

## WHAT IS THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE?

Market Plus aims to maximise long-term investment growth, at lower levels of risk than a fund that is only invested in shares.

## WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

Market Plus can invest in a wide range of assets such as shares, bonds, listed property and cash, both in South Africa and internationally.

It will typically have a bias towards shares, which offer the highest expected long-term returns. But unlike an equity fund, it is a multi-asset fund and therefore more broadly diversified.

Foreign investments may represent up to 45% of its assets. The fund is mandated to use derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes.

## IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS

### Risk Profile



### Maximum growth/ minimum income exposures



Market Plus represents Coronation's view on the best combination of different assets that could maximise long-term returns at a reasonable level of risk.

The fund is primarily invested in shares, and will actively seek out only those investments we believe are attractively valued and may offer superior long-term growth.

Market Plus will typically have more exposure to shares than a traditional balanced fund. Shares can be volatile investments and there is a risk of capital loss, especially over the short term. However, the fund is managed with a strong emphasis on instrument valuation and it is therefore unlikely to lose money over the longer term. It may still produce negative returns in extreme years, but at a lower level than a pure equity fund.

## HOW LONG SHOULD INVESTORS REMAIN INVESTED?

The recommended investment term for this fund is five years and longer.

## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER INVESTING IN THE FUND?

Long-term investors who are building wealth and

- ▶ can stay invested for at least five years (preferably longer);
- ▶ seek to preserve the purchasing power of their savings over the long term by investing in a diversified portfolio;
- ▶ are not dependent on an income from their investment;
- ▶ who do not need to accept the investment constraints applicable to retirement savers.

## WHAT COSTS CAN I EXPECT TO PAY?

The annual management fee is 1.25%.

All fees exclude VAT. Fund expenses that are incurred in the fund include fees payable to unconnected international fund managers on a portion of assets situated offshore as well as trading, custody and audit charges. All performance information is disclosed after deducting all fees and other portfolio costs.

More detail is available on [www.coronation.com](http://www.coronation.com).

## WHO ARE THE FUND MANAGERS?



**NEVILLE  
CHESTER**

BCom, CA (SA), CFA



**NICHOLAS  
STEIN**

CA (SA), CFA



**NICHOLAS  
HOPS**

BBusSc, CFA

## GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

<b>Launch Date</b>	2 July 2001
<b>Fund Class</b>	A
<b>Benchmark</b>	CPI + 5%
<b>ASISA Fund Category</b>	Worldwide – Multi-asset – Flexible
<b>Income Distribution</b>	Semi-annually (March & September)
<b>Investment minimum</b>	R5 000 or R500/m debit order
<b>Bloomberg Code</b>	CORMKPL
<b>ISIN Code</b>	ZAE000031506
<b>JSE Code</b>	CMPF

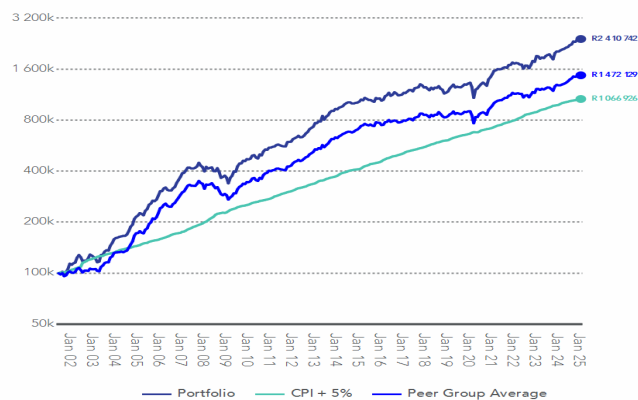
CLASS A as at 31 January 2025

ASISA Fund Category	Worldwide - Multi Asset - Flexible
Launch date	02 July 2001
Fund size	R 5.87 billion
NAV	12696.76 cents
Benchmark	CPI + 5%
Portfolio manager/s	Neville Chester, Nicholas Stein and Nicholas Hops

Total Expense Ratio	1 Year	3 Year
Fund Management Fee	1.63%	1.57%
Adjusted for out/(under)-performance	1.25%	1.24%
Fund expenses	0.00%	(0.04)%
VAT	0.19%	0.18%
Transaction costs (inc. VAT)	0.27%	0.26%
Total Investment Charge	1.90%	1.83%

