

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Coronation Granite Plus Hedge Fund is managed as a long/short fixed income fund, investing in a diversified portfolio of securities, including derivative instruments, bonds and cash. The Coronation Granite Plus Hedge Fund makes use of six core and distinct fixed income strategies, namely: Directional View Taking, Yield Curve Positioning, Corporate Credit Opportunities, Arbitrage Strategies, Quantitative and Relative Value Trades in the pursuit of producing consistent absolute returns independent of general market direction.

The fund is expected to have low volatility with a very low correlation to the All Bond Index (ALBI). Investment decisions are driven by fundamental proprietary in-house research. The fund's target return is cash plus 4%. The objective is to achieve this return with low risk, providing attractive risk-adjusted returns through a low fund standard deviation.

The fund may make use of derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes.

## INVESTMENT PARAMETERS

The Coronation Granite Plus Hedge Fund may invest in international investments. The fund may use leverage but such leverage shall be limited to 10 (ten) times. The fund is precluded from raising any debt funding over and above that achieved in terms of the long/short process. Value at risk is monitored on a daily basis and is subject to an internal limit of 6% at a 95% confidence level, and 10% at a 99% level. The portfolio will have maximum credit exposure limits with reference to credit classification bands, determined in accordance with the fund's Credit Exposure Guidelines. Limits per issuer within each credit classification band exist and are monitored on a daily basis. No writing of uncovered options will be permitted. The fund employs stop-loss strategies to facilitate capital preservation. The intention is to invest the majority of the fund in liquid tradable securities that are listed on BESA or the JSE. The fund may invest in unlisted vehicles where appropriate. Investment in derivatives is permitted for efficient investment management of the fund.

## FUND RETURNS\*

	Fund	ALBI	FRODS
Since inception (cumulative)	73.0%	49.9%	34.2%
Since inception p.a.	10.5%	7.6%	5.5%
Latest 5 year p.a.	10.5%	7.0%	5.4%
Latest 3 year p.a.	12.3%	7.4%	5.7%
Latest 1 year p.a.	15.0%	4.2%	8.0%
Year to date	2.7%	(1.8)%	1.9%
Month	(1.6)%	(1.9)%	0.7%

\*Fund Returns are calculated net of fund expenses and gross of investment management and performance fees. Investment management and performance fees are individually agreed with each Qualified Investor prior to investment and are levied outside of the Fund. Each Qualified Investor receives a monthly report indicating performance net of their individual investment management fees, performance fees and expenses.

## PERFORMANCE &amp; RISK STATISTICS (Since inception)\*

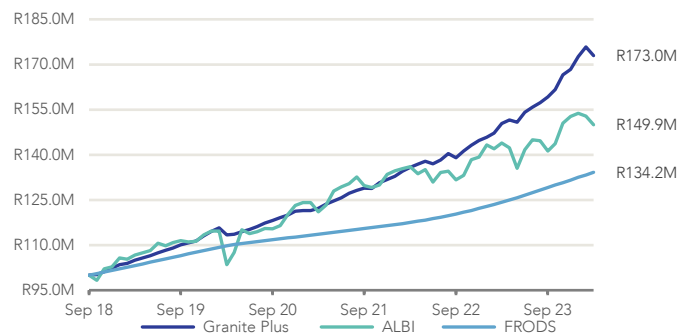
	Fund	ALBI	FRODS
Average Annual Return	10.1%	7.4%	5.1%
Highest Annual Return	19.4%	17.0%	8.0%
Lowest Annual Return	4.9%	(3.0)%	3.3%
Annualised Standard Deviation	2.8%	8.3%	0.5%
Downside Deviation	3.0%	7.4%	
Maximum Drawdown	(2.0)%	(9.8)%	
Sharpe Ratio	1.81	0.26	
Sortino Ratio	1.64	0.29	
% Positive Months	89.4%	68.2%	100.0%
Correlation (ALBI)	0.61		
99% Value at Risk (P&L %)	(0.5)%		

