# **Mazi Property Composite**

### 31 March 2025



## Fund Information

## **Investment Approach**

Composite Type: Constrained Specialist Equity

Inception Date April 2016

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Fund Size: R1 170 billion

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Investment Objective: To sustain high long term capital growth.

Our investment process is firmly rooted in fundamental analysis. Our approach is predominantly bottom-up and sector agnostic. Key investment criteria include:

- · Quality of management;
- · Good corporate governance and transparency;
- · Cashflow and balance sheet strength;
- · Business strategy and systainability of business model.

## Fund Performance Commentary - March 2025

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Top Holdings 31 March 2025  Sector:				Tr	Trailing Returns  Data Point: Return Calculation Benchmark: FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property TR ZAR									
								YTD	1 Year		3 Years	5 Ye	ars Since Inception	
NEPI Rockcastle NV				Real E	state	Property Composite			-11,71	20,05		11,94	18	.26 1,37
Growthpoint Properties Ltd			Real E	state FTSE	E/JSE SA Listed Proper	rty TR ZAR		-13,31	19,83		11,74	18	.97 1,10	
Redefine Properties Ltd			Real E	state										
Fortress Real Estate A Real E			state	isk Statis	tice from	n Incenti	ion							
Vukile Pro	perty Fund	Ltd		Real E		isk Otatis	tics iron	ппсери	1011					
Resilient REIT Ltd			Real E	state			F	Return	Std Dev		Sharpe Ratio	Exce Retu	irn Tracking	
Hyprop Investments Ltd			Real E	state									Error	
Equites Property Fund Ltd				Real E	state Maz	Mazi Property Composite			1,37	20,99		-0,07	2,	74 15,33
Attacq Ltd			Real E	state FTSE	E/JSE SA Listed Prop	erty TR ZAR		1,10	22,14		-0,13	0,	0,00	
MAS PLC				Real E	state									
Monthly	Returns - N	lazi Prope	erty Compo	osite										
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	BMARK
2025	-2,00	-0,38	-0,71										-3,07	39,0
2024	3,67	1,11	-0,83	-0,79	0,08	6,16	4,43	8,33	5,11	-2,78	1,20	0,43	28,74	29,0
2023	-0,93	-0,50	-3,38	5,34	-5,21	0,90	1,97	1,13	-4,08	-2,88	9,09	9,04	9,65	10,1
2022	-3,08	-3,53	5,59	-1,95	0,29	-10,13	8,73	-5,28	-6,68	12,07	6,77	0,87	1,21	0,5
2021	-3,02	7,68	1,33	12,37	-2,95	3,58	-1,21	7,77	-0,78	-2,05	2,02	7,96	36,21	36,9
2020	-3.91	-15.00	-32.99	5.87	1.28	9.44	-3.20	-7.52	-3.08	-9.54	18.50	12.38	-32.89	-34.5

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## **Market Commentary March 2025**

#### Overview

**Table 1** provides a snapshot of asset class returns over the quarter and for the last twelve-month ("LTM") period.

Table 1 - Asset Class Total Returns expressed in Rands (%)

Asset Class Returns – ZAR (%)	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	LTM
Domestic Equity	8.2	9.6	- 2.1	5.9	22.9
Domestic Property	5.5	18.7	- 0.8	- 3.5	19.8
Domestic Fixed Income	7.5	10.6	0.4	0.7	20.3
Domestic Inflation Linked Bonds	2.4	4.8	0.8	0.7	9.0
Domestic Cash	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	8.4
Foreign Equity	- 0.6	0.7	8.5	- 3.7	4.6
Foreign Fixed Income	- 4.7	1.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
USD	- 3.6	- 5.6	9.5	- 2.5	-2.9

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For the LTM period to 31 December 2024, the standout asset classes (in Rands) were Domestic Equity (across all three sectors), Domestic Fixed Income, Domestic Property and Domestic Inflation Linked Bonds.

