

# CORONATION GLOBAL STRATEGIC USD INCOME [ZAR] FEEDER FUND

Fund Information as at 31 July 2018

## WHAT IS THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE?

The fund aims to achieve a higher return than a US dollar term bank deposit. It is mainly focused on delivering short-term income.

## WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

The fund invests between 75% and 100% of its assets in a wide variety of fixed income assets. This may include bonds, money market instruments and other debt securities issued by international governments, banks and other companies or institutions.

Up to 25% of the fund may be invested in listed property, preference shares and other forms of hybrid debt or equity instruments.

While the fund may invest in instruments in any currency, its effective exposure to the US dollar will at least be 75% at all times.

The average duration in the fund will typically not exceed three years.

## IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS



The fund is tactically managed to secure an attractive income, while protecting capital.

Its investments are carefully researched by a large and experienced investment team and subjected to a strict risk management process. The fund is actively positioned to balance long-term strategic positions with shorter-term tactical opportunities to achieve the best possible income.

While the fund is managed in a conservative and defensive manner, it is not guaranteed to always outperform cash over short periods of time, and may suffer capital losses primarily as a result of interest rate movements or negative credit events.

Capital growth, if any, will generally come from capital market changes such as falling interest rates or movements in foreign currencies.

This feeder fund aims to remain fully invested in units in the offshore domiciled Global Strategic USD Income Fund. The only other assets that will be held at feeder fund level are local and foreign cash holdings for liquidity purposes.

## HOW LONG SHOULD INVESTORS REMAIN INVESTED?

The recommended investment term is 12-months and longer. Given its limited exposure to growth assets, the fund is not suited for long investment terms.

## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER INVESTING IN THE FUND?

Conservative investors who are looking for an intelligent alternative to US dollar bank deposits.

## WHAT COSTS CAN I EXPECT TO PAY?

An annual fee of 0.80% is payable.

Of the annual fee, 0.30% is collected at feeder fund level, while the balance of the fee is collected in the master fund. The component of the fund fee charged at feeder fund level is subject to VAT. Fund expenses that are incurred in the fund include administrative, trading, custody and audit charges. All performance information is disclosed after deducting all fees and other portfolio costs.

We do not charge any 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?

### MARK LE ROUX

BCom

### STEPHEN PEIRCE

BA (Economics), MA  
(Finance), UKSIP

### NISHAN MAHARAJ

BSc (Hons), MBA

### SEAMUS VASEY

BCom (Hons), MSc

## GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Launch Date	30 August 2013
Fund Class	A
Benchmark	110% of USD 3-month LIBOR
Fund Category	Global – Multi-asset – Income
Regulation 28	Does not comply
Investment Minimum	R5 000 or R500/m debit order
Bloomberg Code	CORGSIF
ISIN Code	ZAE000181012
JSE Code	CGSUI

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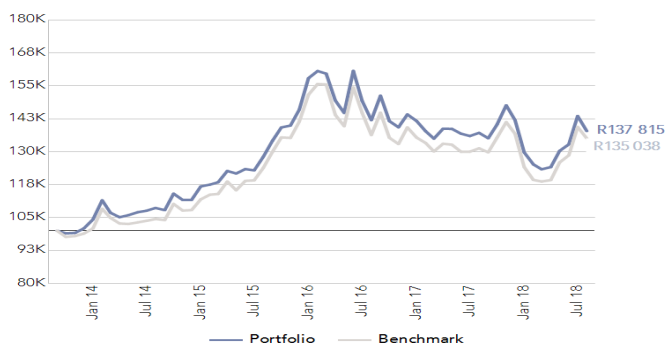
CLASS A as at 31 July 2018

FundCategory	Global - Multi-Asset - Income
Launch date	30 August 2013
Fund size	R994.13 million
NAV	137.81 cents
Benchmark/Performance	110% of USD 3-month LIBOR
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Portfolio manager/s	Mark le Roux, Stephen Peirce, Nishan Maharaj & Seamus Vasey

Total Expense Ratio	1 Year	3 Year
Fund management fee	1.12%	1.08%
Fund expenses	0.87%	0.87%
VAT	0.20%	0.16%
Transaction costs (inc. VAT)	0.05%	0.05%
Total Investment Charge	0.02%	0.02%
	1.14%	1.10%

