

# MAZI NCIS QUALIFIED LONG SHORT HEDGE FUND



31 January 2024

## Fund Information

Investment Manager	Mazi Asset Management (Pty) Ltd
ASISA Classification	South African-Long Short Long Bias Qualified Investor Hedge Fund
Benchmark	STeFI
Fund Inception Date	April 2014
Fund Size	R7,2million
Risk	Moderate to High
NAV PU (Class B)	8 205,38
Total Units	87 580,88
Minimum Lump Sum	R1 million
Minimum Monthly Investment	R100 000
Service Fee (Annual excl. VAT)	0,25%
Income Declaration	March, June, September, December
Leverage Ratio	Maximum of 4 times Net Asset Value
Performance Fee (excl. VAT)	20% of performance above STeFI

## Fee Structure

Service Fee	0,29%
Performance Fee	0,00%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	3,02%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0,58%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	3,59%

The fee class is annualised, for a rolling 3 year period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023

## Investment Objective

The fund is a Qualified Investor Hedge fund aiming to provide investors with long term positive real returns that are uncorrelated to the South African Capital markets. The benchmark for the portfolio is the SteFI composite index. The fund can invest in a wide range of assets, such as shares, bonds, listed property and cash, both in South Africa and internationally. The fund's absolute equity exposure is limited to 200% (2x gearing) of the total net asset value of the portfolio. The fund may invest in derivative instruments.

## Investment Approach

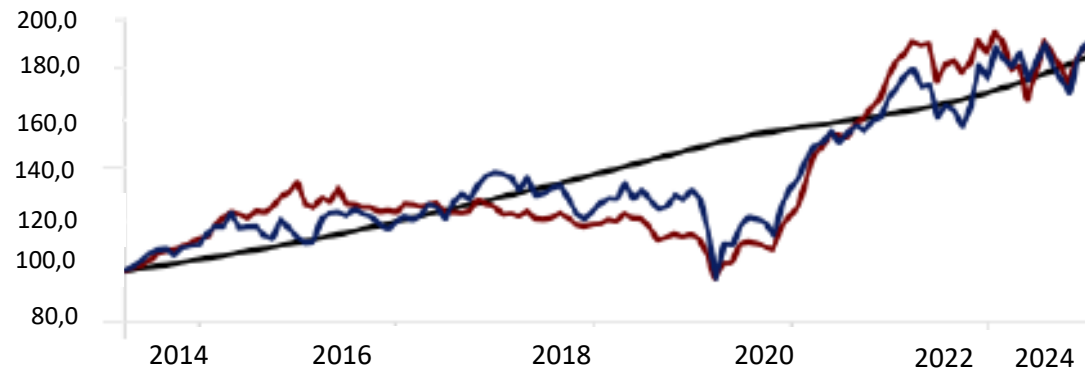
The investment approach is rooted in detailed fundamental analysis of the underlying investments focusing on: sustainability of the business model, quality of the management, corporate governance, predictability of cashflows, balance sheet strength and compelling valuation.

## Returns

	Portfolio	Benchmark	Capped SWIX
December 2023	-0,83%	0,70%	-2,84%
YTD	-0,83%	0,70%	-2,84%
Rolling 12 Months	-3,63%	8,18%	-2,02%
Since Inception Annualized	6,57%	6,43%	6,42%
Since Inception	59,61%	85,24%	91,21%
Highest Annual Return	45,24%		
Lowest Annual Return	-8,85%		

	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Equity	79,85%	-7,03%	72,82%	86,88%
Property	10,35%	-3,64%	6,71%	13,99%
Bond	7,69%	0,00%	7,69%	7,69%
	97,89%	-10,67%	87,22%	108,56%

## Cumulative Performance Since Inception



\*For illustrative purposes only, the above graph illustrates cumulative growth per R100 invested since inception, net of annual fees and with distributions reinvested. Performance since April 2016 was when the portfolio was established as a CIS\*\* (previously in an unregulated structure).\*\*CIS is an abbreviation for "Collective Investment Scheme", which is a pooled investment scheme registered with the FSCA ("Financial Services Conduct Authority"). Source(s) of Return: STeFI and CPI-Bloomberg; Fund-fund administrators Apex Fund Services South Africa Ltd since April 2016) and Investment Manager

