# **CORONATION SA EQUITY FUND**

Fund Information as at 29 February 2024



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

The SA Equity Fund aims to achieve the best possible long-term growth from investing in South African shares.

# WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

The SA Equity Fund invests in the shares of companies listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. While investments in foreign markets are specifically excluded, the fund can invest in international companies that are listed in South Africa.

There are no restrictions on how much exposure the fund can have to different sectors (for example, to mining, financial or industrial companies).

The fund will be fully invested in shares at all times. 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



The fund's managers actively seek out attractively valued shares that could achieve strong investment growth over the long run. Rigorous research is conducted into the long-term potential of a company and whether it is attractively valued relative to other companies, before its shares are selected for the fund.

Shares can be volatile investments and there is a meaningful risk of capital loss over the short term. However, given its focus on attractively valued shares that could offer long-term growth, the SA Equity Fund may preserve capital better than its benchmark over the long run.

# HOW LONG SHOULD INVESTORS REMAIN INVESTED?

The fund is managed to deliver the best possible returns over the long term; an investment horizon of 10 years or more is therefore ideal. It is not suitable as a single investment for investors who need to preserve their capital over five years or less.

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

Investors who are building wealth, and who

- are comfortable with full exposure to shares listed in South Africa;
- accept that the fund may underperform the market in the short term in pursuit of superior long-term gains.
- > do not require an income in the short term.
- The fund is less concentrated than the Coronation Top 20 fund, making it more suitable for investors holding only one equity fund.

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

An annual fee of a minimum of 0.75% and a maximum of 2.60%, depending on the fund's performance, is payable.

If the fund's return (after fees and costs) is equal to that of the benchmark, a fee of 1.10% will be charged. We share in 20% of the performance above the benchmark, up to a total annual fee of 2.60%. Performance is measured over a rolling 24-month period.

When the fund return (after fees) is below the benchmark over a rolling 60-month period the fee is discounted by 0.35%.

All fees exclude VAT. 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 fund 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?



**KARL LEINBERGER**BBusSc, CA (SA), CFA



SARAH-JANE ALEXANDER BBusSc, CFA

# GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Launch Date	30 September 2015
Fund Class	А
Benchmark	FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholders Weighted All Share Index (C-SWIX)
ASISA Fund Category	South African – Equity – General
Income Distribution	Semi-annually (March & September)
Investment minimum	R5 000 or R500/m debit order
Bloomberg Code	CORSAEA
ISIN Code	ZAE000209441
JSE Code	CSEFA

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1 Year\* 1.30%

1.10%

0.02%

0.02%

0.17%

0.25%

1.55%

1.44%

1.09%

0.13%

0.03%

0.18%

0.28%

1.72%

TRUST IS EARNED

ASISA Fund Category South African - Equity - General

Launch date30 September 2015Fund sizeR 2.43 billionNAV145.71 cents

 Benchmark/Performance
 FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholders

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 Weighted All Share Index

 Portfolio manager/s
 Karl Leinberger and Sarah-Jane

Alexander

# 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)	73.5%	84.5%	(11.0)%
Since Launch (annualised)	6.8%	7.6%	(0.8)%
Latest 5 years (annualised)	10.3%	8.6%	1.7%
Latest 3 years (annualised)	8.4%	7.2%	1.3%
Latest 2 years (annualised)	3.9%	0.9%	3.0%
Latest 1 year	(0.8)%	(2.0)%	1.2%
Year to date	(2.5)%	(5.0)%	2.6%

## RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH

	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Deviation	14.5%	14.8%
Sharpe Ratio	0.02	0.07
Maximum Gain	40.2%	37.3%
Maximum Drawdown	(25.1%)	(23.3%)
Positive Months	57.4%	57.4%

	Fund	Date Range
Highest annual return	58.1%	Apr 2020 - Mar 2021
Lowest annual return	(17.9%)	Apr 2019 - Mar 2020

# Total Investment Charge PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Total Expense Ratio

VAT

Fund expenses

Transaction costs (inc. VAT)

#### EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE

Fee for performance in line with benchmark

Adjusted for out/(under)-performance

Sector	29 Feb 2024
Domestic Assets	100.0%
■ Equities	99.1%
Basic Materials	13.2%
Industrials	1.0%
Consumer Goods	8.0%
Health Care	2.2%
Consumer Services	28.4%
Telecommunications	1.6%
Financials	27.9%
Technology	14.8%
Derivatives	2.1%
Real Estate	0.1%
Cash	0.8%

#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

As at 31 Dec 2023	% of Fund
FirstRand Limited	7.3%
Cie Financiere Richemont Ag	7.3%
Naspers Ltd	6.9%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	6.6%
Prosus	6.2%
Quilter plc	4.7%
Capitec Bank Ltd	4.6%
Mondi Limited	4.2%
Anheuser-Busch Inbev SA/NV	3.9%
Bid Corp Ltd	3.6%

## INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Declaration	Payment	Amount	Dividend	Interest
29 Sep 2023	02 Oct 2023	2.35	2.30	0.05
31 Mar 2023	03 Apr 2023	0.76	0.73	0.03
30 Sep 2022	03 Oct 2022	1.98	1.94	0.04
31 Mar 2022	01 Apr 2022	1.06	1.04	0.03

# MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS (AFTER FEES)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2024	(1.8)%	(0.6)%											(2.5)%
Fund 2023	7.8%	(1.6)%	(4.6)%	1.9%	(6.1)%	5.3%	2.2%	(2.0)%	(3.1)%	(3.2)%	10.2%	2.3%	7.9%
Fund 2022	(0.2)%	1.1%	1.3%	(2.1)%	0.6%	(6.1)%	3.2%	(0.7)%	(3.7)%	4.8%	8.5%	(2.4)%	3.5%
Fund 2021	4.3%	6.0%	3.9%	0.5%	2.0%	(2.9)%	3.0%	1.3%	0.6%	5.0%	(1.4)%	4.3%	29.5%
Fund 2020	(0.7)%	(9.7)%	(11.8)%	11.9%	0.7%	5.6%	2.0%	0.5%	(0.6)%	(4.6)%	13.2%	5.2%	8.8%

\*This column shows the most recently available figures for the 12 months ending January 2024.

The 12-month TER for the financial year ending September 2023 was 1.38% which included a 0.09% adjustment for out/(under) performance and a total investment charge of 1.62%.

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# **CORONATION SA EQUITY FUND**

Quarterly Portfolio Manager Commentary



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

#### **Performance**

The Fund returned 9.1% for the quarter resulting in a return of 7.9% over the last year. The Fund has performed pleasingly since its inception.

#### **Fund positioning**

After rapid rate rises throughout 2022 and the first half of 2023, inflation in developed markets receded swiftly in Q4-23. Prospects of rate cuts into 2024 fuelled global markets in the last quarter, with the MSCI All Country World Index returning 11% in Q4-23 (to end the year up 22% in USD). Fears of a US recession were allayed by resilient labour markets and a robust consumer. Several high-profile bank failures were well-contained, and they did not lead to any broader systemic issues.

The much-touted post-Covid Chinese recovery has disappointed with weaker-than-expected growth (MSCI China -4% in Q4-23 and -11% for the year in USD). Lower growth prospects and a weak real estate sector do, however, open the door to further stimulus in the year ahead. Notwithstanding the risks of investing in China, we believe a holding in the portfolio is warranted, given the very low prices at which many high-quality businesses trade.

Oil prices softened during 2023 (-10%) given weaker-than-expected demand, resilient supply out of Russia and stronger non-OPEC supply. The market is sceptical that OPEC can defend higher oil prices. To our surprise, the oil market comfortably absorbed a dramatic increase in tensions across the Middle East. Geopolitical uncertainty does, however, remain heightened, given the Middle East conflict, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and tensions between China and the US.

