

## WHAT IS THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE?

Balanced Plus aims to achieve the best possible investment growth for retirement savers (within the constraints of Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act) over the long term.

## WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

Balanced Plus can invest in a wide variety of assets, such as shares, bonds, listed property and cash, both in South Africa and internationally.

The fund complies with Regulation 28, which limits the exposure of retirement investors to certain asset classes. For example, shares may never comprise more than 75% of the fund's portfolio, while exposure to property is limited to 25% and foreign assets is limited to 45% each.

The fund is mandated to use derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes.

## IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS

### Risk Profile



### Maximum growth/ minimum income exposures



As Balanced Plus aims to maximise long-term returns, it will typically have a strong bias towards shares, which offer the highest expected growth over the long run. The fund's managers actively seek out attractively valued shares that may achieve strong returns over periods of five years and longer.

While shares usually offer the best investment return, this comes with the greatest risk of short-term losses. The fund's investment in shares is therefore carefully balanced with other assets (including cash, bonds and property) to ensure that risk is moderated. Returns from these assets are not as volatile as shares, and will not always move in the same direction (up or down) at the same time, making the fund less risky than a pure equity fund.

Given the care taken to manage risk and to ensure that the best possible returns can be achieved from a range of diverse investments, it is unlikely that the Balanced Plus fund will lose money over the longer term. However, the fund may produce negative returns in extreme years, albeit at a lower level than a fund that is only invested in shares.

## HOW LONG SHOULD INVESTORS REMAIN INVESTED?

The recommended investment term is five years and longer.

## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER INVESTING IN THE FUND?

Investors who are saving for retirement, and:

- ▶ can stay invested for at least five years (preferably longer);
- ▶ have to choose a fund for their retirement annuity, provident fund, preservation fund or pension fund, and are looking for an investment that balances long-term growth with moderate levels of risk.

## WHAT COSTS CAN I EXPECT TO PAY?

An annual fee of 1.25% (excl. VAT) is payable.

Fund expenses that are incurred in the fund include fees payable to unconnected international fund managers on a portion of assets situated offshore as well as trading, custody and audit charges. All performance information is disclosed after deducting all fees and other portfolio costs. We do not charge fees to access or withdraw from the fund.

More detail is available on [www.coronation.com](http://www.coronation.com)

## WHO ARE THE FUND MANAGERS?



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## GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

<b>Launch Date</b>	15 April 1996
<b>Fund Class</b>	A
<b>ASISA Fund Category</b>	South African – Multi-asset – High Equity
<b>Benchmark</b>	ASISA fund category average (excluding Coronation funds)
<b>Regulation 28</b>	Complies
<b>Income Distribution</b>	Semi-annually (March & September)
<b>Investment minimum</b>	R5 000 or R500/m debit order
<b>Bloomberg Code</b>	CORBALN
<b>ISIN Code</b>	ZAE000019808
<b>JSE Code</b>	CORB

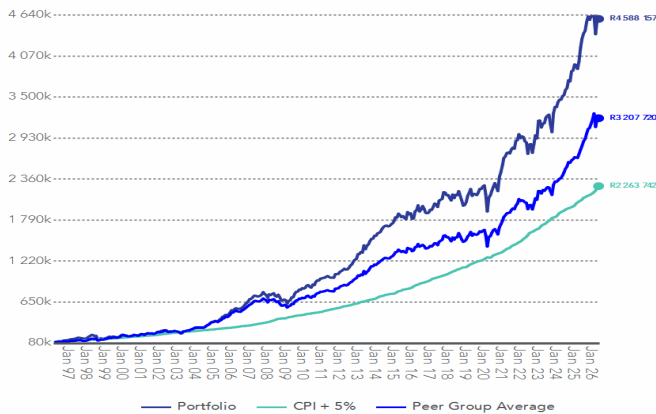
CLASS A as at 31 May 2026

<b>ASISA Fund Category</b>	South African – Multi-asset – High Equity
<b>Launch date</b>	15 April 1996
<b>Fund size</b>	R144.19 billion
<b>NAV</b>	18842.38 cents
<b>Benchmark</b>	ASISA fund category average (excluding Coronation funds)
<b>Portfolio manager/s</b>	Karl Leinberger and Sarah-Jane Alexander