## GENERAL INFORMATION

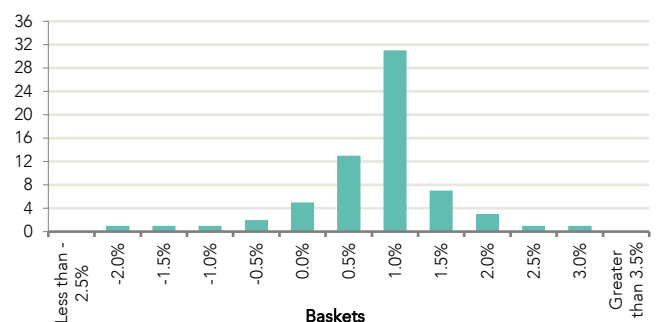
<b>Investment Structure</b>	Limited liability en commandite partnership
<b>Disclosed Partner</b>	Coronation Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd
<b>Inception Date</b>	01 October 2018
<b>Hedge Fund CIS launch date</b>	01 October 2018
<b>Year End</b>	30 September
<b>Fund Category</b>	South African Fixed Income Hedge Fund
<b>Target Return</b>	Cash + 4%
<b>Annual Management &amp; Performance Fees</b>	Annual Management and Performance Fees are agreed and levied outside of the Fund.
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)†</b>	0.30% (excluding management and performance fees).
<b>Transaction Costs (TC)‡</b>	0.05%
<b>Fund Size (R'Millions)‡</b>	R151.33
<b>Fund Status</b>	Open
<b>NAV (per unit)</b>	115.70 cents
<b>Base Currency</b>	ZAR
<b>Dealing Frequency</b>	Monthly
<b>Income Distribution</b>	Annual (with all distributions reinvested)
<b>Minimum Investment</b>	R1 million
<b>Notice Period</b>	1 month
<b>Investment Manager</b>	Coronation Alternative Investment Managers (Pty) Ltd (FSP 49893)
<b>Auditor</b>	KPMG Inc.
<b>Prime Brokers</b>	Absa Bank Ltd and FirstRand Bank Ltd
<b>Custodian</b>	Nedbank Ltd
<b>Administrator</b>	JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., London Branch
<b>Portfolio Managers</b>	Nishan Maharaj, Adrian van Pallander, and Seamus Vasey

†TER and TC data is provided for the 1 year ending 29 February 2024. TER excludes manufactured dividend expenses and scrip borrowing costs, in line with the revised ASISA TER Hedge Fund Disclosure Standard. ‡Fund assets under management as at 31 March 2024.

## GROWTH OF R100m INVESTMENT\*



## HISTOGRAM OF MONTHLY NET RETURNS



## PORTFOLIO LIQUIDITY

	Days to Trade
Long	17.09
Short	8.03

## INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS (cents per unit)

Declaration Date	Amount	Dividend	Interest
30-Sep-23	11.77	0.00	11.77

## STRATEGY STATISTICS

Number of long positions	45
Number of short positions	17

## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

The Fund\* returned -1.6% in March, taking the one-year return to 15.0%. This places the Fund 7.0% ahead of cash over 12 months.

The economy expanded by 0.1% quarter on quarter (q/q) in the fourth quarter of 2023 from a contraction of 0.2% q/q in the third quarter of 2023. From the production side, mining and manufacturing production increased while agriculture, construction and domestic trade declined. On the expenditure side, household consumption and inventory accumulation increased, but this was offset by weak net trade, reduced government expenditure, and a decline in gross fixed capital formation. Overall, the economy grew by 0.6% in 2023 from growth of 1.2% in 2022.

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) unanimously voted to leave the repo rate unchanged at 8.25% at the March MPC meeting. The MPC cited sticky inflation and elevated inflation expectations as the main reasons for keeping the repo rate unchanged. Food inflation has been on a decline, but there is concern that prices could rebound following reports of damage to the summer crops due to dry and hot weather conditions. The SARB slightly updated headline inflation to 5.1% from 5.0% for 2024, and left its projections unchanged for 2025 and 2026 at 4.6% and 4.5%, respectively.

Headline inflation increased to 5.6% y/y in February from 5.3% y/y in January, while core inflation ticked up to 5.0% y/y from 4.6% y/y. The increase in inflation was driven by higher medical aid insurance tariffs and an uptick in service inflation. Food inflation slowed down due to base effects, while transport costs increased on the back of high fuel prices. Elsewhere, prices were generally soft, with modest gains in apparel, household services, restaurants, and hotels.

The significant reduction in rate cut expectations over the last quarter has tainted the enthusiasm for risk assets. However, the monetary policy pivot remains in play and, as such, emerging markets should continue to see supportive flows into their markets. Idiosyncratic SA factors have led to further underperformance of SA assets relative to its emerging market peer group. Low growth, sticky inflation and burgeoning deficits will continue to weigh on the longer-term outlook for SA, unless reform implementation is accelerated through increased private sector participation.

This is undoubtedly a challenging period for the Fund. The impact of the swing in monetary policy expectations – initially in the US, but simultaneously reflected in many other markets including SA – has been both stealthy and severe. In episodes such as this, the extent of overshooting in markets can be especially elevated. This may not necessarily be problematic at all. Indeed, excessive momentum provides just the kind of opportunities that a fund such as Granite Plus welcomes. However there is always a delicate balance to be maintained in accessing those opportunities before they're reversed and allowing the full extent of the mispricing to develop. March was an example of Granite Plus getting this balance somewhat off. Hence, while the fundamental views expressed in the Fund's positioning remain entirely sound, there is the initial cost of accumulating these positions in the midst of a shake-out that proves much heavier than anticipated. The fortunate flipside to this is that the extent of the new opportunities that have arisen is substantial. While there will be near-term drawdowns to bear, the overall return-enhancing potential seen in domestic FI pricing at present is sizeable.

