# **Wealth Manager Cautious Wrap** August 2015



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Benchmark: (ASISA) South African Multi-Asset (MA) Low Equity Average

Inception Date:

Wrap Fund Fee: 50bp per annum (the fee excludes underlying Collective Investment Fees)

#### **Mandate Description**

The primary objective of this portfolio is to achieve a return in excess of the average fund in the MA Low Equity category. To achieve this, the portfolio will have a maximum exposure of 40% to risky assets (equity and property). The remainder of the portfolio will be invested in cash, bonds and foreign assets (limited to 25%). The portfolio uses fund managers with a proven ability to protect capital in times of market distress, while maintaining sufficient exposure to growth assets to achieve the target return. The portfolio is Regulation 28 compliant.

## **Quarterly Comment**

The South African economy expanded by a disappointing 1.3% q/q in Q1 2015 compared to 4.1% q/q in Q4 2014. This moderate growth was largely driven by the mining sector which grew by a very welcome 10.2% q/q. Given electricity, labour and low-confidence constraints it seems that SA may struggle to lift its growth rate meaningfully above 2.0% over the next couple of years. In addition SA's unemployment rate increased to a 10-year high of 26.4% in Q1 2015, from 24.3% in Q4 2014. Consumer inflation increased 4.6% y/y in May from 4.5% and 4.0% in April and March. As risks to inflation remain on the upside and economic growth subdued the MPC decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 5.75% on 21 May 2015.

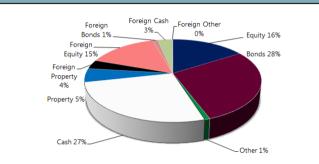
Market volatility continued in Q2 as investors grappled with the debt-laden Greece. Fears mounted over the country's potential default and exit from the Eurozone. Meanwhile, the FOMC decided to leave rates unchanged at 0.25% with Janet Yellen urging investors not to focus on the timing of the first rate hike but on the entire trajectory of monetary policy tightening. While a rate hike is expected in 2015, monetary policy normalisation is expected to be gradual.

In Q2 emerging markets (+0.8% in USD) outperformed developed markets (+0.5% in USD) and the ALSI (-0.5% in USD). Global bonds (-1.18% in USD) underperformed global and emerging market equities with global property (-10.55% in USD) being the worst performing asset class.

Locally, the JSE All Share index declined 0.20% on the back of mid-caps (-6.35%). By contrast small-caps and large-caps increased 1.46% and 0.75% with foreigner's net buyers of R19.9 billion worth of local equities. The ALBI ended Q2 1.40% lower largely driven by disappointing performance from the longer end of the yield curve (12yr + declined 2.85%). ILBs delivered returns in line with cash (1.55% vs 1.56%) Over Q1 foreigners were net buyers of R10.6 billion worth of local bonds. In line with longer dated bonds SA listed property pulled back -6.23%, down from a stellar 13.69% in Q1

During Q2 2015, the rand depreciated marginally against the US dollar (+0.29%) and significantly against the euro (+3.02%) and British pound (+6.14%). It appreciated marginally against the Japanese yen (-1.59%). The rand continues to be vulnerable to capital flows resulting from global risk aversion, particularly to expected changes to US monetary policy. There is a great deal of uncertainty regarding the extent to which US monetary policy normalisation has been priced into the rand.

### **Asset Allocation at 30 June 2015**



#### Quartile Peer Group Ranking



# Performance Summary and Rolling Returns

# As of Date: 31/08/2015 Source Data: Monthly Return

	1 month 3	3 months 6	months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	Since Inception
Wealth Manager Cautious Wrap	-0.02	0.91	2.81	8.91	10.34	10.36	11.72	11.25
SA MA Low Equity	-0.40	0.29	1.72	7.17	9.18	9.77	10.50	9.77

Performance greater than 1 year has been annualized.

#### Rolling Returns - 1 year



#### Risk, Manager Allocation and Cumulative Investment Growth

Time Period: 01/09/2012 to 31/08/2015					
	Wrap	ВМ			
Alpha	0.62	0.00			
Sharpe Ratio	1.33	1.19			
Std Dev	3.29	3.20			

Portfolio Date: 31/08/2015 Nedgroup Inv Stable A2 SIM Low Equity B4 Prudential Inflation Plus B Coronation Balanced Defensive B4 PSG Stable E Coronation Money Market B STANLIB Global Property FF B1 Prudential Enh SA Prop Tracker D



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