

# Cadiz Absolute Yield Fund

REGULATION 28 COMPLIANT

## Fund Information

### FUND OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to provide investors with a return of 2% in excess cash over a rolling 3 years and a positive return over any rolling 12 month period. The fund is expected to deliver more consistent returns than an income fund and reduce the volatility inherent in the bond market. Great care is applied to protect the fund against incurring losses.

### WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

The fund can invest in a combination of assets, such as government and corporate bonds, inflation linked bonds, listed property and cash both in South Africa and offshore. Derivative strategies such as swaps and futures may also be used for efficient portfolio management purposes and to mitigate downside risk. The fund does not invest in ordinary shares.

The intended maximum limits, (see underlying instruments mentioned below), may not exceed 25% of the value of fund:

- Listed property: up to 10%
- Preference shares: up to 10%
- International assets: up to 10%
- Hybrid instruments: up to 5%

The fund has a flexible mandate with no duration or maturity limits for its investments.

### WHO IS THE FUND SUITABLE FOR?

- Investors seeking a cash alternative to a bank deposit.
- Retirees who seek a managed exposure to income generating investments.
- Those who seek active management within the fixed interest universe.
- Investors who have at least an 18 month or longer investment horizon.

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

The fund is actively managed by an experienced team who are able to change the fund's duration depending on our view of the interest rate cycle and the valuation of fixed rate bonds. Derivatives are deployed to switch between fixed and floating rate exposure, which also mitigates the risk of volatility associated within the bond market.

There are no guarantees that the fund will always outperform cash over short periods of time and therefore capital losses are possible, especially in the case of negative credit events which may affect the underlying holdings. The fund's investments are subject to a stringent risk management process.

### FEES ON CLASS A (EXCLUDING VAT)

Initial fee: 0%

Annual Management fee: 0.80%

### PERFORMANCE FEE

None

### TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER) AND TRANSACTION COSTS

Cadiz Absolute Yield Fund (Class A)

PERIOD (ANNUALISED) | 1 JANUARY 2019 - 31 DECEMBER 2019

Total expense ratio	0.96%
Transaction costs	0.06%
Total investment charge	1.02%

### RISK VS REWARD



### FUND MANAGERS



**Alastair Sellick**  
Senior Fixed Income  
Portfolio Manager – SA



**Sidney McKinnon**  
Senior Fixed Income  
Portfolio Manager – SA

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Inception	1 March 2006
Benchmark	STeFi + 2% pa net of fees over rolling 3 years. No negative returns over rolling 12 months
Sector	ASISA SA Multi Asset Income
Fund Class	A
Fund Size	R724 million
Regulation 28 compliant	Yes
Minimum Investment	Lump sum: R5 000 Monthly: R500 Adhoc: R500
Income Distribution (Class A)	Bi-annual (end June and end December)
ISIN Code	ZAE 000078382
Domicile	South Africa
JSE Code	AHAY

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## Class A as at 29 February 2020

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Inception	1 March 2006
Fund category	ASISA SA Multi Asset Income
Portfolio managers	Alastair Sellick & Sidney McKinnon
Fund Size	R724 million
Benchmark	STeFi + 2% pa net of fees over rolling 3 years.
Performance fee	No negative returns over rolling 12 months

### PERFORMANCE 29/02/2020

	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
1 Year	9.55%	9.27%	0.28%
2 Year (annualised)	9.41%	9.33%	0.08%
3 Year (annualised)	9.18%	9.39%	(0.21%)
5 Year (annualised)	8.35%	9.40%	(1.05%)
7 Year (annualised)	7.67%	9.03%	(1.36%)
Since inception (1/03/06) annualised	8.84%	9.18%	(0.34%)

Source: Morningstar

### RISK STATISTICS\* (FOR CLASS A)

Sharpe ratio annualised	Fund 0.59
Maximum drawdown	-15.04%
Highest annual return	10.81%
Lowest annual return	4.99%

\* Risk statistics for Class A refers to the highest and lowest actual 12 month return over the related period since the inception of the fund.