## Risk Statistics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Max Drawdown	-28,23	-21,72
Standard Deviation	10,82	14,37
Sharpe Ratio	0,06	0,18
Bear Beta	0,76	1,00
Bull Beta	0,46	1,00

## Income Distribution History

Declared	Payment Date*	Cents per Unit
31 December	1 January 2024	2,99
30 September 2023	1 October 2023	4,46
30 June 2023	1 July 2023	41,46
31 March 2023	1 April 2023	19,01

\*Actual cash payment date to investor differ (if applicable), pending finalisation of the monthly valuation of the portfolio.

## Fund Service Providers

### Risk Management

The portfolio is owned by Novare CIS (RF) (Pty) Limited (Novare CIS) Registration No.2013/191159/07, an authorized Management Company registered according to the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act (CISCA) and regulated by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority of South Africa. Contact details: P.O. Box 4742, Tyger Valley, 7736, South Africa. Call Centre: 0800668 273 (0800 Novare). Email: [clientservice@novare.co.za](mailto:clientservice@novare.co.za). Website: [www.novarecis.co.za](http://www.novarecis.co.za) First Rand Bank Limited Registration No.1929/001225/06 is the appointed trustee, contact number: 011 282 8000. PKF Cape Town is the auditor for the portfolio. Apex Fund Services South Africa Ltd is the fund administrator of the portfolio. Risk management of the portfolio is done by Novare CIS. Should you have any queries or complaints please contact: Novare CIS (on 0800668273 (0800novare) or via email [clientservice@novare.com](mailto:clientservice@novare.com). Directors: Mr. DA Roper, Mr. JS du Preez, Mr. GL Carter, Mr. A du Toit, Ms. N Smith

### Investment Manager

Mazi Asset Management (Pty) Limited (the 'Investment Manager') incorporated under the laws of South Africa, is an authorised financial services provider (FSP 46405) under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 37 of 2002 and has been appointed by Novare CIS as the Investment Manager of the Fund. Contact details: P.O Box 784583, Sandton, 2146, South Africa. Telephone: 010 001 8300. Email: [info@mazi.co.za](mailto:info@mazi.co.za).

### Prime Broker

Peregrine Securities

### Administrator

Apex Fund Services South Africa Ltd

### Auditor

PKF Cape Town, a member of PKF SA Inc

### Trustees

FirstRand Bank Ltd

## Historical Performance (last 10 years)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2024	-0,83%												-0,83%
2023	4,36%	-1,78%	-5,97%	0,92%	-7,38%	6,08%	7,36%	-2,69%	-2,48%	-3,92%	5,73%	2,53%	1,41%
2022	3,60%	1,37%	2,61%	-0,68%	0,40%	-7,79%	3,57%	1,14%	-2,26%	1,99%	4,90%	-2,59%	5,71%
2021	3,23%	7,27%	8,32%	2,01%	3,33%	-0,19%	-0,46%	3,41%	1,41%	2,68%	1,90%	5,37%	45,24%
2020	-1,38%	-5,28%	-9,25%	6,49%	0,00%	7,02%	0,94%	-0,61%	-0,98%	-1,08%	8,06%	3,55%	6,23%
2019	0,21%	1,27%	-0,69%	2,78%	-1,40%	-0,24%	-2,68%	-4,42%	0,71%	1,46%	-1,20%	0,89%	-3,47%
2018	-2,54%	0,37%	-0,82%	1,65%	-2,45%	-0,21%	0,63%	1,57%	-1,68%	-2,01%	-0,82%	0,79%	-5,49%
2017	2,70%	-0,25%	-0,57%	0,51%	0,58%	-3,07%	0,22%	-0,32%	0,78%	3,63%	-1,45%	-0,77%	1,84%
2016	-6,51%	-1,07%	3,16%	-1,11%	4,09%	-4,67%	-0,22%	-0,76%	0,00%	-1,54%	0,50%	-0,64%	-8,85%
2015	0,25%	3,92%	3,01%	1,58%	-0,60%	-1,24%	2,28%	-0,49%	1,75%	3,07%	1,65%	2,96%	19,54%
2014				1,25%	1,23%	1,50%	2,55%	1,31%	0,28%	1,56%	0,70%	2,04%	13,11%