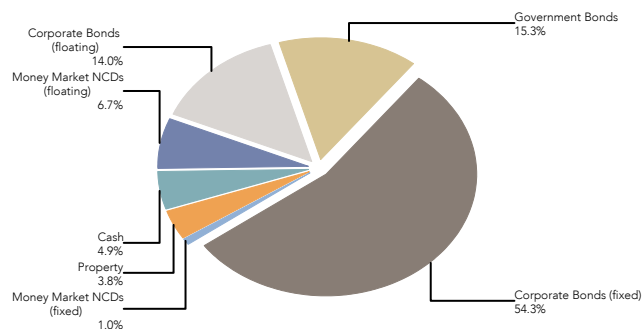
## PERFORMANCE AND RISK STATISTICS

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



### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

As at 31 Jul 2018



### PERFORMANCE FOR VARIOUS PERIODS (AFTER FEES) (ZAR)

	Fund	Benchmark	Active Return
Since Launch (unannualised)	37.8%	35.0%	2.8%
Since Launch (annualised)	6.7%	6.3%	0.4%
Latest 3 years (annualised)	2.5%	2.9%	(0.4)%
Latest 1 year	0.5%	2.9%	(2.4)%
Year to date	6.2%	8.8%	(2.5)%
	Fund		
Modified Duration	1.1		
Yield	3.2%		

### RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH

	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Deviation	13.7%	13.9%
Sharpe Ratio	0.06	0.03
Maximum Gain	30.7%	17.4%
Maximum Drawdown	(23.2)%	(23.8)%
Positive Months	55.9%	55.9%
	Fund	Date Range
Highest annual return	36.7%	Feb 2015 - Jan 2016
Lowest annual return	(15.4)%	Mar 2016 - Feb 2017

### PERFORMANCE FOR VARIOUS PERIODS (AFTER FEES) (USD)

	Fund	Benchmark	Active Return
Since Launch (unannualised)	7.5%	4.4%	3.1%
Since Launch (annualised)	1.5%	0.9%	0.6%
Latest 1 year (annualised)	1.2%	2.1%	(0.9)%
Year to date	(0.1)%	1.4%	(1.5)%

### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS (AFTER FEES)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2018	(3.5)%	(1.5)%	0.7%	5.0%	1.9%	8.1%	(4.0)%						6.2%
Fund 2017	(2.8)%	(2.0)%	2.8%	0.0%	(1.3)%	(0.6)%	0.9%	(1.5)%	3.9%	5.2%	(3.8)%	(8.6)%	(8.5)%
Fund 2016	1.7%	(0.6)%	(6.4)%	(3.1)%	11.0%	(7.1)%	(4.9)%	6.5%	(6.4)%	(1.7)%	3.5%	(1.7)%	(10.3)%
Fund 2015	0.6%	0.8%	3.6%	(0.8)%	1.4%	(0.4)%	4.2%	4.7%	3.8%	0.5%	4.3%	8.2%	35.2%
Fund 2014	6.9%	(4.2)%	(1.6)%	0.7%	1.1%	0.5%	1.0%	(0.8)%	5.8%	(2.1)%	0.0%	4.6%	12.0%
Fund 2013									(1.0)%	0.2%	1.7%	3.4%	4.3%

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Quarterly Portfolio Manager Commentary

**Please note that the commentary is for the US dollar retail class of the fund. The feeder fund is 100% invested in the underlying US dollar fund. However, given small valuation, trading and translation differences for the two funds, investors should expect differences in returns in the short term. Over the long term, we aim to achieve the same outcome in US dollar terms for both funds.**

Riskier assets continued to struggle during the second quarter with many sectors of the market posting negative returns. Credit spreads continued to widen and corporates once again underperformed government bonds. The US dollar rebounded in the second quarter against all other currencies benefiting from safe haven flows and the US Federal Reserve (Fed) once again raised interest rates. The fund returned 0.18% in what proved to be another challenging quarter and 1.11% over the last year, against a benchmark return of 0.65% and 1.98% over the same period (gross returns for fund). The economic narrative has become more complex in recent months. Central banks led by the US have begun to scale back the size of asset purchases and rising policy rates and tighter financial conditions are beginning to have an impact. China too is feeling the effect of less credit growth adding to the headwinds for emerging markets. Meanwhile the US administration's recent trade tariff hikes have added to investors' concerns that a broader trade war may develop. In the near term, US growth will be supported by the fiscal expansion and the Fed will continue to tighten monetary policy as the output gap closes and wealth effects buoy consumers. A more meaningful slowdown remains a risk in late 2019 or early in 2020.