### TOP 5 HOLDINGS

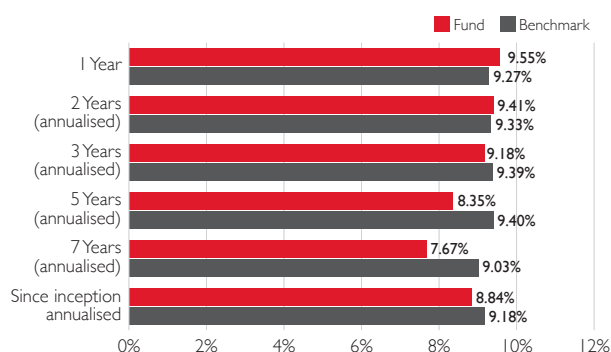
February 2020  
US Dollars

Call Deposit	
Standard Bank Credit Linked Note	3-7 Years
Municipal Fixed Rate Bond	3-7 Years
African Bank Inflation Linked Bond	1 -2 Years

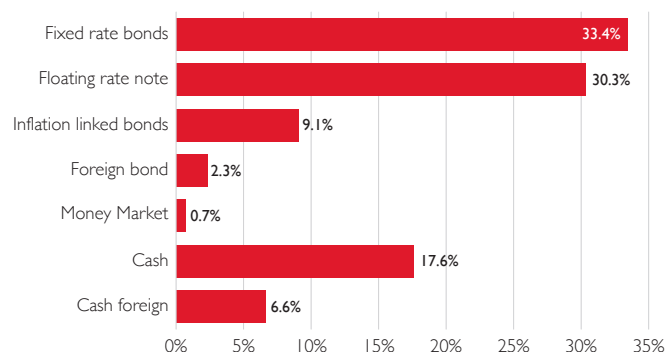
Source: Cadiz Asset Management

<b>MODIFIED DURATION</b>	<b>1.55</b>
<b>GROSS YIELD</b>	<b>8.47%</b>

### FUND RETURNS VS BENCHMARK



### EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION EXPOSURE



### INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

Cadiz Absolute Yield Fund Class A

MONTHLY INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS DECLARED (CENTS PER UNIT ROUNDED TO 2 DECIMAL POINTS)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	1.55	1.06										
2019	0.45	1.16	1.17	0.66	0.89	0.87	0.53	1.25	0.55	0.05	0.17	0.40
2018	0.70	0.85	1.05	0.65	0.35	0.67	0.77	0.43	0.84	0.58	0.68	1.30
2017	0.74	0.72	0.66	0.84	0.92	0.47	1.04	0.99	0.90	-0.12	0.09	1.15
2016	0.25	0.65	0.68	0.81	1.07	0.90	0.81	0.54	0.61	0.70	1.61	0.29
2015	1.25	0.39	0.60	0.61	0.32	0.45	0.71	0.36	0.28	-0.43	0.59	0.20
2014	-0.43	0.79	1.02	0.82	0.86	0.68	0.71	-2.08	0.52	0.90	0.56	0.57
2013	0.49	0.78	0.65	1.28	-0.28	0.21	0.39	-0.19	1.28	0.84	0.21	0.70

\* Please note that the fund distributes bi-annually at the end of June and the end of December.

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## Quarterly Fund Manager Commentary – Fourth Quarter 2019

### ECONOMIC AND MARKET COMMENT

Global markets ended largely in the black for the quarter as hopes for a phased-in US-China trade deal eventually started taking shape. Agreement was reportedly reached to partially roll back tariffs, to increase agricultural purchases and to ensure the protection of intellectual property. After further delays, the UK's elections delivered some stability, clearing the way for progress on Brexit. The positive sentiment was supported by a third consecutive rate cut by the FED early in the quarter. The trend held firm despite the ongoing protests in Hong Kong. The positive sentiment spilled over into emerging markets including our equity markets which saw significant gains in the gold and platinum sectors as we moved towards the close of the year.

Global bond yields edged higher over the quarter. US bond yields drifted higher prompted largely by the Fed's signal to pause in further policy easing after the rate cut at the beginning of the period. The US 10-year generic bond yield rose more than 25 basis points to end the quarter at 1.92%. European yields continued to move higher while the German 10-year generic yield became less negative to end the year at -0.19%. The French 10-year generic yield rose in tandem crossing over into positive territory to close at 0.12%.

Our local markets were largely driven by event risks. The first being a disappointing Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) which initially prompted a sharp negative reaction in the local bond market. The minister of Finance, Tito Mboweni, provided a stark adjustment to current reality. Growth rates and tax revenues were revised lower while expenditure was revised higher. Debt to GDP levels are expected to increase with increased levels of short term debt issuance on the horizon. On the positive side, there were strong indications for support to state owned enterprises, the NPA and SARS with renewed support for infrastructure projects.

