CORONATION SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

Fund Information as at 31 July 2025

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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

10/10
Aggressive

Maximum growth/
minimum income exposures

Growth Assets: 100%
Income Assets: 0%

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
Income Distribution	Semi-annually (March & September)
Investment minimum	R5 000 or R500/m debit order
Bloomberg Code	CORSPEG
ISIN Code	ZAE000019824
JSE Code	COSG

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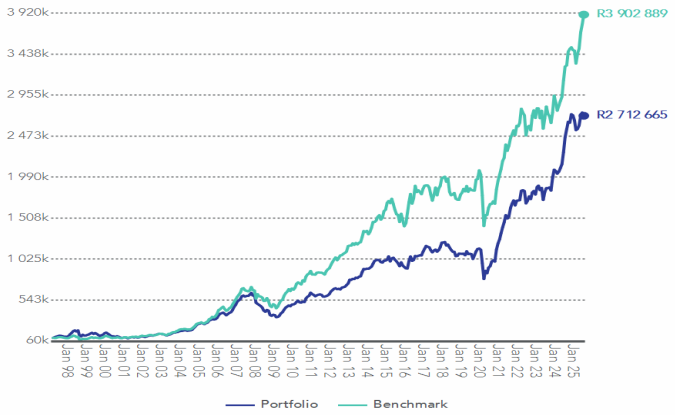
CLASS R as at 31 July 2025

ASISA Fund Category	South African - Equity - Mid & Small Cap
Launch date	01 April 1997
Fund size	R553.41 million
NAV	13622.34 cents
Benchmark	Market-cap weighted composite: FTSE/JSE Africa Mid & Small Cap Indices
Portfolio manager/s	Alistair Lea

	1 Year	3 Year
Total Expense Ratio	1.18%	1.18%
Fund management fee	0.99%	0.99%
Fund expenses	0.04%	0.04%
VAT	0.15%	0.15%
Transaction costs (inc. VAT)	0.14%	0.14%
Total Investment Charge	1.32%	1.32%

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)	2612.7%	3802.9%	(30.5)%
Since Launch (annualised)	12.4%	13.8%	(1.5)%
Latest 20 years (annualised)	11.5%	13.3%	(1.8)%
Latest 15 years (annualised)	11.5%	11.4%	0.2%
Latest 10 years (annualised)	10.5%	9.6%	0.8%
Latest 5 years (annualised)	23.5%	18.4%	5.1%
Latest 3 years (annualised)	16.5%	14.8%	1.7%
Latest 1 year	10.3%	18.6%	(8.3)%
Year to date	(0.2)%	12.0%	(12.2)%

RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH

	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Deviation	17.7%	16.7%
Sharpe Ratio	0.21	0.31
Maximum Gain	67.2%	63.6%
Maximum Drawdown	(50.2)%	(38.2)%
Positive Months	62.6%	62.4%

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

PORTFOLIO DETAIL

EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE

Sector	31 Jul 2025
Domestic Assets	100.0%
Equities	99.1%
Basic Materials	8.1%
Industrials	18.4%
Consumer Goods	8.6%
Health Care	2.9%
Consumer Services	23.8%
Financials	25.6%
Technology	10.0%
Derivatives	1.7%
Real Estate	0.2%
Cash	0.8%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

As at 30 Jun 2025	% of Fund
Prosus	5.9%
Brait Se	5.9%
Advtech Ltd	5.8%
Bid Corp Ltd	5.6%
Northam Platinum Ltd	5.4%
Hudaco Industries Ltd	4.5%
Raubex Group	4.4%
Quilter	4.3%
Mondi Limited	3.9%
Dis-chem Pharmacies Ltd	3.9%

INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Declaration	Payment	Amount	Dividend	Interest
31 Mar 2025	01 Apr 2025	114.07	105.84	8.23
30 Sep 2024	01 Oct 2024	224.54	202.33	22.21
28 Mar 2024	02 Apr 2024	135.12	120.45	14.67
29 Sep 2023	02 Oct 2023	178.56	167.44	11.12

MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS (AFTER FEES)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2025	(2.3)%	(4.2)%	0.6%	1.6%	4.3%	1.5%	(1.4)%						(0.2)%
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%
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%

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

Performance and fund positioning

A quarter of a year is a long time in investment markets these days! At the time of writing this commentary for Q1, the market was being decimated by the Trump administration's tariff announcements (Trump tariffs). Today, all is but forgotten, with the US market having regained its all-time highs recently. Similarly, the Coronation Smaller Companies Fund ("the Fund") had a decent quarter, returning 7.6%. The three-year compound annual growth rate (CAGR) performance remains strong at 17.8%, still the top-performing fund in its category.

The three largest buys during the quarter were the JSE Limited (JSE), Raubex and Afrimat.

We have not owned the JSE for many years, but did buy a small position during the quarter. The equity market volatility that we have seen this year as a result of various factors such as the Trump tariffs and various geopolitical tensions, all play into the JSE's hands. The primary driver of its fortune is the value of equity traded on the market, which is up 26% year to date. The JSE is therefore a useful portfolio diversifier in that it benefits from events that are harmful to most other companies.

Raubex is one of the last remaining credible listed construction companies, alongside Wilson Bayly Holmes Ovcon. It is a superbly managed business, which began life as a road builder, but is now a multi-disciplinary construction company. Despite the general headlines suggesting a lack of infrastructure spend in SA, Raubex is thriving (its order book is up 23% CAGR since 2020). Construction companies are perhaps not the highest quality companies we can invest in, but Raubex generates above-average returns on capital, has grown its real earnings healthily over the past five and 10 years, and generates reasonable free cash flow. As such, Raubex is now a top 10 position in the Fund.

Afrimat is a junior mining company with a strong and entrepreneurial management team. It has a proven ability to identify troubled (and therefore cheap) businesses and ore bodies, and to manage them in a more efficient way to the benefit of its shareholders. They have done this for over a decade, but in its 2025 financial year, Afrimat experienced a perfect storm of negative events, which has caused the share price to lose significant ground. Having not owned the share before, we have used this period of weakness to accumulate a small position.

The three largest sells during the quarter were Impala Platinum, Spar and Northam Platinum (Northam).

The platinum group metals (PGM) shares we hold in the Fund have performed very well this year on the back of a 23% year-to-date move in the rand PGM basket price. Our selling of Impala Platinum and Northam was a small adjustment to our PGM weighting in the Fund after the strong run. Northam remains a top 10 position.

Spar has been a very disappointing holding for the Fund, and after years of believing things would improve, we finally exited the small position we still held. The business has had a myriad of problems in the past five years, many of which they will probably overcome. But the fundamental question we are grappling with is whether this is a winning business in the long term. While we think their franchise model and central buying function has advantages, such as Spar stores run by motivated owners as opposed to corporate managers – their model also has disadvantages. Firstly, they have two mouths to feed (the franchisor and franchisee). Secondly, they rely 100% on the loyalty of their independent store owners, who are free to buy goods elsewhere. They have also come up against a formidable competitor in the Shoprite Group (that also owns Checkers), who are 100% focused and executing flawlessly. Despite the valuation gap between Spar and Shoprite, we are more confident in owning the latter on a long-term view.

Portfolio manager
Alistair Lea
as at 30 June 2025

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; 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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