

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Coronation Granite 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 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 3%. 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 Hedge Fund may invest in international investments. The fund may use leverage but such leverage shall be limited to 5 (five) 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 maximum modified duration of the fund may not exceed that of the ALBI. 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, in particular money market investment and exposure to small capitalisation shares may be achieved in this way. Investment in derivatives is permitted for efficient investment management of the fund.

## FUND RETURNS

	Fund*	ALBI	Cash**
Since inception (cumulative)	680.4%	666.5%	336.9%
Since inception p.a.	9.6%	9.5%	6.8%
Latest 10 year p.a.	8.5%	8.4%	6.0%
Latest 5 year p.a.	8.6%	11.7%	5.7%
Latest 3 year p.a.	10.2%	9.8%	7.2%
Latest 1 year p.a.	11.6%	20.2%	7.8%
Year to date	2.4%	0.7%	1.8%
Month	1.0%	0.2%	0.6%

\*Fund Returns since inception to 30 September 2023 are for the A class (the most expensive fee class prior to the A class being closed on 30 September 2023) and was calculated net of fees and net of fund expenses. Fund Returns from 1 October 2023 to date are for the Z class. Fund Returns for the Z class 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 fees and expenses.

\*\*South Africa Rand Overnight Deposit Rate.

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

	Fund*	ALBI	Cash**
Average Annual Return	9.3%	9.2%	6.7%
Highest Annual Return	17.3%	26.1%	12.3%
Lowest Annual Return	4.1%	(5.6)%	3.3%
Annualised Standard Deviation	1.8%	7.3%	0.6%
Downside Deviation	1.3%	5.2%	
Maximum Drawdown	(1.5)%	(9.8)%	
Sharpe Ratio	1.54	0.37	
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% Positive Months	97.4%	70.0%	100.0%
Correlation (ALBI)	0.17		
99% Value at Risk (P&L %)	(0.3)%		

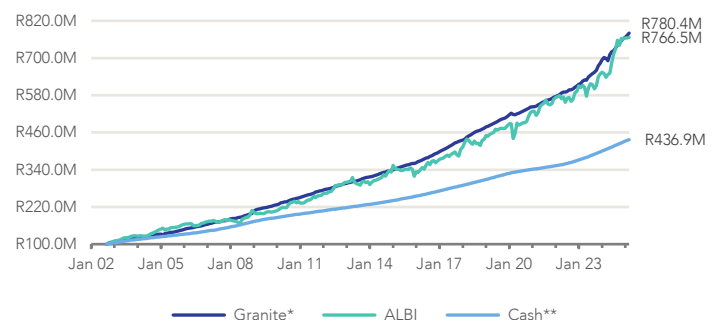
## GENERAL INFORMATION

<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 2002
<b>Hedge Fund CIS launch date</b>	01 October 2017
<b>Year End</b>	30 September
<b>Fund Category</b>	South African Fixed Income Hedge Fund
<b>Benchmark ±</b>	Cash
<b>Target Return</b>	Cash + 3%
<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>	0.08% (excluding management and performance fees)
<b>Transaction Costs (TC)†</b>	0.03%
<b>Fund Size (R'Millions) ‡</b>	R223.86
<b>Fund Status</b>	Open
<b>NAV (per unit)</b>	105.79 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>	Standard Chartered Bank
<b>Administrator</b>	JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., London Branch
<b>Portfolio Managers</b>	Nishan Maharaj, Adrian van Pallander, and Seamus Vasey

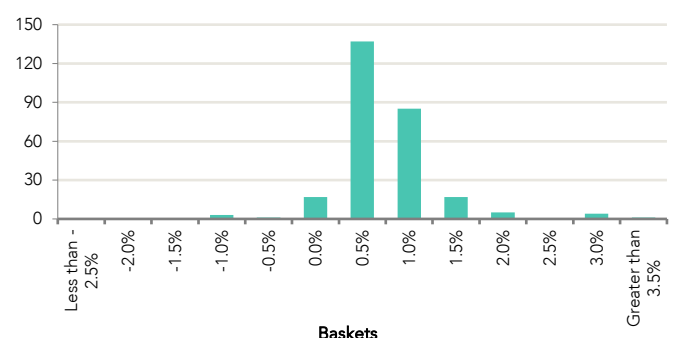
±The benchmark of the hedge fund has been included to align with industry standards.

†TER and TC data is provided for the 1 year ending 28 February 2025. 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 2025.

## GROWTH OF R100m INVESTMENT



## HISTOGRAM OF MONTHLY NET RETURNS



## PORTFOLIO LIQUIDITY

	Days to Trade
Long	7.4
Short	1.5

## INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS (cents per unit)

Declaration Date	Amount	Dividend	Interest
30-Sep-24	9.56	0.00	9.56

## STRATEGY STATISTICS

Number of long positions	47
Number of short positions	5

## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

The Fund returned 1.0%\* in March, taking its one-year return to 11.6%. This places the Fund 3.9% ahead of cash over 12 months.

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) left the repo rate unchanged at 7.5% at the March MPC meeting. Two members voted for a 25bps cut while four voted to hold, signalling a change in the unanimous voting observed in the past meetings. The SARB lowered inflation forecasts for 2025 and noted that growth has been disappointing, having reduced expectations for domestic demand. The MPC seems to be showing a clear preference for higher real rates and a more restrictive stance than seems warranted – despite the lowering of inflation forecasts, well-anchored expectations at the target, and disappointing domestic demand.

SA headline inflation remained unchanged at 3.2% y/y in February, while core inflation slowed to 3.4% y/y from 3.5% y/y. Increases in food and non-alcoholic beverages, housing and household utilities were offset by a decline in fuel prices. Broadly, several factors have helped bring the forecast profile for CPI lower over the past few months. These include currency resilience, falling international oil prices, low food inflation, weak rentals, and the impact of the reweighted CPI basket which increased the weight of some of the lower inflation components.

The Fund was particularly busy over March with a wide range of trades implemented in the active overlay. As befitting the environment, these were all tactical in nature and straddled the domestic fixed income opportunity set broadly. As such, there were no overarching themes or exposures that dominated the overlay's trading activity. Positions were carefully sized to reflect prevailing volatility and risk conditions, resulting in a reasonably large number of trades implemented over the month, held for reasonably short periods and each reasonably modestly sized. The net result was an array of winners and losers, but a totally satisfactory outcome overall as steady net gains accumulated throughout the month.

In another notable move, the Fund's active overlay risk taking was entirely curtailed at the end of March in the face of immediate and substantial risk events both within SA and externally. Subsequent developments have vindicated this extreme approach. The present market and economic backdrop remains one of elevated precariousness, but fortunately the Fund is in a favourable position to elevate risk-taking as opportunities present themselves. One such ascendent opportunity set that has piqued our interest is the re-pricing of offshore credit. While pitfalls are plentiful and valuations aren't universally attractive by any measure – despite the weakness seen – for the patient and purposeful there is a burgeoning set of prospects arising.

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

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**WHO CAN INVEST IN THE CORONATION GRANITE HEDGE FUND (the “Fund”)**

Qualified investors, as defined in CISC, 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 CISC, 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 CISC (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 CISC, 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 CISC 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 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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