

**WHAT IS THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE?**

The fund aims to maximise long-term growth from investing in a select group of small to medium-sized JSE-listed companies.

It seeks to outperform the combined JSE Mid and Small Cap Indices.

**WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?**

The fund invests in companies that form part of the JSE Small or Mid Cap Indices, or in companies that have a market capitalisation smaller than the company with the lowest market capitalisation in the JSE Large Cap Index.\*

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

\*The investment universe has been amended to align with the ASISA category specifications for Mid and Small Cap Funds

**IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS****Risk Profile****Maximum growth/  
minimum income exposures**

The fund actively seeks out attractively valued companies that could offer strong long-term growth.

Shares are selected following rigorous research into the long-term potential of a company, and whether it is currently attractively valued relative to its sector.

Shares can be volatile investments, and smaller companies in particular may experience price swings. Smaller companies have fewer shares trading freely in the market, which can restrict trading and amplify price movements. Consequently, there is a heightened risk of capital loss over the short term.

However, given its focus on investing only in attractively valued shares that could offer long-term growth, the fund may preserve capital better than its benchmark over the long run.

The fund is concentrated and only invests in one sector of the market, making it riskier than a general equity fund.

**HOW LONG SHOULD INVESTORS REMAIN INVESTED?**

The fund is managed to deliver the best possible returns over the long term; an investment horizon of five years or more is therefore ideal.

**WHO SHOULD CONSIDER INVESTING IN THE FUND?**

Investors who are building wealth, and who

- ▶ wish to benefit from the potential growth in medium-size and small companies;
- ▶ want to diversify their investments to include specific exposure to companies outside of the JSE Large Cap Index;
- ▶ accept the inherent volatility in investing in less liquid shares;
- ▶ want to hold the Smaller Companies Fund as one of multiple funds in their investment portfolio.

**WHAT COSTS CAN I EXPECT TO PAY?**

An annual fee of 1.00% (excl. VAT) is payable.

Fund expenses that are incurred in the fund include 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?**

**ALISTAIR  
LEA**  
CA (SA), CFA

**GENERAL FUND INFORMATION**

<b>Launch Date</b>	1 April 1997
<b>Fund Class</b>	R
<b>Benchmark</b>	Market-cap weighted composite: JSE Mid & Small Cap Indices excluding real estate
<b>ASISA Fund Category</b>	South African – Equity – Mid and Small Cap
<b>Income Distribution</b>	Semi-annually (March & September)
<b>Investment minimum</b>	R5 000 or R500/m debit order
<b>Bloomberg Code</b>	CORSPEG
<b>ISIN Code</b>	ZAE00019824
<b>JSE Code</b>	COSG

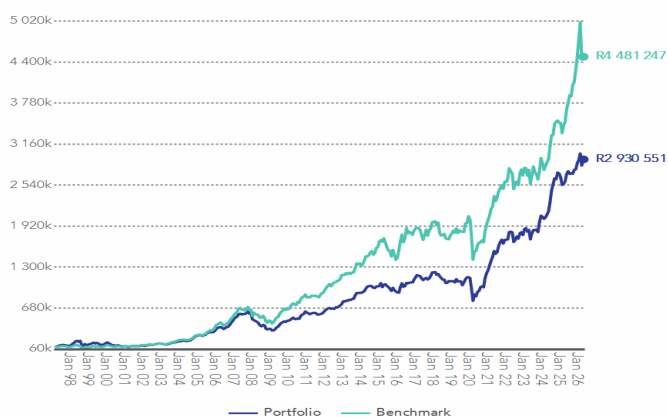
CLASS R as at 30 April 2026

ASISA Fund Category	South African - Equity - Mid & Small Cap
Launch date	01 April 1997
Fund size	R492.07 million
NAV	14478.70 cents
Benchmark	Market-cap weighted composite: FTSE/JSE Africa Mid & Small Cap Indices
Portfolio manager/s	Alistair Lea

Total Expense Ratio	1 Year	3 Year
Fund management fee	1.18%	1.18%
Fund expenses	0.99%	0.99%
VAT	0.03%	0.04%
Transaction costs (inc. VAT)	0.15%	0.15%
Total Investment Charge	0.19%	0.13%
	1.36%	1.31%

## PERFORMANCE AND RISK STATISTICS

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



## PERFORMANCE FOR VARIOUS PERIODS (AFTER FEES)

	Fund	Benchmark	Active Return
Since Launch (unannualised)	2830.5%	4381.2%	(34.6)%
Since Launch (annualised)	12.3%	14.0%	(1.7)%
Latest 20 years (annualised)	10.5%	12.0%	(1.5)%
Latest 15 years (annualised)	11.1%	11.6%	(0.4)%
Latest 10 years (annualised)	10.7%	9.6%	1.1%
Latest 5 years (annualised)	15.0%	15.1%	(0.1)%
Latest 3 years (annualised)	16.3%	17.4%	(1.1)%
Latest 1 year	12.8%	28.0%	(15.2)%
Year to date	1.9%	(0.1)%	2.0%

## RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH

	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Deviation	17.6%	16.7%
Sharpe Ratio	0.21	0.32
Maximum Gain	67.2%	63.6%
Maximum Drawdown	(50.2)%	(38.2)%
Positive Months	63.0%	62.8%

	Fund	Date Range
Highest annual return	79.4%	Jun 2020 - May 2021
Lowest annual return	(41.4)%	Nov 2007 - Oct 2008

