# CORONATION GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS FLEXIBLE [ZAR] FUND

Fund Information as at 30 June 2025



# WHAT IS THE FUND'S OBJECTIVE?

The Global Emerging Markets Flexible [ZAR] Fund aims to give investors access to the best opportunities in emerging equity markets. The fund actively seeks out attractively valued shares to maximise long-term growth. Our intent is to outperform the emerging equity benchmark over all periods of five years and longer.

# WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

The fund invests in the shares of companies which are either based in emerging countries, or earn a significant part of their revenue from emerging economies. It can also invest in cash and bonds, but will remain biased towards shares at all times. The fund is mandated to use derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes.

# IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS



The fund will only invest in shares we view as being attractively valued and which may offer superior long-term investment growth.

The fund's share selection is the result of rigorous international research conducted by Coronation's investment team.

While we have a disciplined approach to reducing risk, shares can be volatile investments and there is a meaningful risk of capital loss over the short term. Emerging markets are generally viewed as more risky than developed markets. Global currency movements may intensify investment gains or declines.

# 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 in emerging markets;
- accept that the fund may underperform the market significantly in the short term in pursuit of superior long-term gains;
- hold other investments and are looking for exposure to emerging markets;
- do not require an income from their investment.

# WHAT COSTS CAN I EXPECT TO PAY?

An annual fee of a minimum of 1.00% and a maximum of 2.40%, depending on the fund's performance, is payable.

If fund performance equals that of the benchmark (after fees and costs), a fee of 1.15% will be charged. We share in 20% of performance above the benchmark, up to a total annual fee of 2.40%. Performance is measured over a rolling 24-month period.

If the fund underperforms the benchmark over any 60-month period, the fee is reduced by 0.15%.

All fees exclude 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.

# WHO ARE THE FUND MANAGERS?

GAVIN JOUBERT	SUHAIL SULEMAN	IAKOVOS MEKIOS				
BBusSc, CA (SA), CFA	BBusSC, CFA	Ptychion (BSc), MIA, IMC, CFA				

# GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Launch Date	28 December 2007
Fund Class	А
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Index
ASISA Fund Category	Global – Multi-asset – Flexible
Income Distribution	Semi-annually (March & September)
Investment Minimum	R5 000 or R500/m debit order
Bloomberg Code	CORGLOB
ISIN Code	ZAE000109211
JSE Code	CGEM

# CORONATION GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS FLEXIBLE [ZAR] FUND

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Launch date	28 December 2007
Fund size	R 5.34 billion
NAV	380.11 cents
Benchmark/Performance	MSCI Emerging Markets I
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Portfolio manager/s	Gavin Joubert, Suhail Sule

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# PERFORMANCE AND RISK STATISTICS

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



# PERFORMANCE FOR VARIOUS PERIODS (AFTER FEES)

	Fund	Benchmark
Since Launch (unannualised)	299.1%	299.6%
Since Launch (annualised)	8.2%	8.2%
Latest 15 years (annualised)	9.6%	10.6%
Latest 10 years (annualised)	6.8%	8.8%
Latest 5 years (annualised)	2.4%	7.2%
Latest 3 years (annualised)	17.5%	12.8%
Latest 2 years (annualised)	11.2%	10.4%
Latest 1 year	15.7%	12.2%
Year to date	13.7%	8.3%

# **RISK STATISTICS SINCE LAUNCH**

	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Deviation	16.8%	14.7%
Sharpe Ratio	0.08	0.09
Maximum Gain	25.5%	36.4%
Maximum Drawdown	(40.6)%	(44.2)%
Positive Months	54.8%	56.7%

	Fund	Date Range
Highest annual return	49.7%	Mar 2009 - Feb 2010
Lowest annual return	(37.5%)	Mar 2008 - Feb 2009

#### 3 Year 1 Year\* 1.64% 1.46% Total Expense Ratio 1.15% 1.15% Fee for performance in line with benchmark 0.02% Adjusted for out/(under)-performance 0.18% Fund expenses 0.12% 0.12% VAT 0.20% 0.18% Transaction costs (inc. VAT) 0.25% 0.22% Total Investment Charge 1.89% 1.68%