In SA, the economic outlook remains constrained by failing infrastructure, a thinning talent pool and the rising costs of doing business. We, therefore, expect domestic inflation to be stickier than many expect it to be. Although lower levels of loadshedding should bring some relief for businesses, we don't believe that it will be sufficient to materially change the muted growth prospects for the domestic economy. We remain concerned about the sustainability of SA's high sovereign debt level, given the poor fiscal outlook and the inability of the government to reign in expenditure. Rising debt service costs, wage increases, ongoing bailouts of failing municipalities and State-owned enterprises, as well as social support in the form of grants all place a heavy burden on the fiscus. The currency weakened by -7% against the USD for the year.

The FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (ZAR) returned 8% for the quarter to also end the year at 8%. Amongst the domestic asset classes, the Fund favours SA equities. SA equities offer attractive return prospects and diversification away from a tough domestic economy given the high offshore exposure of many JSE-listed companies. Fund holdings include global stocks listed on the JSE and selected resources and domestic stocks. Domestic stocks offer good stock picking opportunities. But avoiding value traps is critical. A slew of weak domestic results

throughout 2023 illustrated the pain that comes when costs grow faster than the top line. We favour strong businesses that can grow faster than the underlying economy and can pass cost pressures on to customers.

The financial sector returned +12% for the quarter (+21% over 12 months). The Fund held a sizeable position in the SA banks during 2023 given their low ratings, high dividend yields, and the prospect of strong revenue growth supported by interest rate rises. This enabled our holdings to deliver earnings growth despite higher credit losses. Credit losses are expected to subside as the rate cycle turns. Given the attractive valuation of banks, we believe they continue to merit a place in the portfolio.

The resource sector returned 3% for the quarter to end the year down 12%. The Fund holds an underweight position in resources, given early profit-taking across most of the sector (diversified miners, PGM miners and gold shares). The long-term PGM outlook is bleak as electric vehicle adoption accelerates and local producers battle rising production costs. The underweight position in PGMs has benefited the Fund, which continues to have no exposure to pure-play PGM producers. Gold prices rose (+13%) during the year, supported by central bank buying and heightened geopolitical uncertainty. The gold equities are discounting gold prices close to spot. Consequently, we do not believe they offer a sufficient margin of safety.

The Industrials Index rose +6% for the quarter (+17% for the year). The Fund's core holdings include many of the global stocks listed in SA: Naspers, Richemont, Aspen, Bidcorp, British American Tobacco and Anheuser-Busch InBev. The Fund has been a long-term shareholder of Textainer, indirectly through a holding in Trencor (of which Textainer was the major asset) and directly (post the 2020 unbundling). Coronation actively engaged with Trencor management over many years to achieve the Textainer unbundling. It was pleasing to see recognition of the value that had been trapped in the Trencor structure with the private equity offer for Textainer at a meaningful premium during Q4-23. The Fund exited its position on the back of this.

#### Outlook

We are optimistic about future returns given the many attractive stock picking opportunities available in local equity markets. Careful stock picking is critical to avoid value traps.

Portfolio managers
Karl Leinberger and Sarah-Jane Alexander
as at 31 December 2023

# **CORONATION SA EQUITY FUND**

Important Information



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE INVESTING IN THE CORONATION SA EQUITY FUND

The SA Equity 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; 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.

#### HOW ARE THE BENCHMARK RETURNS CALCULATED?

From 1 April 2021 the fund's benchmark is the FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholders Weighted All Share Index (C-SWIX) which replaces the FTSE/JSE Capped All Share Index (CAPI). The benchmark returns shown in this MDD will be spliced between the previously applicable index values (CAPI up to 31 March 2021) and the new index returns from 1 April 2021.

Note that we use the formal SA – Equity – General category benchmark as specified in the ASISA Standard on Fund Classification, which is currently the FSTE/JSE All Share Index, for compliance monitoring purposes.

# 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 a rolling 12-month period to the last available month end (updated monthly). The financial year TER displayed at the bottom of page 2, is the latest available 12-month TER to the end of the previous financial year ending 30 September (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

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