

STANDARD LESOTHO BANK EQUITY FUND
(Previously Inflation Plus Fund)
Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2018

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Directors Report

Statement of Responsibility by the Board of Directors for the year ended 31 December 2018


The directors of STANLIB Lesotho are responsible for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and the preparation and integrity of the financial statements and the related information. The financial statements presented on pages 10 to 14 have been compiled on the historical cost basis, except for investments comprising the unit portfolio, which are reflected at fair value. These financial statements have also been prepared in the manner required by the Financial Institutions Act 2012 and the Central Bank of Lesotho Collective Investments Schemes Regulations.

It is the responsibility of the independent auditors to report on the fair presentation of the financial statements.


The directors are also responsible for the system of internal financial control. These are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the reliability of the financial statements, and to adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability of the assets, and to prevent and detect misstatement and loss. Nothing has come to the attention of the directors to indicate that any material breakdown in the functioning of these controls, procedures and system has occurred during the year under review.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, since the directors have every reason to believe that the fund will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

The financial statements which appear on pages 10 to 14 were approved by the board of directors on 1 March 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



Mpho Vumbukani
Chairman



Kelelo Rametse
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Report of the Independent Auditor

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Independent auditor's report

To the members of Standard Lesotho Bank Equity Fund

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Standard Lesotho Bank Equity Fund (the Fund) as at 31 December 2018 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1 to the financial statements.

What we have audited

Standard Lesotho Bank Equity Fund (Previously Inflation Plus Fund)'s financial statements set out on pages 8 to 11 comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 December 2018;
- the income statement for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in funds for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the *International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)*. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

Emphasis of matter- Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Fund's own accounting policies to satisfy the financial information needs of the Fund's directors. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for any other purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Standard Lesotho Bank Equity Fund (Previously Inflation Plus Fund) financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018. Other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the financial statements

Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

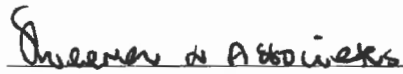
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



SHEERAN & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants (Lesotho)

Date: 20 March 2019

Trustee Report



AON | Global Network Correspondent

12 February 2019

The Registrar of the Collective Investment Schemes
The Central Bank of Lesotho
P O Box 1184
Maseru
Lesotho

Dear Sir/Madam,

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE STANLIB LESOTHO EQUITY FUND TO THE REGISTRAR OF THE COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME

We have reviewed the books and records of the Stanlib Lesotho Equity Fund for the twelve months ended 31st December 2018 with the objective of reporting on the compliance by the Management of the Trust with Sections 38, 39 and 40 of the Collective Investment Scheme Regulations of 2018.

In terms of Section 38 of the same regulations, we have enquired into the administration of the scheme by the Management of the Trust in terms of observing the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers.

We do review on monthly basis, by verification, the administration of the Collective Investment Scheme.

It is therefore our opinion that based on the information received; Stanlib Lesotho Management Company conducted the investment scheme in accordance with the requirement of Sections 38, 39 and 40 of the Collective Investment Scheme Regulations of 2018.

Minet Lesotho (Pty) Ltd
Trustees of STANLIB Lesotho Equity Fund



Retselisitsoe Leboela
Chief Executive Officer

Cc The General Manager – Stanlib Lesotho

Income Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018 M	2017 M
Income	1 173 473	874 224
<i>Interest received</i>	40 219	35 315
<i>Dividends received</i>	208 748	151 620
<i>Income adjustments on creations and cancellations of units</i>	924 506	687 289
Expenditure	(535 459)	(598 087)
<i>Auditor's remuneration</i>	(10 954)	(13 406)
<i>Service charges</i>	(482 339)	(542 627)
<i>Bank charges</i>	(1 705)	(3 767)
<i>Trustee/Custody fees</i>	-	(15 264)
<i>Withholding tax</i>	(40 461)	(23 023)
Net profit for the year	638 014	276 137

Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018 M	2017 M
Assets		
Non Current Assets	21 800 579	29 472 141
<i>Investments at market value</i>	21 800 579	29 472 141
Current Assets	576 237	693 884
<i>Accrued income and accounts receivable</i>	846	1 144
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	575 391	692 740
Total Assets	22 376 816	30 166 025
Equity and Liabilities		
Capital and Reserves	22 331 433	30 107 559
<i>Capital value of unit portfolio</i>	26 362 109	34 776 848
<i>2018: 26,187,701 (2017: 32,395,920 units)</i>		
<i>Undistributed income (current year)</i>	(4 030 676)	(4 669 289)
Current Liabilities	45 383	58 466
<i>Accounts payable</i>	45 383	58 466
Total Equity and Liabilities	22 376 816	30 166 025

Statement of changes in funds

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018 M	2017 M
Distributable Income		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(4 669 289)	(4 945 426)
Distribution adjustment	599	-
Net profit for the year	638 014	276 137
Income available for distribution	(4 030 676)	(4 669 289)
Income distributions: Class A	-	-
<i>June 2018: n/a (2017: 0.00 per unit)</i>	-	-
<i>December 2018: n/a (2017: 0.00 per unit)</i>	-	-
Balance at the end of the year	(4 030 676)	(4 669 289)
Capital value of unit portfolio - investors		
Balance at the beginning of the year	34 776 848	36 602 783
Creation of Units	6 494 926	7 441 532
Cancellation of Units	(13 037 242)	(12 271 079)
Capital (loss)/profit reinvested in the fund	(1 872 423)	3 003 612
Balance at the end of the year	26 362 109	34 776 848
Total capital value and reserves at the beginning of the year	30 107 559	31 657 357
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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

The following are the principle accounting policies, which are consistent with the prior year.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The annual financial statements have been compiled on the historical cost basis, except for investments comprising the unit portfolio, which are reflected at fair value.

1.2 Revenue recognition

- Revenue is recognised on the accrual basis, when the right to such revenue is established.
- Dividends are recognised when the right to receive payment is established.
- Interest is recognised on the accrual basis on a time proportionate basis.

1.3 Service charges

Service charges represent the fee paid to the manager for the management and administration of the portfolios and unit holder transactions.

1.4 Financial instruments

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost and subsequently at fair value. Fair value is determined as follows:

- Listed instruments are valued at the closing price as published by the relevant exchanger;
- Unlisted instruments are valued by discounting of nominal cash flows using current interest rates;
- Money market instruments are valued at accrued value.

Realised and unrealised profits or losses on investments are accounted for in the capital value of the portfolio.

1.5 Foreign currencies

Foreign currency income and expenses are converted at the rate of exchange on the transaction date. Foreign investments are converted at the year-end closing rate of exchange.

1.6 Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are carried at anticipated realisable value. An estimate is made for doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at year-end.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash on hand, balances with banks and funds at call or short notice.

1.8 Accounts payable

Liabilities are recognised when the fund has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is possible that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

2. Annual review of unit prices (Lisente per unit)

	Repurchase price (Lisente)					
	2018 minimum	2018 maximum	2018 last price	2017 minimum	2017 maximum	2017 last price
Class A	83.63	96.73	85.27	83.20	98.80	92.94

Class B3 was rationalized.

3. Creation and cancellation of units

	Maloti movement		Unit movement		Units in Issue	
	2018 M 000's	2017 M 000's	2018 000's	2017 000's	2018 000's	2017 000's
Class A	-6 542	-4 830	-6 208	-5 020	26 188	32 396

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