

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.

WHO ARE THE FUND MANAGERS?

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

GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Launch Date	1 April 1997
Fund Class	R
Benchmark	Market-cap weighted composite: JSE Mid & Small Cap Indices excluding real estate
ASISA Fund Category	South African – Equity – Mid and Small Cap
Regulation 28	Does not comply
Income Distribution	Semi-annually (March & September)
Investment minimum	R5 000 or R500/m debit order
Bloomberg Code	CORSPEG
ISIN Code	ZAE000019824
JSE Code	COSG

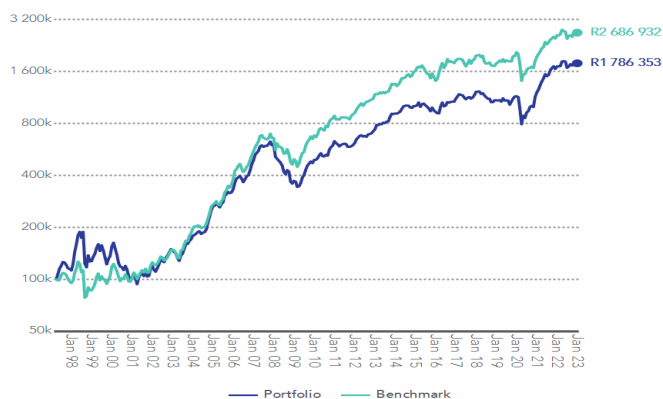
CLASS R as at 31 December 2022

ASISA Fund Category	South African - Equity - Mid & Small Cap
Launch date	01 April 1997
Fund size	R383.22 million
NAV	9647.72 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%	1.20%
Fund expenses	0.99%	0.99%
VAT	0.04%	0.07%
Transaction costs (inc. VAT)	0.15%	0.15%
Total Investment Charge	0.20%	0.22%
	1.38%	1.42%

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)	1686.4%	2586.9%	(900.6)%
Since Launch (annualised)	11.8%	13.6%	(1.8)%
Latest 20 years (annualised)	13.3%	15.6%	(2.3)%
Latest 15 years (annualised)	7.5%	9.8%	(2.4)%
Latest 10 years (annualised)	9.2%	8.6%	0.6%
Latest 5 years (annualised)	7.9%	6.3%	1.6%
Latest 3 years (annualised)	15.8%	9.1%	6.7%
Latest 1 year	4.3%	3.6%	0.7%
Year to date	4.3%	3.6%	0.7%

RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH

	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Deviation	18.2%	17.1%
Sharpe Ratio	0.17	0.29
Maximum Gain	67.2%	63.6%
Maximum Drawdown	(50.2)%	(38.2)%
Positive Months	62.5%	62.1%

	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 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%
Fund 2021	4.0%	5.6%	5.4%	4.2%	5.8%	(2.6)%	1.7%	6.3%	3.1%	2.4%	(3.4)%	3.4%	41.5%
Fund 2020	(1.3)%	(13.9)%	(19.0)%	12.2%	(3.2)%	7.6%	1.9%	5.9%	1.3%	(1.5)%	14.2%	6.4%	5.1%
Fund 2019	(0.1)%	0.2%	(1.8)%	4.5%	(3.1)%	0.5%	(0.4)%	(5.3)%	4.3%	4.2%	2.5%	0.4%	5.6%
Fund 2018	0.1%	0.4%	(3.4)%	0.9%	(2.8)%	(2.3)%	(1.9)%	(0.1)%	(4.6)%	0.3%	2.6%	(0.2)%	(10.7)%

PORTFOLIO DETAIL

EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE

Sector	31 Dec 2022
Domestic Assets	100.0%
■ Equities	99.1%
Basic Materials	4.8%
Industrials	16.0%
Consumer Goods	10.6%
Health Care	2.6%
Consumer Services	25.1%
Telecommunications	1.9%
Financials	30.1%
Technology	4.2%
Derivatives	3.8%
■ Real Estate	0.3%
■ Cash	0.6%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