## PERFORMANCE AND RISK STATISTICS

## GROWTH OF A R100,000 INVESTMENT (AFTER FEES)



## PERFORMANCE FOR VARIOUS PERIODS (AFTER FEES)

	Fund	CPI + 5%	Peer Group Average
Since Launch (unannualised)	2310.7%	966.9%	1372.1%
Since Launch (annualised)	14.4%	10.6%	12.1%
Latest 20 years (annualised)	12.7%	10.5%	11.3%
Latest 15 years (annualised)	11.5%	10.0%	10.2%
Latest 10 years (annualised)	8.9%	10.0%	7.4%
Latest 5 years (annualised)	12.6%	9.9%	10.3%
Latest 3 years (annualised)	11.8%	10.2%	8.7%
Latest 1 year	18.6%	8.3%	14.7%
Year to date	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%

## RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH

	Fund	Peer Group Average
Annualised Deviation	11.0%	8.8%
Sharpe Ratio	0.62	0.50
Maximum Gain	36.7%	34.9%
Maximum Drawdown	(24.4)%	(22.4)%
Positive Months	65.7%	66.8%

	Fund	Date Range
Highest annual return	50.0%	Aug 2004 - Jul 2005
Lowest annual return	(20.1)%	Mar 2008 - Feb 2009

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS (AFTER FEES)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2025	1.0%												1.0%
Fund 2024	(0.2)%	1.6%	1.3%	0.8%	1.7%	0.8%	2.6%	0.9%	4.1%	(0.5)%	2.6%	0.4%	17.2%
Fund 2023	8.4%	(0.5)%	(3.2)%	1.8%	(0.9)%	2.7%	1.6%	0.9%	(3.3)%	(3.4)%	8.9%	2.3%	15.3%
Fund 2022	(1.4)%	0.9%	(0.5)%	(1.7)%	(0.1)%	(5.4)%	4.4%	(0.1)%	(3.5)%	4.4%	5.7%	(1.3)%	0.9%
Fund 2021	4.1%	4.8%	0.7%	1.7%	(0.2)%	0.2%	1.9%	0.8%	(0.8)%	4.0%	0.0%	3.3%	22.1%

## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

## EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE

Sector	31 Jan 2025
<b>Domestic Assets</b>	<b>63.5%</b>
■ Equities	40.9%
Basic Materials	7.1%
Industrials	1.7%
Consumer Goods	3.3%
Health Care	0.9%
Consumer Services	6.3%
Telecommunications	0.5%
Financials	12.2%
Technology	7.8%
Derivatives	1.1%
■ Real Estate	8.2%
■ Bonds	14.8%
■ Cash	(0.3)%
<b>International Assets</b>	<b>36.5%</b>
■ Equities	29.2%
■ Real Estate	0.6%
■ Bonds	5.3%
■ Cash	1.3%

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

As at 31 Dec 2024	% of Fund
Prosus	4.3%
Naspers Ltd	2.8%
Anheuser-busch Inbev Sa/nv	2.2%
Atterbury Investment Holdings	2.2%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	1.9%
Quilter	1.7%
Mondi Limited	1.5%
Investec Limited	1.4%
Nedbank Group Ltd	1.4%
Nepi Rockcastle Plc	1.4%

## INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Declaration	Payment	Amount	Dividend	Interest
30 Sep 2024	01 Oct 2024	112.22	69.39	42.83
28 Mar 2024	02 Apr 2024	66.46	36.24	30.22
29 Sep 2023	02 Oct 2023	151.74	83.47	68.27
31 Mar 2023	03 Apr 2023	128.81	52.61	76.20

**Please note that the commentary is for the retail class of the Fund.**

## Performance

The fourth quarter of 2024 (Q4) saw most asset classes soften as risk assets were hurt by election results in the US and an adjustment of inflation and interest rate expectations. Returns remained strong, however, despite the softness in Q4, the Fund did particularly well compared to both peers and its benchmark over the last 12 months. The Fund returned 2.5% for the quarter and 17.2% for the full year. Over the last five years, the Fund has returned a compounded 12.6%, a welcome continuation of double-digit returns.

