

**Fund Objective**

The objective of the Autus Prime Balanced Fund is to provide the investor with consistent capital appreciation over the medium to long term by investing in a diverse spread of suitable asset classes.

**Risk Profile\***

Low	Low - Medium	Medium	Medium - High	High
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*Portfolios in this category are tilted towards a high level of capital growth assets (equities) with reduced allocation to income generating assets (bonds). Due to the higher allocation to equities within these portfolios, the investment returns generated will be mostly of a capital nature. Statistical analyses of markets' returns indicate that investments in these portfolios have a high probability of producing inflation-beating returns over a medium to long-term investment horizon (5-10 years plus).*

**General Fund Information**

Investment Manager	Autus Fund Managers (Pty) Ltd
Classification	South African MA High Equity
Benchmark	45% FTSE/JSE Capped All-Share; 15% MSCI ACWI TR Index; 40% STeFI
Fund Inception Date	2006/01/03
Domicile	South Africa
Fund Size	R 230 341 457
Fund Size Date	2023/09/29
JSE Code	M41B
ISIN Number	ZAE000075735
NAV Price (Month-End)	R 3,69
Income Distribution	Semi-Annually
Distribution Payment	3rd working day of March / September
Valuation Time	10:00
Transaction Cut-off	14:00
Regulation 28 Compliant	Yes
Issue Date	30 September 2023

**Distributions**

Last Distribution Date	09/2023	03/2023	09/2022
Last Distribution (Rand per unit)	0,039	0,044	0,030

**Fund Universe**

The Autus Prime Balanced Fund is a balanced managed portfolio. The investments to be included in the portfolio may comprise a combination of assets in liquid form, money market instruments, interest bearing instruments, bonds, corporate debt, equity securities, property securities, preference shares and convertible equities. The manager may invest in unlisted investments from time to time, as well as in participatory interests in other collective investment schemes which are consistent with the portfolio's investment policy. This fund complies with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act.

**Investment Strategy**

The portfolio may invest up to a maximum of 20% of the net asset value of the portfolio in participatory interests of portfolios of collective investment schemes which are not managed by the same investment manager as the portfolio and may invest in any other forms of participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar collective investment schemes as the Act may allow from time to time, and which are consistent with the portfolio's investment policy. Where the aforementioned schemes are operated in territories other than South Africa, participatory interest or any other form of participation in portfolios of these schemes will be included in the portfolio only where the regulatory environment which is to the satisfaction of the manager and the trustee and is of a sufficient standard to provide investor protection at least equivalent to that in South Africa.

**Who should be investing**

These portfolios are often suited to individuals who are half way to their retirement and who can afford shorter term volatility in order to produce higher long term returns.

**Fee Structure**

Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2,59%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0,16%
Investment Management Fee	1,32%
Initial Fee	N/A
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	2,75%

*The TER above is as of 31 March 2023*

*All fees are annualised and including VAT where applicable.*

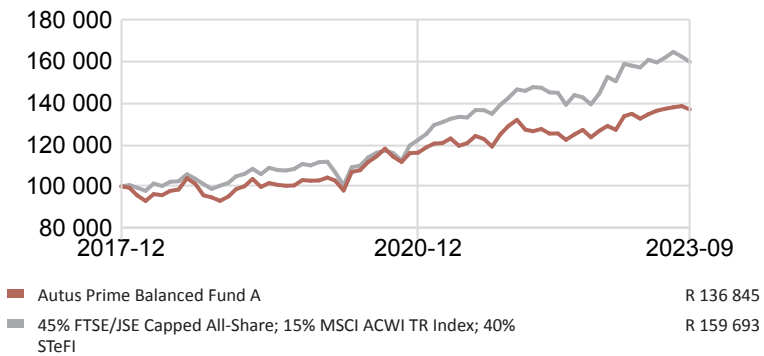
**NAV Values**

	09/2023	08/2023	07/2023
Fund NAV*	230 341 457	234 732 205	229 369 853

*\*Fund size/NAV as at relevant month-end date.*

## Growth of a R 100 000 investment\*

Time period: 2017/12/31 to 2023/09/30



\*Performance History: Based on an initial investment of R 100 000.

## Return Statistics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
YTD	7,67%	6,19%
1 Month	-1,18%	-1,56%
3 Months	-0,23%	-1,20%
6 Months	3,32%	1,70%
1 Year	10,80%	14,63%
3 Years	6,21%	11,26%
5 Years	6,21%	9,03%
Since Inception	9,11%	N/A

\*Returns are net of fees reflecting the total monthly return.