# PORTFOLIO DETAIL

# EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE

Country	30 Jun 2025
Equities	98.35%
China	23.67%
Brazil	13.53%
South Korea	10.87%
India	10.76%
Taiwan	8.07%
Singapore	7.23%
France	3.58%
Indonesia	3.33%
Turkey	2.45%
Hong Kong	2.30%
Other	12.57%
Cash	1.56%
USD	1.59%
Other	0.06%
EUR	(0.01)%
ZAR	(0.08)%
Real Estate	0.09%
Brazil	0.09%

# **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

As at 30 Jun 2025	% of Fund
Tsmc (Taiwan)	6.0%
Nu Holdings (Brazil)	4.9%
Prosus (China)	4.2%
Coupang (South Korea)	4.1%
Hdfc Bank Limited (India)	3.7%
Sea (Singapore)	3.7%
Airbus Group Se (France)	3.6%
Grab Holdings (Singapore)	3.5%
Mercado Libre (Brazil)	3.5%
Jd.com (China)	3.4%

# **INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS**

Declaration	Payment	Amount	Dividend	Interest
28 Mar 2025	01 Apr 2025	0.00	0.00	0.00
27 Sep 2024	01 Oct 2024	0.00	0.00	0.00

# MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS (AFTER FEES)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2025	2.9%	(0.4)%	(2.0)%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%							13.7%
Fund 2024	(1.9)%	7.7%	2.3%	(0.4)%	1.7%	(4.4)%	(3.4)%	(0.7)%	6.7%	(1.5)%	0.0%	1.1%	6.5%
Fund 2023	13.7%	(1.9)%	(1.4)%	1.1%	3.6%	1.6%	2.5%	(1.2)%	(4.4)%	(5.3)%	10.5%	0.8%	19.3%

\*This column shows the most recently available figures for the 12 months ending April 2025.

The 12-month TER for the financial year ending September 2024 was 1.80% which included a 0.31% adjustment for out/(under) performance and a total investment charge of 2.02%.

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# CORONATION GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS FLEXIBLE [ZAR] FUND

Quarterly Portfolio Manager Commentary

# CORONATION

# Please note that the commentary is for the retail class of the Fund. All Fund and share price returns are quoted in ZAR.

The Fund returned 13.2% in the second quarter of 2025 (Q2), 5.0% ahead of the return of the benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets Total (Net) Return Index of 8.2%. This brings the total return for the year to date to 13.7%, 5.4% ahead of the benchmark. Besides good relative performance from the Fund, it is also encouraging that Emerging Markets (EM) as an asset class is now delivering strong absolute returns after not having done so for a number of years. In this regard, the Fund has produced a return of 15.7% over the past one-year period (outperforming the benchmark by 3.49%) and a return of 17.5% p.a. over three years (outperforming the benchmark by 4.7% p.a.). The five- and 10-year returns are clearly not yet where we want them, and we continue to work towards improving these outcomes. Since its inception in December 2007, the Fund has performed in line with the benchmark return.

The biggest contributor to the Fund's outperformance in the quarter was Coupang, a South Korean ecommerce retailer. Coupang returned 34% (in ZAR, as are all stock returns referenced herein) and contributed outperformance of 1.0%. The share price move was driven by the excellent results that it reported for the first quarter. Coupang's core ecommerce offering in Korea, which makes up about 90% of total revenue, delivered revenue growth of 16% (in local currency) in the first quarter. With overall retail sales in Korea up by only a few percent, this was a stellar result and another indicator that Coupang continues to grow its market share, both within ecommerce and the retail sector as a whole. Coupang's less mature offerings, such as food delivery in Korea and ecommerce in Taiwan, showed currency-neutral revenue growth of 78%, bringing overall revenue growth to 21% year on year (YoY). As these developing offerings ramp up, the losses they incur have narrowed (from -30% to -16% EBITDA margins YoY), and so the operating profit of the business at the group level (the core ecommerce business is very profitable) increased by 285%. The figures below illustrate how Coupang Eats (its food delivery business) has grown monthly Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) to the detriment of the market leader Baemin (owned by Delivery Hero) and the number three player Yogiyo. This has largely been achieved by extending the benefits of Coupang's ecommerce loyalty programme to food delivery, and, in our view, these strong market share gains are likely to continue.