Total Expense Ratio	1 Year	3 Year
Fund management fee	1.61%	1.62%
Fund expenses	1.24%	1.24%
VAT	0.18%	0.19%
Transaction costs (inc. VAT)	0.19%	0.19%
Total Investment Charge	0.18%	0.18%
	1.79%	1.80%

## PERFORMANCE AND RISK STATISTICS

### GROWTH OF A R100,000 INVESTMENT (AFTER FEES)



### PERFORMANCE FOR VARIOUS PERIODS (AFTER FEES)

	Fund	CPI +5%	Peer Group Average
Since Launch (unannualised)	4488.2%	2163.7%	3107.7%
Since Launch (annualised)	13.6%	10.9%	12.2%
Latest 20 years (annualised)	11.1%	10.5%	9.5%
Latest 15 years (annualised)	10.6%	10.0%	9.5%
Latest 10 years (annualised)	8.7%	9.7%	8.2%
Latest 5 years (annualised)	10.9%	10.1%	11.1%
Latest 3 years (annualised)	13.5%	9.2%	13.4%
Latest 1 year	9.6%	9.8%	15.8%
Year to date	(0.8)%	5.3%	2.4%

### RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH

	Fund	Peer Group Average
Annualised Deviation	12.7%	10.0%
Sharpe Ratio	0.37	0.33
Maximum Gain	57.9%	29.5%
Maximum Drawdown	(34.3)%	(18.8)%
Positive Months	67.6%	66.2%

	Fund	Date Range
Highest annual return	49.3%	Aug 2004 - Jul 2005
Lowest annual return	(17.4)%	Sep 1997 - Aug 1998

### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS (AFTER FEES)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2026	(0.1)%	0.2%	(5.5)%	4.4%	0.5%								(0.8)%
Fund 2025	2.2%	(0.2)%	(1.4)%	2.7%	4.7%	3.0%	1.7%	0.8%	2.7%	1.8%	(1.1)%	1.1%	19.5%
Fund 2024	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.4%	2.0%	0.8%	3.0%	(0.4)%	3.8%	0.3%	15.1%
Fund 2023	8.4%	0.1%	(3.1)%	1.7%	0.3%	2.5%	0.8%	0.4%	(4.2)%	(3.4)%	8.7%	2.6%	14.9%
Fund 2022	(1.9)%	0.9%	(0.3)%	(2.0)%	(0.7)%	(5.5)%	4.8%	0.1%	(4.3)%	4.5%	4.3%	(1.5)%	(2.0)%

## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

### EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE

Sector	31 May 2026
<b>Domestic Assets</b>	<b>59.3%</b>
■ <b>Equities</b>	<b>37.3%</b>
Basic Materials	6.7%
Industrials	0.4%
Consumer Goods	2.7%
Health Care	1.2%
Consumer Services	5.7%
Telecommunications	1.4%
Financials	10.0%
Technology	5.7%
Derivatives	3.5%
Unlisted	0.0%
■ <b>Real Estate</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
■ <b>Bonds</b>	<b>12.1%</b>
■ <b>Cash</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
<b>International Assets</b>	<b>40.7%</b>
■ <b>Equities</b>	<b>37.0%</b>
■ <b>Real Estate</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
■ <b>Bonds</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
■ <b>Cash</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

As at 31 Mar 2026	% of Fund
Standard Bank Group Ltd	3.2%
Naspers Limited	3.1%
Northam Platinum Ltd	2.7%
Prosus	2.6%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	2.3%
Glencore Plc	1.6%
Tsmc	1.5%
Nepi Rockcastle Plc	1.5%
Fortress Reit Ltd	1.4%
Dis-chem Pharmacies Ltd	1.4%

### INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Declaration	Payment	Amount	Dividend	Interest
31 Mar 2026	01 Apr 2026	102.47	42.31	60.16
30 Sept 2025	01 Oct 2025	151.16	80.61	70.54
31 Mar 2025	01 Apr 2025	86.59	32.17	54.42
30 Sept 2024	01 Oct 2024	108.77	57.58	51.19

Please note that the commentary is for the retail class of the Fund.

