in the portfolio divided by the cumulative net asset value of the fund. The expected income amounts are approximate and based on market assumptions and forecasts. Actual returns may differ, based on changes in market values, interest rates and changes in costs actually experienced during the investment period.
- 4) Total Modified Duration measures how sensitive a bond's price is to a change in the interest rate level and follows the concept that interest rates and bond prices move in opposite directions. In other words, it estimates by how much, measured as '% change', you can expect a bond price to fall for every 1% increase in interest rates and vice versa. The weighted average modified duration collectively measures the total portfolio's sensitivity.
- 5) The Bond Index referred to under the Risk measures is the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI).

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