US 10-year bond yields rose as high as 3.1% in mid-May, prompting talk of a break out to the upside before falling back below 3% and ending the quarter at 2.85%. The Fed raised the Fed funds rate by a further 25 basis points (bps) as expected in mid-June (upper bound now 2%), the latest 'dot plot' was deemed to be slightly hawkish as it suggests two more moves are likely in 2018. With short rates rising and markets acknowledging the potential for a slowdown in late 2019, the yield curve continued to flatten. While Europe and Japan resist higher short rates, the rise in US short rates and a flatter curve has meant higher hedging costs for overseas buyers. With US issuance set to rise substantially in the wake of US tax cuts and the runoff of the Fed's balance sheet set to accelerate, bond hedging costs look set to rise further. US Libor funding spreads peaked at the end of March and have since fallen from 0.6% to 0.4% currently. While we see the levels in March as extreme, there remains a chance that funding spreads will once again widen when the US Treasury begins to issue large amounts of Treasury bills again later in the year. Ultimately, the higher supply raises the prospect of higher US yields as hedged foreign demand wanes. Despite being wary of longer-dated valuations, the US Treasury's current bias towards shorter-dated issuance is likely to contribute to a bearish flattening of the yield curve. With US breakeven rates of inflation relatively stable (despite higher oil prices), movements in the yield curve have manifested themselves in higher real yields - real yields on a five-year, inflation-linked instrument at 0.7% are at the highest level since 2009. The fund added duration as US 10-year yields rose above 3% but once again reduced some exposure after bonds retreated 30 bps from the highs. At the quarter end, the fund's interest rate duration was around one year, about 0.25 years higher than at the end of the first quarter.

European investors have had much to deal with over the last three months with politics finally spilling over into markets. The Eurozone now has to contend not only with Brexit but a new Italian populist government which looks set to use domestic issues as a bargaining chip in the wider Eurozone reform debate. Migration has become a hot topic (especially for the coalition government in Germany) and individual states attitudes to the subject are a reminder of just how divided Europe remains on many issues. Europe's relationship with the US is also under strain as evident at a recent G7 summit. The imposition of tariffs (and subsequent retaliations), alongside the funding of NATO, remain live issues. Italian bonds performed poorly (down 5.2% in the last three months) in the wake of the Italian government's formation with yields experiencing unprecedented moves (two-year yields rose from 0% to 2.75% before ending the quarter at 0.67%). In core Europe, yields fell as the ECB remained dovish on rates, predicting rates would remain at current lows at least through the summer of 2019. The central bank also announced its intention to reduce new asset purchases from the current €30bn a month to €15bn in the fourth quarter of 2018 and complete purchases at the end of the year. Existing maturities will continue to be reinvested for an extended period with the market speculating that the ECB will skew those purchases into longer maturities thereby maximising the duration impact of its actions. Within the UK, Brexit wrangling dominates the headlines with definitive progress scant much to the annoyance of the business community. The Bank of England is inching closer to raising rates once again, resulting in current bond yields looking unappealing.

Emerging markets struggled throughout the quarter with local currency debt particularly weak as investors unwound carry trades. Turkish bonds lost 10% in value, Indonesia 6% and Brazil 5%. Emerging market currencies endured a particularly harsh selloff, the JP Morgan (JPM) Emerging Market Currency Index was down 10% during the quarter, with Argentina down over 30% and the South African rand, Turkish lira and Brazilian real down around 14%. Hard currency emerging market debt fared better but also succumbed to the wider sell off in credit markets. The spread on the JPM Emerging Market Bond Index widened from 3.2% to 3.9% during the quarter.

Credit spreads continued to widen in the second quarter with the weakness spreading from short, high quality instruments that bore the brunt of the widening in Libor during the first quarter to longer-dated and lower rated names in the last three months. European corporate bonds were particularly weak in June on the back of developments in Italy and the prospect of less asset purchases from the ECB. Financials suffered more than corporate credit, especially within Europe despite fears over rising trade tensions.