#### Performance

The Fund returned -5.4% for the quarter (+12.4% over 12 months). The high allocation to equities, which benefited the Fund over the last 12 months, was a detractor in the period given the market pullback. The Fund has performed well over meaningful periods, both in absolute terms and relative to the peer group.

#### Fund positioning

After three years of strong returns, global markets stuttered in Q1 with the MSCI All Country World down -3%. The war in the Middle East poses a serious challenge to global energy supply. Oil surged to >\$100 per barrel in the quarter. Iran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz stopped the flow of liquified natural gas (LNG) and oil (20% global supply flows through the strait), risking shortages across most of the planet. No one knows how long the crisis will last. Whilst there is a wide range of outcomes, our base case is that the disruption lasts months, not years. Our focus, as always, is on the long term. We expect a gradual recovery in shipping activity and a decline in energy prices. Although we do not expect the war to last beyond this year, we do think energy prices will settle above pre-war levels and we acknowledge the non-negligible risk that Iran may function as a rogue state for a prolonged period, causing intermittent disruptions to energy markets.

The war has had broad ramifications. Higher near-term energy prices are translating rapidly into consumer price inflation. Prospects of further rate cuts have receded worldwide. The US dollar, which had continued to weaken in the first two months of the year, reverted to its role as a store of value in the crisis. Gold wavered. Equity markets retreated after a positive first two months of the year.

Gold, touted for its hedge properties, has not provided protection during this crisis. Having started the year very strongly, gold fell -12% in March (to end the quarter up 8%). We believe we are in the late stages of an extended bull market. Parabolic prices have detached from the underlying fundamentals. This is a crowded trade marked by lots of speculative, price-insensitive buying. We think that this heightens the risk of material capital losses when sentiment ultimately turns. Having held an overweight position a few years ago, the Fund has a material underweight in gold today. This has detracted meaningfully from relative performance over the past year, but we believe it is the right thing to do if one places value on protecting client capital. Our experience is that the zeitgeist is typically indifferent to the risk of capital losses in a bull market. It is only once prices have already fallen substantially that attention shifts to risk. The issue is compounded by the fact that gold shares have an outsized share of the JSE indices. We think this has sucked the oxygen out of the market, with many investors selling the rest of the market to buy gold shares. As a consequence, we are finding stunning value across the rest of the market. Our gold underweight has allowed us to build big positions in many stocks that we think will deliver excellent returns in the year ahead.

Within equity markets, emerging markets were flat for the quarter (MSCI EM Index -0.2% in USD), outperforming their developed market counterparts (MSCI World Index -4%). The MSCI EM Index delivered a strong first two months before declining in March (-13%), as local currency declines were compounded by a strengthening US dollar. The uncertainty over short-term outcomes and heightened volatility have created many outstanding opportunities to own winning companies at discounted valuations. We are excited by the many winning EM businesses in the portfolio that trade at attractive multiples and have compelling growth opportunities.

In addition to the geopolitical headwinds impacting markets, the rapid pace of AI evolution is causing widespread disruption. During the quarter, the market swiftly sold off names in affected sectors indiscriminately. We believe that there is an opportunity for select incumbents to navigate this transition and fortify their moats. Moats will vary across sectors, but those with strong brands and powerful physical distribution (wealth advisors, extensive ecommerce logistics, high customer service levels) have the opportunity to survive and to thrive. Navigating this will require outstanding management teams, combined with high levels of investment and innovation. We have put together a basket of shares we believe are well placed. Given the dizzying scale of disruption, we have constrained overall portfolio exposure to a basket of only the highest conviction ideas.