Despite the strong share price performance, Coupang is still very attractively valued – its current operating margin is under 2% and we believe the business can ultimately be several percentage points higher. Together with double-digit revenue growth, this results in cumulative earnings growth in excess of 25% p.a. for several years ahead. Coupang is a 4.0% position in the Fund.

The second largest contributor to relative performance was NU Holdings ("NU"), the Latin American digital bank. NU returned 31% and also contributed 0.9% of outperformance. We have covered NU in detail in previous write-ups, but it is worth highlighting that the investment thesis continues to play out. In Brazil, NU already banks almost 60% of the adult population, and profitability continues to improve (the Return on Equity in Brazil is now 48%) as costs get diluted with scale. The Mexican and Colombian operations are growing steadily and are expected to make a material contribution in the years ahead. NU trades on 17x 2026 earnings and remains very attractive in our view.

After NU, the Fund's zero weighting in Alibaba added 0.9% to outperformance as Alibaba is a 3% weight in the benchmark and returned -16%. This partially reversed the upward move of Alibaba in the first quarter, which had cost the Fund relative performance at the time.

The other noteworthy contributor was Mercado Libre ("MELI", 3.5% of Fund at quarter end), the leading ecommerce and fintech platform in Latin America, with Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina accounting for around 95% of revenue and earnings. MELI returned 29% in the quarter and contributed 0.8% of outperformance. Like Coupang, this was driven by the most recent outstanding operating results: MELI's GMV rose 17% YoY in its reporting currency (USD), but in constant currency terms, GMV was up 40%. Total revenue was up 37% YoY, with ecommerce revenue growing 32% YoY, and the fintech business growing revenue 43% YoY. Overall operating profits rose by 45% compared to last year's first quarter. These exceptional results are due to historically heavy investment in the business ecosystem. MELI continue to offer a compelling proposition to customers, for example, by recently reducing the basket size threshold for free delivery in Brazil from R\$79 to R\$19 (roughly \$14.50 to \$3.50). Although this is likely to have a short-term impact on profitability, it will maintain their competitive positioning relative to other platforms like Shopee (owned by SEA – a 3.7% Fund position that contributed positively in the quarter).

Naspers/Prosus returned 19% (0.7% outperformance) and, in a departure from the usual outcome, this was not offset at all by negative alpha from not owning Tencent (which is Naspers/Prosus' main contributor to NAV). In fact, because Tencent was down 2% in the quarter (vs the benchmark return of 8.2%, the zero weight in Tencent added 0.4% of outperformance.

The biggest detractor in the quarter was JD.com (JD), which declined 22% and cost 1.0% in relative performance. The core ecommerce business at JD is showing good signs of recovery after a tough couple of years post the Covid reopening in late 2022. The three main parts of ecommerce (electronics & appliances, general merchandise, and third-party marketplace & advertising) are all growing strongly (around 10%), and this led to operating profit in the retail business growing by 38% YoY. The main reason for the share price decline has been concerns about JD entering the food delivery business to compete with Meituan, which dominates the sector in China. For reasons similar to Coupang in Korea, JD believes that its investment in logistics and drivers gives it an opportunity to have a meaningful contribution from food delivery in the years ahead, but in the short term, it will require heavy investment to get customers and restaurants on board. The "new business" segment in which food delivery having just launched in February, it is likely these losses will be larger in the quarters ahead as it ramps up. With markets being very short-term focused, this has weighed on the share price.

We believe that JD will be rational in its approach, and that these losses will moderate over time. They are also relatively small to the operating profit of RMB 13bn that JD delivered in its retail operation. Very importantly, JD continues to prioritise capital allocation and, after having bought back \$3.7bn in shares last year, they bought back another \$1.5bn in the first quarter as well as paying a \$1.5bn dividend in April. This combined shareholder return of \$3bn so far this year is around 6% of the

company's market capitalisation. JD trades on just 7x 2026 earnings and we believe it is materially undervalued.

Wizz Air ("Wizz", 1.7% of Fund) returned -25% in the quarter and cost the Fund 0.5% of relative performance, while Brava Energia, Pinduoduo (which we sold down during the quarter) and Meituan detracted ~0.4% each.

The move in Wizz was triggered by a full-year results' expectations miss and exacerbated by an unexpectedly weak ex-fuel unitary cost outlook. Wizz is suffering from a disproportionate share of its fleet being grounded (one in five planes) due to Pratt & Whitney engine issues that need to be resolved by the engine manufacturer. These are affecting several cost lines and largely explain the weak cost performance.