The US high yield markets proved to be an exception with the high oil price lending support to the shale producers. This has meant the ratio between US high-yield spreads and investment grade is at its tightest since the financial crisis. Much of the selloff was flow related as selling emerged on the back of ETF outflows or managers reducing exposures which helps explain why cash markets widened more than hedging instruments such as credit default swaps. Having built up sizable US Treasury bill positions in the first quarter, the fund switched much of this exposure out into AAA-rated covered bonds at the end of April as covered bonds spreads rose and Treasury bills became very expensive compared to swaps. The fund also invested in financial paper around the two year part of the curve, targeting a yield of around 3%. After the recent softening of spreads in the intermediate maturity (five-year), the fund has increased some of its longer-dated holdings. The fund has also added to some of its convertible holdings where we believe some of the best value is to be had. The fund also took part in new issues from FirstRand, Barclays Africa and Growthpoint. Due to movements in the cross currency basis we have increasingly found US corporate bonds to be more attractive for the fund than non-US denominated bonds hedged back into dollars. Overall, the credit risk within the fund rose from 1.15 years of credit duration to 1.57 years at the end of June. The fund also continues to employ a put option strategy to guard against a significant widening in credit spreads.

Property enjoyed a better quarter in local currency terms during the quarter although the strength of the US dollar meant only a few markets produced positive returns when expressed in US dollars. The funds exposure to property remained around 4% of fund throughout the quarter. Having bought back into Growthpoint Australia in the first quarter, the fund once again exited its position after a strong recovery in the shares. The fund also reduced some of its positions in German residential names such as Vonovia, Deutsche Wohnen and LEG after a strong run from the sector. After a raft of corporate announcements last quarter only Unibail's takeover of Westfield has proved successful. Klepierre withdrew its bid for Hammerson and Hammerson in turn walked away from its plans to merge with INTU. In the US, there are tentative signs that the retail backdrop for mall operators may be improving and management teams are expressing confidence in their ability to reposition malls for changing consumer trends - Simon Property Group reacted best among our holdings. UK names remain unloved with Brexit concerns or the weakness among high street retailers a headache for many property companies.

Within foreign exchange markets, the US dollar outperformed all other currencies with the Fed's broad dollar index up 5.6% over the quarter. There has been much debate as to the drivers of the dollar's move, - are we seeing some realignment due to interest rate differentials, is this flow driven as investors flee riskier asset classes such as emerging markets or is this reflective on some form of liquidity squeeze brought about by a shortage of dollars? The reality is it is most likely a bit of all these factors and US dollar speculative positioning is now a little extended, arguing for some let up in the dollar's recent strength. With recent significant outflows from equities and emerging market bond funds and investors' appetite for risk having swung into deeply bearish territory, there is a strong likelihood that recent trends will abate in the short term. The caveat may be a continued escalation in trade tensions that contributes to a further weakness in riskier asset classes and drives investors into perceived safe havens. The recent weakness in the Chinese currency has led some to speculate that China could utilise its currency to partly offset tariff increases. A more plausible explanation is that China has allowed its currency to readjust lower to realign it more closely with its trading partners which have in recent time weakened against the US dollar. China is also battling to offset the tightening in one part of the economy brought about by its clamping down on excessive leverage by supporting other sectors of the economy via reductions in banks' reserve requirements and enhanced liquidity operations.

The fund duration of around one year remains modest but we feel short-dated issues now offer good levels of breakeven protection. We remain more sceptical of longer-dated government bonds in the US and view developed market yields outside the US as expensive. Within credit markets, we believe value is emerging but this is a relative observation as a large deterioration in sentiment that motivated sizable sector outflows would soon reset spreads wider, one of the reasons we continue to employ an option protection strategy. We believe there are pockets of value and our convertible positions fall into this camp. Given that the withdrawal of central bank liquidity is in its early stages, investors should not be surprised if the recent rise in market volatility persists.

## Portfolio managers

**Mark le Roux, Stephen Peirce, Nishan Maharaj and Seamus Vasey**  
as at 30 June 2018

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## Important Information

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE INVESTING IN THE CORONATION GLOBAL STRATEGIC USD INCOME [ZAR] FEEDER FUND

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### 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.

### 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. 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 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 September 2017 (updated annually). The 3 year TER is for a rolling 36-month period to the last 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.

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