The strong dislocation experienced in global equity markets in Q1, as a result of both the escalating Middle East conflict and concerns on AI disruption has created exciting stock-picking opportunities. There are many outstanding businesses trading cheaply. We have used the weakness to buy equity in the Fund aggressively. Stock-picking is important, however, as the range of outcomes are wide. We expect excellent returns in the years ahead, as was the case in the periods following previous crises (GFC, Covid, tariff war), where good businesses were available at discounted prices. In addition to the attractive valuations, the holding in global equities brings valuable diversification to a South African (SA) portfolio with its varied investment drivers and access to many winning business models not available on the local exchange.

The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (USD) was down 1% for the quarter, with early 2026 gains erased by late March. Surging fuel costs injected uncertainty into the inflation outlook. Central banks, including the SARB, paused their rate-cutting cycles. Elevated levels of indebtedness and government spending remain a challenge to long-term fiscal sustainability. This constrains governments' ability to soften the blow from the recent energy price spike without further undermining fundamentals. We remain concerned that elevated sovereign indebtedness across major economies, combined with the scale of bond issuance required to fund ongoing deficits, will put upward pressure on long-term yields. The Fund continues to have no exposure to developed market sovereign bonds given their insufficient risk-adjusted returns. The Fund trimmed its holding in offshore credit bonds earlier in the quarter as spreads tightened further. The remaining holdings sit with decent US dollar yields and offer good diversification across sector and geography.

Given the breadth of opportunity offshore and compelling valuations, the Fund has made almost full use of its offshore capacity.

In SA, the slow but steady pace of reform continues. Credit rating agency S&P Global's first upgrade in more than a decade acknowledged this improvement. Factors cited by them included improved growth, fiscal trajectory, and Eskom performance. The GNU's role in driving accountability and delivery is broadly accepted. Ongoing support for this moderate, reform-oriented coalition is key to sustaining SA's path to recovery. However, poor service delivery in many municipalities is undermining investment, with water particularly concerning. This remains a key stumbling block for SA. Stable, functional coalitions are required to resolve this. Legislation that would improve the functioning of coalitions is in the pipeline. These efforts, and the outcome of the local government elections later in the year, will be closely watched. Consumer health has improved in the recent past, with consumers benefiting from lower inflation, lower interest rates, and real wage increases.

Low levels of investment and lacklustre economic growth remain key structural impediments to the long-term health of the economy.

The fiscal outlook improved materially during 2025. Debt-to-GDP has stabilised, helped by ongoing fiscal discipline and soaring precious metal prices. These improvements resulted in lower funding costs. Unfortunately, some of this reversed in the quarter, as the spike in energy prices undermined the outlook for inflation, interest rate cuts, and growth.

The Fund remains underweight SA government bonds given its preference for equities. As mentioned in previous commentaries, we had increased exposure to inflation-linked bonds (ILBs), which had sold off as inflation retreated. We think that they offer valuable protection should the current low levels of inflation not be sustained into the medium to longer term. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index declined -3% for the quarter. Over the last 12 months, the index has still returned an impressive 19%.

The FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (CSWIX) was close to flat for the quarter (dragged down by the -11% decline in March). Twelve-month returns from SA Equities remain strong at 34%. We are concerned that the high CSWIX benchmark exposure to precious metals (c. 30% on a look-through basis as at end-February) increases the risk of capital losses for investors with passive exposure to the benchmark. As an example, the JSE Precious Metals and Mining Index declined -20% in March. The portfolio continues to make use of the breadth of opportunity available in the local market by owning a more diverse basket of shares. We see compelling value across JSE-listed global stocks and winning domestic shares. SA equities remain our preferred domestic asset class, and we expect excellent long-term returns.