The groundings will become less material over time as the fleet grows with unaffected new planes and as the grounded fleet is serviced and returns to operation. We believe that the fleet's engine teething issues will eventually become an advantage due to superior fuel efficiency and capabilities offered by Wizz's Airbus A321neo aircraft versus previous generation models as well as Boeing equivalents. Wizz is expected to operate one of the youngest and most efficient fleets of any major European airline over the next decade. Wizz now trades on less than 6x 2026 earnings.

The biggest news of the quarter was the announcement by the US of increased tariffs against pretty much every country in the world, with particularly heavy tariffs on countries with a trade surplus in goods with the US, and punitive tariffs on China in particular. This happened early in the quarter and was then rolled back as US equity markets declined, US government bond yields rose (making borrowing more expensive), and the US dollar weakened. The end result looks to be higher trading barriers for most countries with the US, but nowhere near the worst-case scenarios first announced, and the US stock market has returned close to its all-time highs.

The impact of this volatility was to create a few buying opportunities in high-conviction stocks held in the Fund. A good example was SEA Limited (SEA), which we added to at lower levels. Although the share appreciated by 18% (in ZAR) during the quarter, this masked some large intra-quarter moves. During the market sell-off initiated by the US tariff announcements, the share aold off heavily, falling from \$135 (on the 2nd of April) to \$106 (on the 8th of April). In our view, there was unlikely to be any material direct impact from US tariffs on SEA's business: structural growth (increasing ecommerce penetration in Southeast Asia) provides a buffer against any tariff-induced economic weakness in Southeast Asia, and the only US exposure is in their digital entertainment division (gaming) which was not subject to trade-related tariff risks.

There were a few new buys in the quarter, the largest being Bank Central Asia ("BCA") in Indonesia. This is a previous Fund holding, sold when it became too expensive, but having now de-rated along with much of the Indonesian market, it was bought back. As far as banking in EM goes, BCA is as close as one gets to the "gold standard" – excellent management and impeccable execution in a fast-growing market. This additional exposure to Indonesian banking (the Fund also owns Bank Mandiri) brings the combined total exposure to 3.3%. Although BCA trades at a premium to Mandiri, the absolute forward PE multiple of 16x is amongst the lowest it has been in the last decade, and the long-term outlook remains very attractive. BCA's superior execution has seen it deliver Returns on Assets that are best in class.

The Fund also bought back into MakeMyTrip (0.8% position) and ICICI Bank (0.7%) in India. Other smaller new buys were luxury group Prada and Taiwanese technology firm Asia Vital Components (both being 0.7% positions). Asia Vital Components provides cooling systems for power-hungry data centres and is growing particularly strongly in liquid cooling technology, which is more effective for Artificial Intelligence data centres. This is a very high-return business (30%+ Return on Invested Capital) and on 16x 2026 earnings, in our view, the stock is not priced for our earnings per share forecasts of 25%+ growth p.a. for the next couple of years.

A few positions were sold to fund these new buys as well as some of the position size increases in existing stocks. The most material sales were AngloGold Ashanti (1.7% of Fund at end March) and Pinduoduo Holdings (1.8% of Fund). In the case of AngloGold, the continued upward move in the share price provided insufficient upside (on any sort of normalised gold prices), particularly with the underlying gold price reaching all-time highs and being well above our assessment of normal. In the case of Pinduoduo, the sale was prompted by another re-evaluation of the investment case after yet more warning signs that culminated in very weak results in the first quarter. Although revenue was up 10% YoY, operating profit was down almost 40%. Disclosure of operating trends both domestically and in their international business (Teru) has been getting more opaque over time, and the refusal to countenance any form of capital return with their huge cash balance (\$50bn net cash) has caused us to question the credibility of the management team.

We remain very excited about the prospects for the Fund and have been very actively travelling to meet current holdings and assess new prospects. During the quarter, our analysts were in India, China, Korea, and Taiwan, and we have a number of other trips planned for the remainder of the year.

### Portfolio managers

Gavin Joubert, Suhail Suleman and Iakovos Mekios as at 30 June 2025



Important Information

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE INVESTING IN THE CORONATION GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS FLEXIBLE [ZAR] 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 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 36month 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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## WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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