Over the corresponding period, those asset classes that failed to outperform Domestic Cash (as a risk free proxy, which returned 8.4%) included Foreign Equity (in Rands) and Foreign Fixed Income (in Rands). The USD was also 2.9% weaker than the Rand over the LTM period.

#### **Property Review Q4 2024**

Listed property underperformed during the quarter, despite a slew of results that were underpinned by strong operational performances and improved guidance for the next 12 months. The total return underperformance has been driven by strong 2024 performance which had already priced in good 2025 earnings growth, the end of the interest rate cutting cycle and a derating of domestic bonds. While there may be an impact from negative sentiment given global uncertainty, there do remain some attractive opportunities for a sector that continues to trade at a c30% discount to NAV.

The listed property sector delivered negative total returns in Q1 2025, with the SAPY and ALPI returning -0.96% and -1.00% respectively. The asset class underperformed all other asset classes bar foreign equities in the quarter. The portfolio outperformed the SAPY benchmark index, delivering -3.07% relative to -3.51% for the benchmark.

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Growthpoint, Resilient, Fortress, NEPI, MAS, Attacq, Hyprop, SA Corporate, Hammerson and Lighthouse all reported results over the course of the quarter. Several companies delivered strong operational performance, upward guidance revision and also printed positive earnings growth. These included Growthpoint, Hyprop, Fortress, Resilient and Attacq. This points to a broader trend of improving tailwinds in the domestic real estate operating environment. Despite this, The market had priced in an improving earnings trajectory and limited interest rate cuts into 2025 while bond yield widening through to the end of March had an impact on prices, hence the weak performance of listed property.

The funds property overweight positions include Attacq, Redefine, Vukile, Fortress and Spear. Underweights include Burstone, Hyprop, Stor-Age, Fairvest, and MAS. The fund trades at an aggregate forward dividend yield of 8.8%, P/E of 11.1x % and a 28% discount to NAV which we think is compelling value relative value (sector forward DY 8.6%, P/E 11.9x and 23% discount to NAV).

Contributors to performance in the quarter include MAS (2.6% UW, +66bps contribution), Hyprop (2.3% UW, +25bps), and Burstone (1.7% UW, +22bps), and detractors were Redefine (2.5% OW, 22bps detraction), Attacq (2.1% OW, -14bps), and Hammerson (1.1% OW, -14bps).

MAS share price fell as a transaction to acquire the 60% stake in development joint venture partner PKM looked increasingly unlikely to proceed. Hyprop released a positive set of results, with robust performance in both SA and EE. The REIT also reported an improvement in the LTV from 36.4% to 35.2, while also indicating that dividends payout would likely increase progressively. Despite this, Hyprop sold off as general market sentiment soured towards the real estate sector.

Overweights Attacq and Redefine detracted from performance as the sector sold off, despite maintain solid fundamentals, and in the case of Attacq, positive earnings growth momentum.

The top ten active positions relative to our internal benchmark as at the end of the quarter are presented herein under:

Table 3 - Top Ten Active Positions Relative to SAPY Benchmark

Top 10 Overweight	,	Top 10 Underweight	
Name	OW (%)	Name	UW (%)
Redefine Properties Limited	2,49	MAS P.L.C.	-2,55
Fortress Real Estate Investments	2,36	Hyprop Investments	-2,29
Attacq Limited	2,14	Stor-Age Property REIT Ltd	-1,90
Vukile Property Fund	1,89	Burstone Group Limited	-1,67
Spear REIT Ltd.	1,74	Fairvest Limited Class B	-1,47
Equites Property Fund Ltd ZAR	1,18	Growthpoint Properties Limited	-1,30
Hammerson plc	1,12	Sirius Real Estate Limited	-1,03
SA Corporate Real Estate	0,84	Lighthouse Properties Plc	-0,98
Resilient REIT Limited	0,57	Emira Property Fund	-0,75
South African Rand	0,27	NEPI Rockcastle N.V	-0,67

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