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## **SAFFRON MET OPPORTUNITY INCOME FUND**

Fund category

Fund description

Launch date

Portfolio manager/s

South African - Multi Asset - Income\* An actively managed fund that aims to deliver higher levels of income than a pure income fund 02 June 2008

Fund size NAV Benchmark TER<sup>1</sup> Risk profile R741.636 million 110.65 cents per unit Stefi + 2.0% p.a. 1.15%

Low/Moderate

### **INVESTMENT MANDATE**

**SECTOR ALLOCATIONS** 

The fund has a flexible mandate with no prescribed maturity or duration limits. The fund can invest in a wide variety of interest or yield bearing instruments, including, but not limited to cash deposits, money market instruments and debentures, government and corporate bonds, convertible bonds as well as preference shares, property securities, and assets in liquid form. The portfolio may from time to time invest in financial instruments, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and Regulations, as amended from time to time, in order to achieve the portfolio's investment objective. The manager may also include forward currency, interest rate and exchange rate swap transactions for efficient portfolio management purposes. With the purpose to seek opportunities to enhance the portfolio's income return, the portfolio may invest in securities such as equity linked notes that are exposed to price movements in the equity markets as well as derivative instruments such as futures and options linked to the equity exposure of equity linked notes and other such instruments. The portfolio may also invest in participatory interests and other forms of participation of collective investment schemes, registered in South Africa and other similar schemes.

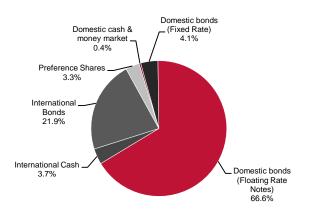
Brandon Quinn

### RISK STATISTICS Since launch

	Fund	Benchmark
Positive months	95.08%	100%
Annualised deviation	3.01%	1.56%
Maximum gain	2.31%	1.10%
Maximum drawdown	-2.36%	0.00%
Modified duration	0.95 years	N/A

The recommended investment horizon is 12 months and longer. The fund may have limited exposure to non-equity growth securities that will cause price variations on a day to day basis making it unsuitable as an alternative to money market investments over short investment horizons of less than 12 months.

As at 30/06/2013



### **FUND OBJECTIVE & BENCHMARK**

The Saffron MET Opportunity Income Fund aims to seek opportunities to deliver a reasonable level of sustainable income and stability on capital invested. The fund's objective is to deliver a return of 2.0% over the STeFI index on a sustainable basis.

### SUITABLE FOR INVESTORS

- · Seeking significant return enhancement over cash
- Looking for innovative and active investment management within the fixed interest space
- · Requiring managed exposure to efficient income generating investments
- · With an investment horizon of 12 to 36 months

### **TECHNICAL OVERVIEW**

Original buying price:	100 cents
FSP upfront comm. (max):	0%
Annual service fee:	1.14% (incl. VAT)
Performance fee:	None
Minimum lump sum:	R5 000
Min. monthly investment:	R500
Income distribution 2012:	6.63 cpu
Date of income declaration:	31 Mar / 30 Jun / 30 Sept / 31 Dec
Date of income payment:	2nd working day Apr / Jul / Oct / Jan
Valuation time:	15h00
Transaction time:	13h00

### **PERFORMANCE**

As at 30/06/2013

Returns since inception (02/06/2008)	Fund	STeFI +2.0%
Unannualised returns	61.00%	52.76%
Annualised returns	9.83%	8.69%

# Growth of R100 000 investment since fund inception R 161 004.96 R 162 760.02 R 152 760.02 R 152 760.02 Jun 08 Jun 09 Jun 10 Jun 11 Jun 12 Jun 13 STEFI +2% p.a. Fund

### **MONTHLY PERFORMANCE RETURNS**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fund 2013	0.38%	1.00%	0.19%	1.40%	0.73%	0.37%						
Fund 2012	0.59%	0.24%	0.86%	0.56%	0.86%	0.29%	0.95%	0.40%	0.92%	0.47%	0.71%	0.68%
Fund 2011	1.48%	0.50%	0.38%	0.50%	0.68%	0.61%	0.71%	0.83%	0.82%	0.42%	0.36%	0.74%

### **QUARTERLY COMMENTARY**

The fund returned 2.52% for the quarter (previous two quarters 2.24% and 1.88% respectively), taking the rolling one year return to 8.51% (8.39% at the previous quarterly report) and outperforming the STEFI cash index by 3.24% over a rolling one year period (previous quarters 2.99% and 2.25%). Emerging market sovereign debt generally, and South African government debt specifically, suffered a sustained sell off over the quarter on the back of international concern over the timing of the retraction of the US Federal Reserve liquidity stimulus. The US 10Y benchmark bond sold off from 1.83% to 2.49% over the quarter, dragging our domestic yields higher as foreign owners of South African bonds became net quarterly sellers for the first time in more than two years. The ALBI lost 1.56% in line with the general sell off in longer duration securities. The Rand depreciated a further 7.50% for a second quarter running from 9.19 to 9.88 to the US Dollar. Despite domestic economic and socio-political headwinds, the sell-off was that of a general lightening in overall Emerging Market exposure rather than South African specific. Indicatively, the Rand appreciated by 5.8% against its AUD peer over the same quarter. The commodity complex, the fortunes of which drive much of EM prospects, were likewise adversely affected by the feared impact on global growth of the stimulus withdrawal. Gold lost 22.8%, Platinum lost 16.7%, Silver 29.9% and Brent Crude 8.0% over the quarter. Consequently, despite the Rand currency sell off, the Rand price of Crude Oil actually declined by 1.2% over the quarter, giving some respite to the medium-term inflation outlook. In our previous quarterly report we indicated concern on the impact of exogenous factors on the domestic rates market. Given the recent events and that markets tend to over/undershoot equilibrium / fair value, it is likely that going forward, an improved level of comfort on the policy stance of the Fed will be achieved giving scope for a retracement in local rates. The market focus will likely shift back to more country specific issues notably the status of the South African current account, consumer confidence, and unpredictable labour factors. Over the last quarter the fund again tactically scaled into longer maturity assets and trimmed credit exposure before the widening in credit spreads. We remain focussed on value opportunities in the short end of the yield curve, maintaining our preference for a strategic duration of below 6 months. We continue to seek value opportunities that on a risk adjusted basis will achieve our objective of Cash (STEFI) +2%.

### FAIS CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

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CIS Manager	Up to 0.85%
Saffron Wealth (Pty) Ltd	Up to 0.15%
Distribution / LISP	Up to 0.40%

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