As at 31 Dec 2022	% of Fund
Spar Group Ltd	4.9%
Advtech Ltd	3.9%
Reinet Investment SCA	3.9%
Metair Investments Ltd	3.7%
KAP International Holdings Ltd	3.6%
OUTsurance Group Ltd	3.6%
Hosken Consolidated Investments	3.5%
Invicta Holdings Ltd	3.5%
Oceana Group Ltd	3.0%
Quilter plc	3.0%

INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Declaration	Payment	Amount	Dividend	Interest
30 Sep 2022	03 Oct 2022	351.57	345.81	5.76
31 Mar 2022	01 Apr 2022	58.71	54.60	4.12
30 Sep 2021	01 Oct 2021	219.90	214.95	4.95
31 Mar 2021	01 Apr 2021	333.27	329.77	3.50

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

Performance and fund positioning

The Fund returned 4.3% for 2022. While this may not be a particularly exciting outcome, it does come on the back of a very strong 2021 Fund return of 41.5%. The Fund was the second-best performing fund in its category for the one- and three-year periods, and the best performer over 10 years.

The table below shows the performance of the fund relative to other funds and indices, over various time periods to end December 2022.

	Periods ending 31 Dec 2022		
	1yr	3yr	10yr
Coronation Smaller Companies	4.3%	15.8%	9.2%
Coronation Top 20	9.0%	13.8%	9.9%
All Share Index Total Return	3.6%	12.7%	9.9%
Mid-Cap Index Total Return	1.6%	3.9%	7.1%
Small-Cap Index Total Return	7.6%	19.5%	9.8%
Simple ave of Mid- and Small-Cap	4.6%	11.7%	8.5%

Source: Morningstar

We are pleased with the performance of the Fund, especially relative to the FTSE All Share Index (ALSI), which is dominated by some large global businesses and big diversified mining companies. The Fund is not able to invest in the likes of Naspers, British American Tobacco, Anheuser-Busch Inbev (AB InBev), Richemont, Anglo American or BHP Billiton. Instead, the Fund can be viewed as a SA Inc. proxy given that approximately 70% of the benchmark is comprised of SA industrial companies and another 20% by SA financials, with the balance being smaller resource companies. As such, it is pleasing that the Fund was able to beat the ALSI over one and three years, and just about match it over 10 years. We think this illustrates a few things.

- 1) Despite an extremely difficult environment in which to run a business, many SA businesses have been very well run.
 - a. Running a business in South Africa is not for the faint-hearted. In this year alone we have had to deal with unprecedented levels of loadshedding, terrible flooding, political upheaval, and sharply rising interest rates, driven by rampant inflation in key cost categories such as fuel and food. Despite this, there are many companies in SA that have risen to the challenge that SA provides. Companies like Dis-Chem have many years of growth ahead of them, while others like Mpact have added huge value to shareholders by aggressively buying back shares in the months after the Covid lows.

- 2) It is possible to eke out reasonable returns from investing in undervalued companies in a challenged environment.
 - a. Just because SA is a difficult environment in which to operate a business, it doesn't mean one can't still make reasonable investments. In fact, the difficulty of the circumstances in SA often means that shares trade on very low multiples, and if the business is well run or the business environment improves marginally, the rating the market places on the business can improve. A re-rating from a PE of 5 to a PE of 7 is a 40% return.
- 3) Just because it's a big global business, it doesn't mean it has no risks attached.
 - a. The vast majority of Naspers' value is its holding in Tencent, which is a Chinese business and subject to the risks of that country. This year, we have seen that investing in China comes with significant risk due to the concentration of power in the political leadership and Xi Jinping in particular.
 - b. AB InBev has been a terrible investment for the past seven years. Its late 2016 listing price was above R1 800 per share. Today the share price is a touch over R1 000. In hindsight, the business was overvalued back then at around a mid-twenties PE multiple and is now far more sensibly valued.

Outlook

We don't always get it right but on balance we have been able to build a portfolio of smaller SA companies that have delivered reasonable investment return over time. Despite the numerous challenges that our country faces, we see no reason why we can't continue to do this.

Portfolio manager

Alistair Lea

as at 31 December 2022

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. 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) (FSP 548) Ltd, 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; 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

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