\*The Fund return is net of expenses and gross of fees.

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**WHO CAN INVEST IN THE CORONATION GRANITE PLUS HEDGE FUND (the "Fund")**

Qualified investors, as defined in CISCA, are eligible to invest in the Fund. A qualified investor is one that meets the following criteria:

- any person who invests a minimum investment amount of R1 million per hedge fund and who;
  - has demonstrable knowledge and experience in financial and business matters which would enable the investor to assess the merits and risks of a hedge fund investment; or
  - has appointed a FSP which has demonstrable knowledge and experience to advise the investor regarding the merits and risks of a hedge fund investment.

Please note that in terms of board notice 52 of CISCA, a retail investor hedge fund is not permitted to invest in the Fund.

The Fund has a minimum, up front, lump sum investment amount of R1 million.

**WHAT IS THE PROCESS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO INVEST?**

Investors must:

- complete and sign the Application Form, Deed of Accession and provide FICA, CRS and FATCA documentation, where applicable; and
- pay the investment amount to the relevant Coronation company designated for collection thereof.

**WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIGNING THE DEED OF ACCESSION?**

By signing the Deed of Accession, new investors become undisclosed partners in the Fund and agree to the terms and conditions of the partnership, as contained in the Partnership Agreement, for as long as they are investors in the Fund.

The investor's partnership interest is equal to the proportion which their capital contributions (i.e. their investments) over time bears to the aggregate capital contributions at any given time of all investors in the Fund. A copy of the Partnership Agreement will be provided to each new investor so that the investor can familiarize themselves with the Partnership Agreement prior to signing the Deed of Accession.

**HOW ARE INVESTORS PROTECTED?**

The regulatory framework governing the Fund, being CISCA (and specifically Board Notices 52 and 92) provides minimum requirements that must be complied with by the Manager and the Fund in relation to the management of the Fund and the investment activities of the Fund.

The Manager is committed to treating all investors in the Fund equally and fairly in line with the principles established under the Treating Customers Fairly framework.

In addition to the regulatory protections, the Fund's Partnership Agreement offers investors additional protection including but not limited to the following:

- The Manager must give the investors notice of any increase in the charges or fees or any change in the method of calculation thereof;
- The Manager is required to act diligently and with the utmost care in the best interests of the Partnership at all times;
- Limitations are placed on the Manager in terms of the Partnership Agreement in order to manage any conflicts of interest;
- All functions delegated by the Manager to third parties, including the Investment Manager, are regulated by written agreements;
- The Manager has discretion to impose an anti-dilution levy to make provision for market spreads and dealing costs, which levy is paid into the Fund and is designed to protect both the value of the Fund's underlying assets and the current investors' interests in the Fund;
- The Manager is limited from undertaking certain activities without the agreement of the investors. For example, the Manager may not waive any debt owing to or claimed by the Partnership without the consent of all investors;
- In line with CISCA, the Manager is required to obtain the approval of both the investors and the Registrar of Collective Investment Schemes if it wishes to change the level of exposure or value-at-risk limits for the Fund.
- All investors will be notified of any material changes to the investment strategy of the Fund; and
- Given that the Fund is structured as a limited liability partnership, the investors in the Fund are never exposed to any risk or liability that is greater than the value of their investment.

While CISCA permits the Manager to provide certain investors with preferential treatment, currently there is no preferential arrangement with any investor.

The prime brokerage agreements in place between the Manager and FirstRand Bank Limited as well as Absa Bank Limited (each a "Prime Broker") ensure that:

- the assets of the Fund are separately and independently ring-fenced and/or separately identifiable from any other assets held by the Prime Broker and are not available to settle liabilities of any other hedge fund scheme or third party;
- the Fund's liabilities to the Prime Broker are secured by way of security cessions rather than outright cessions;
- the Prime Broker is obliged to release assets ceded as security if it will continue to hold sufficient collateral to cover any secured liabilities after such release;
- the Prime Broker may not re-use any ceded assets;
- subject to complying with its internal conflicts of interest and/or trading policies, the Prime Broker may purchase or sell any investments for its own account prior to, simultaneously with or subsequent to any dealing on behalf of the Fund.

A detailed quarterly report is sent to investors via email within 15 business days of each quarter end. Investors may request a copy of the latest integrated annual report from Coronation or access it on <https://www.coronation.com/en-za/institutional/shareholder-information/>.

**WHAT FEES ARE CHARGED TO INVESTORS?**

Annual Management and Performance Fees are agreed and levied outside of the Fund. Each Qualified Investor receives a monthly report indicating performance net of their individual investment management fees, performance fees and expenses.