The Resources Index rose 8% during the quarter despite struggling during March (-15% for March, but still up a whopping 91% over 12 months). The quarterly performance was driven by the broader sector, rather than the narrower precious metal-driven returns over 12 months. Energy was very strong (+33% for the quarter). The Fund has held an underweight position in the resources sector for some time, given a meaningful underweight in gold shares. We also entered the year underweight PGMs, having trimmed into basket strength during 2025 (+95%). Dramatic PGM weakness during March enabled us to rebuild our basket of PGM holdings. We expect the PGM miners to experience a few good years of strong demand, supply shortages, and high prices. Whilst we believe electric vehicles will ultimately prevail, EV adoption has slowed outside of China (particularly in the US). Other resource holdings include a moderate basket of diversified miners.

The Industrials Index declined -8% for the quarter, taking 12-month returns to a soggy 5%. Our basket of JSE-listed shares has sizeable exposure to global stocks listed locally as well as winning domestic businesses. Many of the global shares look cheap for stock-specific reasons. Naspers was particularly weak in the quarter (declining -22%), reflecting concerns over whether Tencent was lagging on AI deployment. Tencent has recently signalled increased AI investment. This will impact near-term earnings. Longer term, we believe that Tencent is well-positioned to win as it deploys AI to leverage its moat and deepen user engagement. Tencent has a massive data advantage from its 1.4bn monthly active users and integration across the Chinese economy in sectors spanning gaming, advertising, and fintech.

Domestically, focus remains on owning winning SA businesses. We were pleased with the results from the education businesses (ADVTech and Stadio), which both continue to grow volumes strongly despite subdued economic growth. Private tertiary education is a compelling alternative given constrained capacity in state universities. It offers well-resourced facilities, good educational outcomes, and is well priced. Increasing numbers of students are selecting these institutions as their first choice. We have commented previously on near-term challenges faced by WeBuyCars (WBC), given a subdued pricing environment and growing costs due to accelerated new space rollout. We believe this management team is well-placed to navigate near-term growing pains. Investment in new space stands WBC in good stead to continue growing its business and take share in the years ahead.

The Financials Index declined marginally (-0.2%) for the quarter, as banks and insurers sold off in March (12-month returns are higher at 29%). Four of the five largest banks reported during the first quarter, with all of them showing pleasing topline performances, low credit losses, and decent cost control. If SA can sustain its recovery, this bodes well for retail credit extension and transactional activity. Standard Bank stood out for its ability to compound its Corporate Investment Bank (CIB) and African earnings despite strong performances in prior years. This has set it apart from the other full-service banks. Operational results from the insurance businesses were broadly in line with expectations, albeit bond yield volatility resulted in some unexpected capital charges. The SA insurers are grappling with the strong distribution and high customer engagement levels of the banks, as they increasingly converge on insurance. Most insurers are investing behind banking offers to try and better entrench their customer bases and protect future earnings. Our preferred exposure is the banks, with their high dividend yields and decent growth outlook.

The property index declined -5% for the quarter (up 29% over 12 months). Domestic property shares came under pressure as the likelihood of further rate cuts receded. High dividend yields remain a strong underpin to this basket of SA property holdings.

#### Outlook

We expect continued volatility under the Trump presidency. This will create opportunities from time to time for long-term investors and active asset allocators. As with previous crises, we have added to assets where we see compelling valuations and have high conviction. Whilst markets are likely to experience periodic fluctuations, we expect the high equity exposure to deliver good long-term returns given the attractive upside in our basket of global and local equities.

