

Proposition details

GIPS Inception Date: 31 Dec 2003

Asset size: R 31'917.68 million

Benchmark: STeFI Composite Index

Available as: Segregated, Collective Investment Scheme

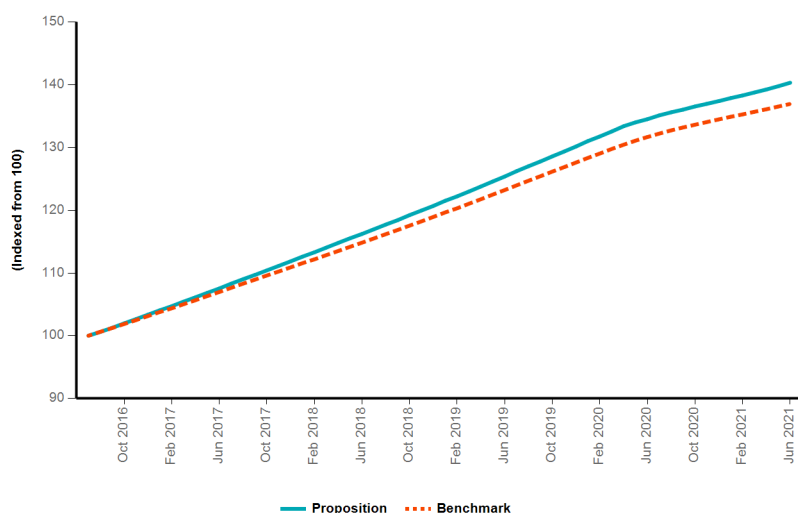
Brief description:

The proposition invests in appropriately rated instruments as permitted in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, 2002. Maximum weighted average duration is 90 days.

Performance table (annualized, gross of fees in Rands) (%)

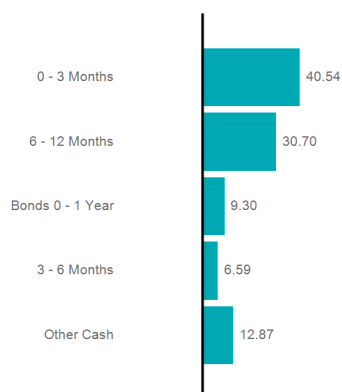
	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since GIPS inception
Proposition	4.32	6.48	7.16	7.61
Benchmark	4.01	6.04	6.62	7.14

Cumulative 5 year gross performance vs. benchmark



Asset Allocation(%)

Composite



Based on latest month averages

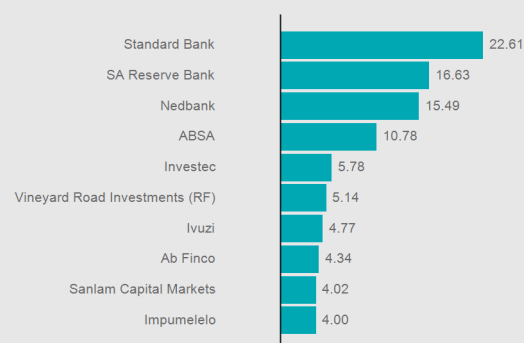
Risk profile

Negligible	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
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Risk statistics (3 years, annualised)

Alpha	0.00
Beta	1.08
Benchmark Standard Deviation	0.42
Standard Deviation	0.47
Sharpe Ratio	1.39
Sortino Ratio	0.24
Tracking Error	0.13
Information Ratio	3.37

Institutional Exposure – Top Holdings (%)



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Investment thesis

This composite includes all portfolios that form part of a diversified portfolio of approved money market instruments whereby investors can obtain undivided participation. A return based on obtaining a high level of current income as is consistent with capital preservation and liquidity.

Quarterly Comments - Q2 2021

Market overview

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) left the repo rate unchanged for the first six months of this year at 3.5%. The Johannesburg Interbank Average Rate (JIBAR) ended the quarter higher in the long end with the forward rate agreement (FRA) curve steepening throughout the quarter. The FRA curve is an indication of market sentiment and is currently implying more than 50 basis points of hikes by the SARB in the coming months. Given the economic stress the country is still experiencing, this is potentially the result of investors paying interest in the shorter swap market rather than the market's expression of the rate outlook at this stage. We therefore only expect rate hikes in 2022.

The unemployment rate is now at 32.6% and is expected to decline over the next five years. A moderation this year would require faster economic growth and a rapid roll-out of vaccinations to quickly cover two-thirds of the population. Job creation was set back by seven years in SA because of the pandemic. The largest losses were borne by the formal sector of the economy, at 700 000 jobs, with 400 000 lost in the informal sector.

As anticipated, GDP growth slowed in the fourth quarter of 2020 to 1.4%. In the second quarter of this year GDP growth is also likely to be slower than the 1.1% quarter-on-quarter rise in the first quarter (or 4.6% annualised) and is expected to be 1.7%.

With some emerging markets hiking interest rates, SA's repo rate may come under pressure as well, although we continue to expect this to occur only from next year. While consumer spending has recovered well so far, growth will be dependent on consumer confidence, employment, access to credit, the effects of inflation, as well as disposable incomes, which could suffer in the third quarter from stricter lockdown restrictions.

The long end of the JIBAR curve increased during the quarter, as 12-month rates moved from 4.63% to 4.8%. The short end of the curve remained flat, with three-month JIBAR trading at 3.68% throughout the quarter. Liquidity needs for banks remain low and spreads remain compressed. Treasury Bills (TBs) continue to deliver better value than bank rates, trading at 15-20 basis points over bank negotiable certificate of deposit (NCD) rates.

Looking ahead

Slow progress on vaccinations, restricted energy supply and policy uncertainty continue to pose downside risks to growth. Monetary policy alone cannot raise potential growth or reduce fiscal risks and, as the country is facing stricter lockdown regulations, interest rates may remain flat this year. Inflation rose to 5.2% year-on-year in May from 4.4% in April as anticipated by the market. Economic

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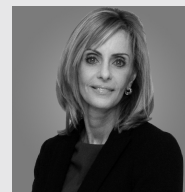
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