



## Mazi NCIS Market Neutral Retail Hedge Fund

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

31 January 2025

### Fund Information

Inception Date	November 2006
Fund Size	R2.9 million
NAV PU (Class B)	9 058,18
Total Units	16 942,08
ASISA Classification	South African - Long Short Market Neutral Retail Investor Hedge Fund
Benchmark	STeFI
Risk Profile	Moderate
Minimum Lump Sum	R50 000
Minimum Monthly Investment	R1 000
Service Fee (annual excl. VAT)	1,50%
Income Declaration	March, June, September, December
Leverage Ratio	Maximum of 2 times Net Asset Value
Performance Fee (excl. VAT)	20% of performance above STeFI

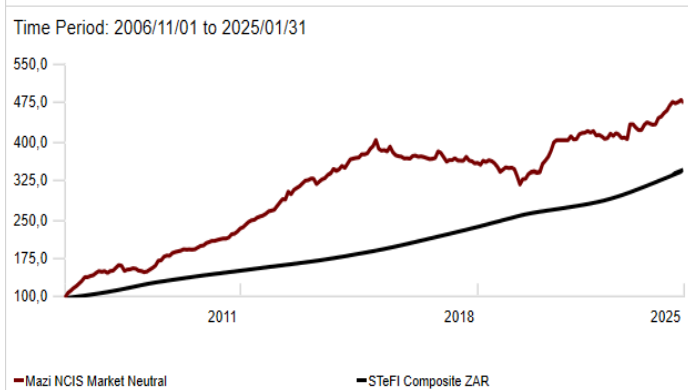
### Fund Service Providers

Prime Broker	Peregrine Securities
Risk Management	Novare CIS (RF) (Pty) Ltd
Administrator	Apex Fund Services South Africa Ltd
Auditor	PKF Cape Town, a member of PKF SA Inc
Trustees	FirstRand Bank Ltd

### Fees (incl VAT)

Service Fee	0,29%
Performance Fee	0,00%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	6,44%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0,43%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	6,87%

### Cumulative Performance Since Inception\*



	Fund	STeFI	CPI
January 2025	-1,21%	0,66%	0,09%
Year to date*	-1,21%	0,66%	0,09%
Rolling 12 months	4,52%	8,42%	3,02%
Since inception annualised	8,55%	6,41%	5,00%
Since inception	346,64%	199,93%	184,72%

Highest annual return:	21,21%
Lowest annual return:	-8,96%

	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Equity	28,90%	-4,52%	24,38%	33,42%
Property	2,95%	0,00%	2,95%	2,95%
Bond	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
	31,85%	-4,52%	27,33%	36,37%

\* 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

\*The fee class is annualised, for a rolling 3 year period from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2024

## Investment Objective

The fund is a Retail 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 management, corporate governance, predictability of cashflows, Balance Sheet strength and a compelling valuation.

## Historical Performance (last 10 years)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>2025</b>	-1,21%												<b>-1,21%</b>
<b>2024</b>	-0,66%	-0,54%	0,11%	0,23%	0,57%	1,44%	0,98%	0,81%	1,45%	-0,63%	0,48%	0,77%	<b>5,10%</b>
<b>2023</b>	1,21%	-0,72%	-1,67%	0,16%	-0,79%	6,97%	0,03%	-1,54%	-1,22%	-0,01%	2,24%	1,14%	<b>5,65%</b>
<b>2022</b>	0,51%	0,10%	0,70%	-0,77%	0,65%	-2,09%	0,29%	-0,85%	-1,19%	0,30%	2,06%	-1,08%	<b>-1,44%</b>
<b>2021</b>	2,07%	2,95%	4,30%	1,06%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	2,03%	-1,53%	0,11%	2,24%	<b>13,90%</b>
<b>2020</b>	-0,18%	-3,50%	-4,88%	3,21%	0,24%	2,74%	0,92%	0,34%	-0,61%	0,33%	4,49%	1,77%	<b>4,57%</b>
<b>2019</b>	-0,99%	2,22%	-0,71%	0,97%	-0,44%	-1,15%	-1,90%	-2,51%	0,94%	1,30%	-0,45%	0,24%	<b>-2,56%</b>
<b>2018</b>	-2,29%	0,83%	-0,02%	1,01%	-1,15%	-0,12%	-0,02%	2,10%	-1,95%	-0,40%	-1,13%	0,23%	<b>-2,96%</b>
<b>2017</b>	1,45%	0,19%	-0,60%	0,19%	-0,35%	-0,53%	-0,51%	0,12%	0,45%	3,49%	-0,83%	-2,21%	<b>0,76%</b>
<b>2016</b>	-4,22%	-0,93%	0,25%	-0,65%	2,48%	-2,78%	-1,56%	-0,49%	-0,24%	-0,93%	0,09%	-0,22%	<b>-8,96%</b>
<b>2015</b>	-1,11%	2,23%	2,44%	0,39%	0,36%	0,19%	1,69%	-0,01%	0,52%	2,28%	1,35%	3,05%	<b>14,14%</b>
<b>2014</b>	0,90%	-0,02%	-3,20%	1,51%	1,37%	0,70%	1,90%	0,78%	2,22%	-0,78%	0,55%	1,96%	<b>8,05%</b>
<b>2013</b>	2,72%	2,30%	2,45%	-0,32%	5,32%	-1,71%	2,84%	1,19%	1,07%	1,74%	1,62%	0,33%	<b>21,21%</b>
<b>2012</b>	1,08%	2,13%	2,18%	1,18%	0,38%	1,69%	0,86%	0,71%	1,24%	1,86%	0,52%	0,62%	<b>15,42%</b>
<b>2011</b>	0,99%	0,95%	0,05%	0,87%	0,69%	0,57%	0,01%	1,03%	2,86%	0,40%	1,88%	2,59%	<b>13,64%</b>