#### Portfolio managers

Karl Leinberger and Sarah-Jane Alexander  
as at 31 March 2026

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE INVESTING IN THE CORONATION BALANCED PLUS FUND**

The Balanced Plus Fund should be considered a medium- to long-term investment. The value of units may go down as well as up, and therefore Coronation does not make any guarantees with respect to the protection of capital or returns. Past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance. The fund is mandated to invest up to 45% of its portfolio into foreign securities and may as a result be exposed to macroeconomic, settlement, political, tax, reporting or illiquidity risk factors that may be different to similar investments in the South African markets. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying investments to go up or down. Asset allocation and top 10 holdings are reflected on a look-through basis. Any African exposure (ex SA) is reflected under international assets. Coronation Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd is a Collective Investment Schemes Manager approved by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act. Portfolio managed by Coronation Asset Management (Pty) Ltd (FSP 548), an authorised financial services provider. The Management Company reserves the right to close the fund to new investors if we deem it necessary to limit further inflows in order for it to be managed in accordance with its mandate. Unit trusts are allowed to engage in scrip lending and borrowing. Standard Chartered has been appointed as trustees for the fund ([www.sc.com/za](http://www.sc.com/za); 011-2176600). Coronation is a full member of the Association for Savings & Investment SA (ASISA).

**HOW ARE UNITS PRICED AND AT WHICH PRICE WILL MY TRANSACTION BE EXECUTED?**

Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices set on every trading day. Fund valuations take place at approximately 15h00 each business day, except at month end when the valuation is performed at approximately 17h00 (JSE market close) and forward pricing is used. Instructions must reach the Management Company before 14h00 (12h00 for the Money Market Fund) to ensure same day value. The payment of withdrawals may be delayed in extraordinary circumstances, when the manager with the consent of the fund trustees deem this to be in the interest of all fund investors. These circumstances may include periods when significant underlying markets suspend trading which will prevent accurate valuation of the instruments held in the fund. When the suspension of trading relates to only certain assets held by the fund, these assets may be side-pocketed. This process allows normal liquidity on the assets that can be valued, but will delay liquidity on the affected portion of the fund. If the fund is faced with excessive withdrawals, the affected withdrawals may be ring-fenced, which is the separation and delayed sale of the assets reflecting the interest of the liquidity seeking investors. It ensures that the sale of a large number of units will not force Coronation to sell the underlying investments in a manner that may have a negative impact on remaining investors of the fund.

**HOW WAS THE PERFORMANCE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS FACT SHEET CALCULATED?**

Performance is calculated by Coronation as at the last day of the month for a lump sum investment using Class A NAV prices with income distributions reinvested. All underlying price and distribution data is sourced from Morningstar. Performance figures are quoted after the deduction of all costs (including manager fees and trading costs) incurred within the fund. Note that individual investor performance may differ as a result of the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment of distributions and dividend withholding tax, where applicable. Annualised performance figures represent the geometric average return earned by the fund over the given time period. Unannualised performance represents the total return earned by the fund over the given time period, expressed as a percentage. The peer group average is calculated as the average return of all the funds in the respective ASISA category (excluding Coronation Funds in that category).

**BENCHMARK DETAILS**

The benchmark used for performance purposes is the South African – Multi-asset - High Equity ASISA fund category average (excluding Coronation funds).

**WHAT IS THE TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER) AND TRANSACTION COSTS (TC)?**

TER is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio incurred as charges, levies and fees in the management of the portfolio over the period referenced. The TER charged by any underlying fund held as part of a fund's portfolio is included in the fund expenses portion of the TER, but trading and implementation costs incurred in managing the underlying fund are excluded. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. The 1 year TER is for the 12 months to end of the previous financial year (updated annually). The 3 year TER is for a rolling 36-month period to the last available quarter end (December, March, June and September).

Transaction costs are a necessary cost in managing a fund and impacts the fund's return. They should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

The Total Investment Charge is the sum of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and transaction costs.

**ADVICE AND PLATFORM COSTS**

Coronation does not provide financial advice. If you appoint an adviser, advice fees are contracted directly between you and the adviser. For more information please contact the relevant platform (Linked Investment Service Provider or Life Assurance Provider).

**WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

Additional information such as daily fund prices, brochures, application forms and a schedule of fund fees and charges is available on our website, [www.coronation.com](http://www.coronation.com)

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