A further blow to economic stability was dealt in the middle of the quarter by ratings agencies, Moody's and S&P putting our sovereign rating on negative outlook. They argued that the deterioration of our government finances was the main factor that motivated the move. The persistently high country risk premium was one of the major reasons why the SARB kept rates on hold despite declining growth and inflation that continued to surprise on the downside. Some solace can be taken from the fact that we have been placed on negative outlook as opposed to negative watch which spells a faster route to an inevitable ratings downgrade.

No help was forthcoming from our beleaguered state owned enterprises. Eskom's generation fleet experienced an unprecedented level of breakdowns disrupting economic activity and forcing emergency reactions from government.

Despite all the negativity, the local currency edged firmer to end the year at about 13.99 to the USD, testimony to our attractiveness on a relative basis to other emerging markets.

The bond market (All Bond Index) returned +1.73% for Q4 2019. Equity markets (represented by the JSE ALSI) were up 4.64% and Inflation Linked Bonds (ILBs) were down +0.91% for the quarter. Cash returned +1.74% for the quarter. Rolling 12 month returns for bonds were +10.32%, equities have returned +12.05%, and ILBs +2.59% with cash returning +7.29% over the last 12 months.

### PORTFOLIO REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

In anticipation of interest rate cuts, we increased the funds modified duration this quarter closer to 2 to benefit from nominal yields strength. With the negative outcome in the October 2019 Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS), the weakness in bond yields had an ephemeral drag in the fund. We continue to seek margin of safety in the nominal yield curve, bearing in mind duration risk. The risk-on move in emerging market benefited South African Government Bonds (SAGB's), with the currency appreciating to 13.99 by year end. We continued to be cognizant of the fund's credit asset allocation, increasing duration and using inflation linked bonds. We remain cautious and look for opportunities in the upcoming National Budget.

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3. Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing.
4. Portfolios are priced daily and prices can be obtained from the website and in the daily newspapers or on Profile Data. Figures quoted are from Morningstar Inc.
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6. Different classes of participatory interests apply to this fund and are subject to different fees and charges.
7. Performance is shown for the most expensive class of the Fund and individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, actual investment date, date of any subsequent reinvestment and any dividend withholding tax.
8. A schedule of fees, charges and minimum commissions is available on request from Cadiz Collective Investments.
9. Commissions and incentives may be paid, and if so, are included in the overall costs.
10. The manager has the right to close the portfolio to new investments in order to manage it more efficiently in accordance with the mandate.
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12. Transaction costs are necessary costs in administering the fund and impacts the fund returns. They should be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many factors over time including market returns, type of fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and TER.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS:

#### Total Expense Ratio (TER)

- TER is a measure of a fund's expenses relating to administration of the portfolio expressed as a percentage of the average daily value of the fund over a three year period. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return.
- The sum of the TER and transaction costs is shown as the Total Investment Charge. Since Fund returns are quoted after the deduction of these expenses, the TER and Transaction costs should not be deducted again from the published returns.

#### Regulation 28 Compliance

- Where indicated the fund is managed to comply with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act. Exposures in excess of the limits will be corrected immediately, except where, due to a change in the fair value or characteristic of an asset, e.g. market value fluctuations, in which case they will be corrected within a reasonable time period.
- The Management Company does not monitor compliance by retirement funds with section 19(4) of the Pension Funds Act (item 6 of Table 1 to Regulation 28).

#### Foreign investment risk

The portfolio may include underlying foreign investments. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of the underlying foreign investments to go up or down. The underlying foreign investments may be adversely affected by political instability as well as exchange controls, changes in taxation, foreign investment policies, restrictions on repatriation of investments and other restrictions and controls that may be imposed by the relevant authorities in the relevant countries.

#### Derivative risk

The use of derivatives may increase the overall risk in the Fund by multiplying the effect of gains and losses.

#### Maximum drawdown

- A maximum drawdown is the maximum loss from peak to trough of a portfolio.
- It is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period.

#### Sharpe ratio

The sharpe ratio is the average return earned in excess of one risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk.

#### Risks associated with investing in fixed interest and Money Market investments

- A money market fund is not a bank deposit account.
- Fluctuations in the market value of the securities in which a fixed income fund invests may have a negative impact on the fund. The income instruments are likely to be especially sensitive to changes in interest rates or changes in the market participants' expectations of how interest rates will change in future.
- There is a risk that certain corporate and other counterparties with whom the manager invests or through whom the manager transacts run into financial difficulty, and are unable to honour their commitments in full, which will lead to a potential loss of capital.
- There is a risk that in a high inflation environment, the securities in the Fund may appreciate at a rate lower than the inflation rate, and as such, the purchasing power of an investor's capital may decline.

#### Complaints

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