## Monthly Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	5,17%	0,82%	-1,72%	1,60%	1,25%	0,67%	0,53%	0,43%	-1,18%	-	-	-	7,67%
2022	-3,56%	-0,58%	0,82%	-1,71%	0,04%	-2,44%	2,11%	1,77%	-2,81%	2,50%	1,85%	-1,42%	-3,61%
2021	2,22%	1,48%	0,21%	1,85%	-2,86%	1,04%	2,88%	-1,16%	-2,97%	4,97%	3,20%	2,24%	13,55%
2020	1,37%	-1,40%	-4,64%	9,10%	0,80%	3,65%	2,44%	3,18%	-3,22%	-2,23%	3,76%	0,22%	12,98%
2019	2,24%	3,70%	1,42%	3,50%	-3,69%	1,86%	-0,85%	-0,42%	0,13%	2,56%	-0,27%	0,10%	10,49%
2018	-0,77%	-3,63%	-2,77%	3,51%	-0,53%	2,15%	0,67%	5,48%	-2,51%	-5,51%	-1,03%	-1,75%	-6,98%
2017	1,50%	-1,62%	1,05%	2,69%	1,26%	-2,51%	3,99%	0,73%	1,71%	5,00%	0,17%	-5,59%	8,21%
2016	-5,08%	-1,02%	6,15%	-1,80%	2,80%	-4,84%	0,60%	0,80%	-2,37%	-3,46%	-2,87%	1,14%	-10,04%
2015	3,09%	3,08%	2,16%	1,66%	-0,06%	-1,38%	3,07%	-2,34%	0,86%	5,46%	1,30%	0,40%	18,45%
2014	-1,63%	1,69%	0,72%	1,78%	1,09%	1,62%	1,27%	-0,35%	-0,28%	0,99%	2,83%	1,56%	11,81%
2013	2,33%	-0,24%	2,98%	0,39%	6,58%	-2,04%	2,05%	2,32%	3,69%	3,31%	0,40%	2,44%	26,77%
2012	3,70%	1,44%	0,67%	3,07%	-2,58%	1,46%	3,64%	2,44%	0,45%	3,81%	1,92%	0,63%	22,50%
2011	-1,12%	1,35%	-0,10%	1,59%	0,55%	-1,56%	-0,83%	-0,89%	-1,15%	5,34%	-0,55%	-0,03%	2,43%
2010	-2,09%	0,60%	4,34%	0,24%	-2,62%	-1,54%	5,16%	-1,86%	5,55%	1,64%	0,12%	3,85%	13,73%
2009	-1,13%	-4,24%	3,19%	1,54%	4,20%	-0,79%	5,90%	2,18%	0,07%	3,56%	-0,37%	1,41%	16,18%

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The portfolio's share prices fluctuate and are not guaranteed. Returns may decrease or increase as a result of currency fluctuations. When making an investment in the portfolio, an investor's capital is at risk. See disclaimer and disclosures for important information regarding this Minimum Disclosure Document. Mandate Compliance: The portfolio remains within the reporting framework as at the date of this report

## Top Portfolio Holdings

Portfolio Date: 2023/09/30

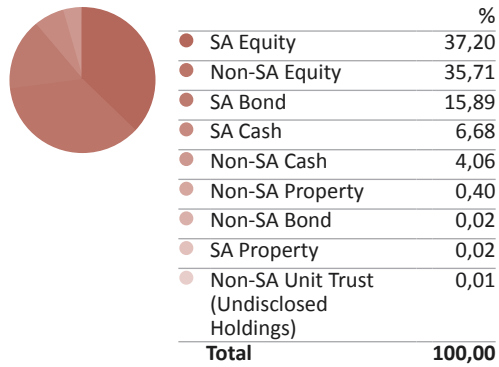
	Portfolio
Autus Prime Global Equity FF A	21,04%
Autus Prime Equity B	19,41%
Autus Prime Worldwide Flexible B	19,30%
Autus Prime Opportunity B	19,21%
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA 31/01/40 9%	6,17%
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA 28/02/35 8.875%	1,21%
Sasol, Ltd.	1,03%
Glencore PLC	0,99%
Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA Class A	0,97%
British American Tobacco PLC	0,93%