The combination of a stronger US dollar and a sell-off in bond yields was a key driver of returns in the quarter. The rand sold off alongside its emerging market peers and weakened 8% in the final three months of the year. The Fund's overweight position in SA equity contributed positively for the period, driven by security selection; the same can be said for SA property. A key contributor for the quarter was a strong performance from our global equity building block, driven by a particularly strong quarter from the Coronation Global Equity Select Fund (one of the funds we hold in this building block). Cash was amongst the worst-performing assets, delivering 8.21% for the year, vindicating the Fund's high weighting towards risk assets.

## Fund positioning

News flow from the US drove markets in the final quarter, with Donald Trump being nominated as the 47th president and continued strong economic growth reducing the likelihood of further meaningful interest rate cuts. This strong growth combined with a shift in inflation expectations, with the latter due to likely upward pressure from Trump's tariff programme. The US dollar strengthened meaningfully compared to its counterparts, with particular pain being felt by emerging market currencies.

South African asset prices took a breather in the fourth quarter after the strong price action that had dominated over the previous nine months. Expectations adjusted quickly following the formation of the GNU earlier in the year, and market participants are all waiting with bated breath to see if any of the "feel good factor" and positive momentum on SA's challenges feeds through into job creation and economic growth. Despite the potential short-term boon from the two-pot withdrawals, the restrictively high interest rates in South Africa continue to keep a lid on consumer spending. The FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX returned -2% for the quarter and 13% for the year. The Fund's equity carveout outperformed the market over both these time frames and delivered just north of 20% for the full year. Alpha for the year was driven by overweight positions in Quilter, WeBuyCars and Lewis. Detractors were our overweight position in African Rainbow Minerals, Anheuser-Busch Inbev (ABI) as well as Mondi. In the quarter, we added to our Mondi and ABI position on continued share price weakness. We initiated a position in Woolworths as the stock's underperformance increased its margin of safety. The Woolworths food business continues to deliver excellent results, and whilst the turnaround in the clothing business is not yet complete, the market is placing a very penal valuation on the division.

Local bonds performed poorly in December, with the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) being flat for the quarter (-0.4%). This did little to reduce the eventual 17% return for the full year, and SA bonds outperformed SA equities over 2024. As we have been writing since the formation of the

GNU in June 2024, the potential fiscal outlook for the South African economy has improved. A portion of this has been priced in already but with absolute yields on offer of up to 11% at the long end of the yield curve and a very muted inflation outlook, we see value in SA bonds and have been increasing our exposure. This has been funded by reducing our holdings of global credits.

Our select property exposure contributed positively to fund performance in the quarter and for the year as well. Top contributors were Attacq and Fairvest, with strong share price performance from both companies. We continue to hold a handful of counters where we believe asset quality is high, and the yields as well as earnings growth remain compelling. We added materially to our Hammerson position in the quarter as the share price fell 10%, and longer-term fundamentals did not change. Hammerson has made meaningful progress in the last year on de-gearing and asset disposals and is currently buying back shares in the market at prices that we deem to be below fair value. At the end of the quarter, the Fund held 7.84% in property stocks, which is considered a high weighting; we still believe the return outlook (for our selection of stocks) from here is favourable, with high single-digit dividend yields and the potential for mid-to-high single-digit earnings growth as well.

Performance from global equity was very encouraging in the quarter, with the Fund's equity building block delivering positive USD returns against a -0.2% return for the MSCI World Index. A number of individual stock picks delivered very strongly in the quarter which was boosted further by the 8% depreciation in the rand. Emerging market equities suffered a tougher quarter as currency depreciation in several key regions combined with a cooling in the Chinese equity market which saw a very strong rally up to the end of the previous quarter.

We have reduced our position in global credit assets over the quarter as alternative opportunities arose elsewhere, particularly in SA government debt. At just over 6% of the Fund, and consisting of a diversified basket of 18 instruments, our credit portfolio is yielding 8.1% in USD.

## Outlook

After several periods of producing strong double-digit returns from the Fund, we remain optimistic about the portfolio's outlook to continue delivering robust returns over the long term. Prospective returns across risk assets are high and the Fund continues to hold an immaterial cash balance.