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

## Risk Statistics

	Max Drawdown	Std. Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Bear Beta	Bull Beta
Mazi NCIS Market Neutral	-20,98	6,51	0,30	0,25	0,16
JSE All Share Total Return	-40,44	14,99	0,31	1,00	1,00

Source of Risk Statistics: Morningstar

## Income Distribution History

Declared	Payment Date*	Cents per Unit
31 December 2024	1 January 2025	0,00
31 March 2024	1 April 2024	0,00
30 June 2024	1 July 2024	0,00
30 September 2024	1 October 2024	0,00

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

## Manager Commentary

Our fund ended up 9,8% for the year. The final quarter contributed 0,8%. The All Share and Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (Capped Swix) both gained 13,4% for the year. Both lost 2,1% in the final quarter. We ended the year at the fund's highwater mark.

The formation of the Government of National Unity post the national elections in May was a key contributor to the market's 2024 performance. As reported in prior periods we systematically tilted the portfolio towards more locally exposed opportunities as the year progressed. We continue to think this is the right positioning and remain optimistic about the year ahead.

The US election in November and specifically the election of Donald Trump as president has increased uncertainty and will in our view cause more volatility in both 2025 and the balance of his presidency. Since his election the Rand has weakened to north of R19 to the Dollar, while expectations of future rate cuts have been reigned in. Both these developments have been negative for our market.

For the year all our performance was generated by the long book, while shorts detracted only slightly. In absolute terms the biggest contributors were British American Tobacco, Naspers, Discovery, our fixed income positions and a couple of SA industrial companies.

As we enter 2025, we have maintained our South African tilt, but will remain agile should the current trend of higher rates and a weaker currency persist. At quarter end the fund's net equity exposure was 24%, while gross exposure was 36%.

## Glossary

<b>Performance fee</b>	The fund charges a performance fee of 20% of the amount by which it outperforms the hurdle rate, STeFI. The performance fee is payable quarterly in arrears. A high water mark principle is applied in the performance fee calculation.
<b>Transaction costs (TC)</b>	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.
<b>Total expense ratio (TER)</b>	TER reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's.
<b>Total investment charge (TIC)</b>	The sum of the TER and transaction costs is shown as the Total Investment Charge. Since Fund returns are quoted after the deduction of these expenses, the TER and Transaction costs should not be deducted again from published returns.
<b>Max Drawdown</b>	The maximum loss from a peak to a trough before a new peak is attained. Maximum Drawdown (MDD) is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period
<b>Standard Deviation (Std Dev)</b>	A measurement of dispersion of a dataset relative to its average. When a fund has a high standard deviation, the predicted range of performance is wide, implying greater volatility.
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	A measure of risk-adjusted performance. Calculated by dividing the annualized excess returns over the risk-free rate by Std Dev.
<b>Beta (Bear and Bull)</b>	Bear/(Bull) Beta is a relative measure of the sensitivity of the fund's return to negative/(positive) changes in the benchmark return. It shows to what extent negative/positive periods of performance of the fund are reflected by corresponding negative/positive periods of performance in the benchmark.

#### 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.

The investment manager is a member of the Association for Saving and Investment South Africa. Additional Information on the proposed

#### Management Company

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. Website: 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.

#### 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.

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