Shaded performance returns indicate performance returns before the completion of the conversion to the CIS structure

## Pricing and Trading

Prices are calculated on a net asset value basis and auditor's fees, bank charges and trustee fees are levied against the portfolio. Applications to invest are processed monthly. The application must be submitted to Novare CIS before 14h00 2 business days prior to the end of the month and the proof of payment must be submitted before 14h00 on the last business day of the month. Applications are processed on the first of the month following receipt of the proof of payment and application. Redemptions are processed the end of each month and we require a month's notice. In order to receive month end prices the redemption documentation must be submitted to Novare before 14h00 on the last business day of the preceding month.

## Quarterly Commentary

For the quarter the All Share index gained 6.9% to end the year up 9.3%, while the Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (Capped Swix) gained 8.2% to end the year in the black by 7.9%. Our fund gained 4.2% ending the year up 1.4%. On the whole we are pleased with the performance, which brings our 3-year growth rate to 15.9% and 9.8% for the last five years.

During the quarter we benefitted from a bounce in Transaction Capital, which had been a big detractor for the year. Long held positions in Telkom and Pepkor also contributed while the recently purchased Government Bonds gained from lower long-term rate expectations. The two main detractors were Sasol, which continues to disappoint, and which has now been sold and British American Tobacco following continued negative news flow around regulations in the U.S.

As the year drew to a close we maintained the fairly conservative stance we have held for much of the last 18 months and as a consequence we lost some ground to the major indices, which bounced hard into the end of the year. Looking at 2024 we expect it to be a very volatile year with the local election in May and the U.S. election at the end of the year, coupled with all the global geopolitical turmoil surrounding the ongoing conflicts in the Ukraine and Gaza. We continue to think that first rate cuts by both the U.S. Federal Reserve and our own Reserve Bank will be announced during the first half of the year. Valuations in our local market remain compelling and we continue to actively search for opportunities. At quarter end the fund's net equity exposure was 73%.

## Investor Information

### **Leverage: Sources, value and providers of leverage**

The fund employs short positions in equities and market indices as leverage.  
Short positions as a percentage of fund value at quarter end: 10.0%  
Provider(s) of leverage are the fund's asset manager: Mazi Asset Management

### **Exposure Limit**

Effective exposure is limited to 4 times the value of the fund

### **Highest Exposure Value over the quarter**

The maximum allowable exposure is 4 times the value of the fund.  
The maximum exposure over the quarter : 1.2

### **Exposure value at quarter end**

1.1 times the value of the fund./ The maximum allowable exposure is 4 times the value of the fund

### **Rehypothecation strategy**

The Prime Broker is prohibited from rehypothecating and from pledging any securities that form part of the fund's collateral.

### **Stress testing applied**

A series of stress tests are performed that changes the underlying price or yield of every security in the portfolio and revalues each one from first principles, according to the size of the user-defined stress. We also determine what percentage of the portfolio can be closed out over time bands.

### **Counterparty Exposure**

Not applicable since no CFDs are used (Contracts for Difference).

### **TIC Period (Annualised, rolling three year period): 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2023**

1. TER 3.02% + TC 0.57% = TIC 3.59% as at 31 December 2023. The total investment charge (TIC) is the percentage of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the portfolio. It is the sum of the total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (TC), including VAT. 2. TER is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as expenses to the administration (charges, levies and fees) of the portfolio. TER is calculated over a rolling three-year period (or since inception, where applicable) and annualised to the most recent calendar quarter. Inclusive in the TER, the stated performance fee percentage of the net asset value of the class of portfolio was recovered. 3. TC is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the portfolio. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts 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.

### **Changes to portfolio liquidity risk over the quarter**

None

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