The Manager may at its discretion impose an anti-dilution levy to make provision for market spreads and dealing costs relating to the acquisition and disposal of assets. Further detail on this levy is set out in the Partnership Agreement. The levy is paid into the Fund for the benefit of all investors and becomes part of the property of the Fund.

**WHAT ARE THE FUND'S EXPENSES?**

The Manager shall pay all of its own operating and overhead costs as well as all costs and expenses arising from the Partnership business, with the exception of the following which the Partnership (investors) shall pay:

- Annual Management and Performance Fees which are agreed and levied outside of the Fund;
- regulatory levies;
- legal fees and costs arising in connection with litigation or regulatory investigations;
- audit costs;
- fees and expenses of the Partnership's attorneys in connection with advice relating to the Partnership's legal affairs;
- fees and expense reimbursements for normal and extraordinary consulting, advisory, legal, custodial, administrative, auditing and accounting services;
- costs and expenses of providing information and reports reasonably requested by any investor;

- any taxes, levies or imposts which may be assessed against the Partnership;
- commissions, brokerage fees, registration expenses and any other expenses incurred in the purchase or sale of investments;
- operating costs in respect of the administration of the Partnership Business;
- any other deductions, fees or charges permissible under CISCA and the Partnership Agreement as introduced by the Manager from time to time and notified to the investors in line with the requirements under CISCA (including but not limited to contribution, withdrawal and early withdrawal fees);
- an anti-dilution levy at the Manager's discretion, which levy will be paid into the Fund and which is aimed at protecting the value of the Fund's underlying assets and the investors' interests in the Fund;
- bank charges; and custodian fees.

## HOW IS THE FUND PRICED?

The Manager issues participatory interests in the Fund at the net asset value price per participatory interest. The transaction cut-off time for receipt of instructions (both subscriptions and redemptions) is 14h00. The instruction will only be processed once supporting documents are received and the funds reflect in the Coronation bank account, provided that the Manager may impose a minimum notice period in terms of large flows.

The valuation is based on closing prices daily and at month-end.

The price per participatory interest is (the aggregate market value of the assets plus the aggregate of all income accruals and payments from the creation of new participatory interests less all permissible deductions) divided by (the total number of participatory interests).

The assets of the Fund are valued independently by the Fund Administrator. The investor may request the latest values if these are not enclosed with the application form.

## HOW WAS THE PERFORMANCE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS MDD CALCULATED?

Performance is calculated by Coronation for the Fund as at the last day of the month for a lump sum investment using the NAV price with income distributions reinvested. Performance figures are quoted after the deduction of all costs (including the Management Fees and trading costs) incurred within the fund. Note that clients' investor performance may differ as a result of the actual investment date, and whether or not they choose to re-invest distributions or not, where applicable. Performance is annualised for performance periods greater than 12 months using monthly compounding. Performances for periods under 12 months are not annualised. The actual annual figures are available from Coronation on request.

## HOW IS LIQUIDITY MANAGED?

### Investment Liquidity

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk of permanent capital loss that arises when adverse market conditions prevent the trading of an instrument. It can arise from the lack of enough market depth to absorb a given trade quantity without adverse price impacts and/or the lack of market breadth, preventing a trade from being initiated. Liquidity risk is primarily analysed by examining the liquidity risk profile of a fund using days-to-trade and weighted-average days to trade.

Liquidity risk is mitigated by ongoing monitoring of these metrics against firm-wide and portfolio-specific limits during both stressed and normal market conditions. In addition, much of a security's liquidity risk is addressed through the use of appropriate discounts in the valuation of an investment at initiation and in subsequent sizing decisions.

### Funding Liquidity

In terms of the Fund's funding liquidity, the Partnership Agreement provides the Manager with sufficient controls to ensure that the Fund's liquidity is adequately protected from any volatility. Under normal circumstances, the Manager will process any ad hoc redemption request from an investor in line with the Partnership Agreement. The Manager may utilize side pocketing, gating and side letters in managing the liquidity of the Fund. This ensures that the sale of a large number of participatory interests will not force the Fund to sell the underlying investments at a price in the market which could have a negative impact on the remaining investors in the Fund. Subject to certain conditions, CISCA allows the Manager to suspend withdrawal requests in circumstances where the aggregate of all withdrawal requests received exceeds a certain percentage of the market value of the Fund.

As stated above, there are currently no special repurchase arrangements and no preferential treatment is given to any investor.

## HOW DOES THE FUND USE LEVERAGE?

In terms of the Partnership Agreement, financial gearing may be utilized when appropriate in the discretion of the Investment Manager, as limited by the investment management agreement in place between the Manager and the Investment Manager.

Typically, the Coronation Granite Plus Hedge Fund has a conservative use of leverage with net exposure in the 60% - 100% range and an average gross exposure of approximately 200% since inception.

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