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS (AFTER FEES)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2026	1.6%	3.4%	(6.0)%	3.3%									1.9%
Fund 2025	(2.3)%	(4.2)%	0.6%	1.6%	4.3%	1.5%	(1.4)%	0.3%	(0.2)%	2.2%	0.3%	3.4%	5.8%
Fund 2024	(0.8)%	(1.5)%	1.1%	2.0%	2.2%	6.5%	7.7%	3.9%	3.4%	(0.4)%	3.8%	(0.5)%	30.7%
Fund 2023	4.9%	0.9%	(2.8)%	1.4%	(7.6)%	5.3%	2.7%	0.0%	0.5%	(2.0)%	8.1%	5.0%	16.4%
Fund 2022	0.2%	0.2%	6.4%	0.4%	(0.6)%	(7.9)%	1.9%	3.0%	(1.8)%	4.6%	0.9%	(2.3)%	4.3%

## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

## EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE

Sector	30 Apr 2026
<b>Domestic Assets</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
■ Equities	99.3%
Basic Materials	7.1%
Industrials	21.1%
Consumer Goods	7.9%
Health Care	4.7%
Consumer Services	27.7%
Financials	20.5%
Technology	9.6%
Derivatives	0.7%
■ Cash	0.7%

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

As at 31 Mar 2026	% of Fund
Advtech Ltd	9.0%
Raubex Group Ltd	5.7%
Bid Corp Ltd	5.5%
Hudaco Industries Ltd	4.9%
Dis-chem Pharmacies Ltd	4.7%
Quilter	4.6%
Aspen Pharmcare Holdings Ltd	4.5%
Brait Se	4.1%
Northam Platinum Ltd	3.8%
Mondi Limited	3.5%

## INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Declaration	Payment	Amount	Dividend	Interest
31 Mar 2026	01 Apr 2026	77.66	73.57	4.09
30 Sept 2025	01 Oct 2025	147.20	142.72	4.48
31 Mar 2025	01 Apr 2025	114.07	105.84	8.23
30 Sept 2024	01 Oct 2024	224.54	202.33	22.21

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

### Performance and fund positioning

This has been a tough quarter for the Fund, returning -1.3%. This is not too dissimilar from the Mid and Small Cap indices, which declined 1.2% and 2.3%, respectively. Our three-year compound annual return remains strong at 15.6%, placing the Fund 3rd in its peer group over the period.

The quarter was something of a rollercoaster. Markets started strongly, driven by precious metal counters that had been rallying since mid-2025. However, sentiment reversed sharply following the escalation in conflict in the Middle East in late February. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz – through which roughly a fifth of the world's oil supply normally transits – sent Brent crude surging past \$100 a barrel and triggered what the International Energy Agency has called the largest supply disruption in the history of the global oil market. Closer to home, South Africa faced record fuel price increases on 1 April, with diesel rising by more than R7 per litre even after a temporary R3 fuel levy cut by National Treasury. The threat of physical diesel shortages and further price increases has cast a shadow over the consumer outlook. Transport and food costs are the two most significant expenses for many South African households, and with fuel costs rising materially, both will be squeezed. While we do not expect the conflict to persist indefinitely, it may take some time before global oil flows normalise, and the near-term damage to consumer confidence and spending power is likely already underway. With this in mind, we have positioned the Fund to be very light in discretionary retailers. Our retail exposure is limited to the more defensive, non-discretionary names – Shoprite, Pepkor, and Dis-Chem – businesses that should prove more resilient as consumers are forced to prioritise essential spending.

### Fund activity

Two of the largest buys during the quarter were Naspers and South32. Naspers has pulled back more than 30% from its 2025 highs, providing an attractive entry point to what remains a unique vehicle for accessing Tencent – one of the world's leading technology platforms with growing momentum in artificial intelligence (AI). The discount to underlying net asset value has widened materially, offering a meaningful margin of safety. Naspers fits within our mandate's allowable allocation of 20% to large cap shares and provides valuable diversification against our predominantly domestic mid- and small-cap holdings. South32 delivered strong half-year results, with underlying earnings up 16% and a higher interim dividend, supported by rising base metal prices and disciplined cost management. The company continues to reshape its portfolio toward metals critical for the energy transition – including copper, zinc, and manganese – while divesting non-core assets. We believe the current valuation does not fully reflect the improved earnings trajectory and the quality of the remaining asset base.

Two of the largest sells during the quarter were Northam Platinum and Invicta. Northam has been a tremendous performer, with the share price rising more than 200% over the past year on the back of surging platinum group metals (PGM) prices and record profitability. After the stock reached all-time highs near R475 in January, we took the opportunity to lock in gains. While the long-term supply dynamics for platinum remain constructive, valuations had moved ahead of fundamentals, and we believed it was prudent to reduce our exposure at these levels. The proceeds have been redeployed into areas of the market where we see better risk-adjusted returns. Invicta, as an industrial distributor heavily exposed to capital equipment and the mining and agricultural supply chains, faces near-term headwinds from the fuel price shock and the likely knock-on effects on economic activity. Rising diesel costs directly impact the logistics-intensive nature of its operations, while weaker business confidence may weigh on demand for capital equipment. We chose to reduce our position in favour of businesses with more attractive long-term prospects.

### Outlook

Looking ahead, we are conscious that the conflict in the Middle East introduces a degree of uncertainty that markets have not had to contend with for some time. However, periods of dislocation often present opportunities for patient, valuation-driven investors, and we remain focused on identifying high-quality businesses trading at attractive prices. The Fund is well positioned with a balance of defensive consumer staples, select commodity exposure, and carefully chosen high-quality mid- and small-cap shares.

### Portfolio manager

**Alistair Lea**

as at 31 March 2026

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE INVESTING IN THE CORONATION SMALLER COMPANIES FUND**

The Smaller Companies Fund should be considered a 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. Asset allocation and top 10 holdings are reflected on a look-through basis. 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 R 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.

**BENCHMARK DETAILS**

The benchmark is a free-float market cap weighted index of small and mid-cap indices excluding real estate.

**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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