## Risk Statistics

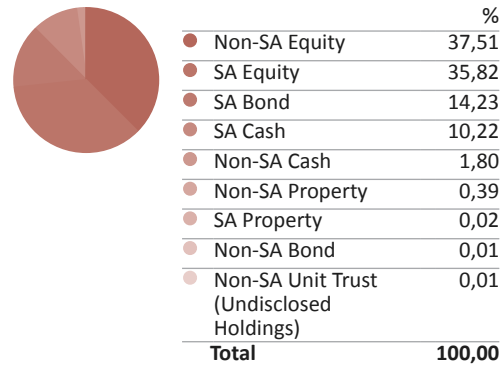
	Portfolio	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	7,72%	8,45%
Sortino Ratio	0,39%	1,48%
Max Drawdown	-7,27%	-5,72%
Up Period Percent	63,43%	N/A
Sharpe Ratio	0,26%	0,79%
Max 1 Month Return	5,17%	6,45%
Min 1 Month Return	-3,56%	-3,94%

## Asset Allocation

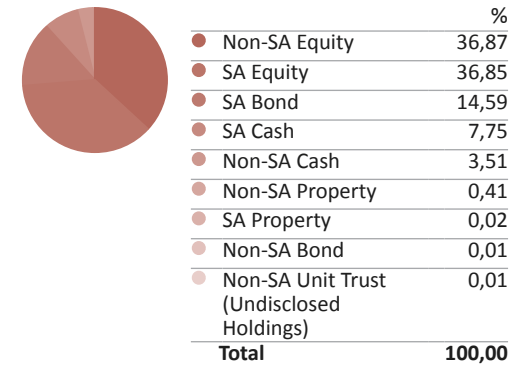
Portfolio Date: 2023/09/30



Portfolio Date: 2023/08/31



Portfolio Date: 2023/07/31



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## Glossary of Terms

**Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index.

**Sortino Ratio** measures the risk-adjusted return of an investment asset, portfolio, or strategy. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but penalizes only those returns falling below a user-specified target or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalizes both upside and downside volatility equally.

**Sharpe Ratio** is a measure for calculating risk-adjusted return. It is the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of total risk.

**Max Drawdown** is the maximum loss from a peak to a trough of a portfolio, before a new peak is attained. Max drawdown is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period.

**Total Investment Charge (TIC)** is the sum of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and the Transaction Costs (TC).

**Total Expense Ratio (TER)** is the global standard used to measure the impact that the deduction of management and operating costs has on a fund's value. It gives you an indication of the effects these costs have on the future growth of your investment portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. Also, the current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TERs.

**Transaction Costs (TC)** is a necessary cost in administering the fund and impacts fund returns. It 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. Calculations are based on actual data where possible and best estimates where actual data is not available.

## Quarterly Commentary

Inflation, the number one enemy of central banks globally, has declined. The debate is whether interest rates will be kept at the current high levels for longer or will central banks start to ease the burden of higher finance costs that is constraining consumers and choking economic growth. The SA Reserve Bank kept its repo-rate unchanged at 8.25% at the September meeting. The Reserve Bank Governor struck a hawkish tone, hinting at the possibility of another interest rate hike should the inflation rate not decline to the lower end of the 4-6% inflation target range. August's y/y headline inflation was 4.8% from 4.7% in July. Food inflation continued its decline but was countered somewhat by higher contributions from housing and utilities and, to a lesser extent, transport. Prevailing high oil prices and a weak Rand pose headwinds for the inflation fight. Economists expect average inflation of 5.5% in 2023. The South African economy grew by 0.6% q/q seasonally adjusted in the second quarter, up from 0.4% q/q in 1Q23. Compared to the same period last year, the economy has expanded by 1.6%. The World Bank expects the SA economy to grow by 0.5%, hindered by recurring load shedding and transportation challenges.

The global economic outlook remained uncertain, with the US showing resilience while China and much of Europe reporting disappointing economic data. US, UK, and European bond yields have risen appreciably over the quarter as investors price in higher levels of economic uncertainty. Consequently, borrowing costs for governments have increased, which could have ripple effects throughout economies, impacting mortgage and loan rates and causing concerns in equity markets. The US dollar has strengthened against other currencies in response. In developing economies, some regions had already entered a rate-cutting cycle. Brazil's central bank cut its rates by 50bp, following the lead of Chile, Costa Rica, and Uruguay in recent months. China also lowered interest rates in August, becoming the second out of 18 developing economy central banks to do so. However, other developing nations faced currency weakness and persistently high inflation, leading them to raise rates instead.

The fund's total equity exposure decreased slightly to 73% level over the quarter. The allocation to global equities was decreased to 38%, while the local equity exposure remained at 35%. The bond allocation, which consists primarily of government bonds, was stable at 16%. Our total cash exposure grew to 11%. We remain cautiously positioned due to high market uncertainty and weak economic data; however, our sufficient cash exposure will allow us to exploit opportunities.

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