## Portfolio managers

**Neville Chester, Nicholas Stein and Nicholas Hops**  
as at 31 December 2024

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE INVESTING IN THE CORONATION MARKET PLUS FUND**

The Market Plus Fund should be considered a medium- to long-term investment. The value of units may go down as well as up, and therefore Coronation does not make any guarantees with respect to the protection of capital or returns. Past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance. The fund is mandated to invest up to 45% of its portfolio into foreign securities and may as a result be exposed to macroeconomic, settlement, political, tax, reporting or illiquidity risk factors that may be different to similar investments in the South African markets. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying investments to go up or down. Asset allocation and top 10 holdings are reflected on a look-through basis. Any African exposure (ex SA) is reflected under international assets. Coronation Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd is a Collective Investment Schemes Manager approved by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act. Portfolio managed by Coronation Asset Management (Pty) Ltd (FSP 548), an authorised financial services provider. The Management Company reserves the right to close the fund to new investors if we deem it necessary to limit further inflows in order for it to be managed in accordance with its mandate. Unit trusts are allowed to engage in scrip lending and borrowing. Standard Chartered has been appointed as trustees for the fund ([www.sc.com/za](http://www.sc.com/za); 011-2176600). Coronation is a full member of the Association for Savings & Investment SA (ASISA).

**HOW ARE UNITS PRICED AND AT WHICH PRICE WILL MY TRANSACTION BE EXECUTED?**

Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices set on every trading day. Fund valuations take place at approximately 15h00 each business day, except at month end when the valuation is performed at approximately 17h00 (JSE market close) and forward pricing is used. Instructions must reach the Management Company before 14h00 (12h00 for the Money Market Fund) to ensure same day value. The payment of withdrawals may be delayed in extraordinary circumstances, when the manager with the consent of the fund trustees deem this to be in the interest of all fund investors. These circumstances may include periods when significant underlying markets suspend trading which will prevent accurate valuation of the instruments held in the fund. When the suspension of trading relates to only certain assets held by the fund, these assets may be side-pocketed. This process allows normal liquidity on the assets that can be valued, but will delay liquidity on the affected portion of the fund. If the fund is faced with excessive withdrawals, the affected withdrawals may be ring-fenced, which is the separation and delayed sale of the assets reflecting the interest of the liquidity seeking investors. It ensures that the sale of a large number of units will not force Coronation to sell the underlying investments in a manner that may have a negative impact on remaining investors of the fund.

**HOW WAS THE PERFORMANCE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS FACT SHEET CALCULATED?**

Performance is calculated by Coronation as at the last day of the month for a lump sum investment using Class A NAV prices with income distributions reinvested. All underlying price and distribution data is sourced from Morningstar. Performance figures are quoted after the deduction of all costs (including manager fees and trading costs) incurred within the fund. Note that individual investor performance may differ as a result of the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment of distributions and dividend withholding tax, where applicable. Annualised performance figures represent the geometric average return earned by the fund over the given time period. Unannualised performance represents the total return earned by the fund over the given time period, expressed as a percentage. The peer group average is calculated as the average return of all the funds in the ASISA South African - Multi Asset - Flexible category (excluding Coronation Funds in that category).

**BENCHMARK DETAILS**

The benchmark used for performance purposes is the Consumer Price Index (CPI) + 5%.

**WHAT IS THE TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER) AND TRANSACTION COSTS (TC)?**

TER is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio incurred as charges, levies and fees in the management of the portfolio over the period referenced. The TER charged by any underlying fund held as part of a fund's portfolio is included in the fund expenses portion of the TER, but trading and implementation costs incurred in managing the underlying fund are excluded. 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 1 year TER is for the 12 months to end of the previous financial year (updated annually). The 3 year TER is for a rolling 36-month period to the last available quarter end (December, March, June and September). Transaction costs are a necessary cost in managing a fund and impacts the fund's return. They should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Calculations are based on actual data where possible and best estimates where actual data is not available. The Total Investment Charge is the sum of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and transaction costs.

**ADVICE AND PLATFORM COSTS**

Coronation does not provide financial advice. If you appoint an adviser, advice fees are contracted directly between you and the adviser. For more information please contact the relevant platform (Linked Investment Service Provider or Life Assurance Provider).

**WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

Additional information such as daily fund prices, brochures, application forms and a schedule of fund fees and charges is available on our website, [www.coronation.com](http://www.coronation.com)

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