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[^0]The Fund remains well positioned to take advantage of the current volatile market conditions.

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The rand was the recipient of several punches during the month that knocked it through key technical levels and saw it depreciate by $3.7 \%$ against the US dollar. During 2014, the rand lost $9.3 \%$ of its value against the dollar to close at R11.45 from R10.35 at the start of the year. The decline during the month was triggered by the strong US payroll number and the expectation for an earlier unwinding of ultraaccommodative monetary policy by the Fed. It was followed on by a worse than expected current account deficit, which remained stubbornly large at $6 \%$ of GDP during the third quarter, despite narrowing from $6.3 \%$ during the previous quarter. Concerns over rolling blackouts from Eskom continued to threaten the economy and the government's commitment to reduce the fiscal deficit was seen as the main reason for the country managing to avoid further sovereign credit rating downgrades when the credit rating agencies, Fitch and Standard \& Poor's, announced their latest updates on South Africa's credit rating during the month.

The local equity market followed other global equity markets by plunging during the first half of the month, but recovered most of its losses to end only $0.2 \%$ lower. For the year, the FTSE/JSE All Share Index gained $10.9 \%$. The resources sector was the worst performing sector during the month as it declined by $5.2 \%$. Industrial and financial shares had positive returns of $1.1 \%$ and $0.2 \%$ respectively. During 2014, the best performing equity sectors were the more defensive ones that had exposure to lower interest rates and/or a weaker currency. After three years of being net sellers of local equities, foreigners returned to be net buyers to the tune of R18.1bn during the year. They did, however, sell local bonds to the value of R5.7bn over the same period.

The All Bond Index lost $1.5 \%$ during December on the back of currency weakness and foreign selling, despite an improvement in inflation figures. Consumer price inflation moderated to $5.8 \%$ in November from $5.9 \%$ the previous month and inflation expectations receded as a consequence of the recent drop in oil and food prices. Listed property bucked the trend of higher bond yields and the sector gained $1.1 \%$ during the month. For the year, listed property was the best performing asset class with a return of $26.6 \%$, benefitting from consolidation and new listings within the sector.

| Global Equity (US\$) | Level | 1 Month | 3 Months | 6 Months | YTD | 12 Months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S\&P 500 | 2,058.9 | -0.4\% | 4.4\% | 5.0\% | 11.4\% | 11.4\% |
| Nasdaq | 4,736.1 | -1.2\% | 5.4\% | 7.4\% | 13.4\% | 13.4\% |
| MSCI Global Equity | 1,709.7 | -1.7\% | 0.7\% | -1.9\% | 2.9\% | 2.9\% |
| MSCl Emerging Mkt | 956.3 | -4.8\% | -4.9\% | -9.0\% | -4.6\% | -4.6\% |
| Global Bond (US\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Global Bonds | 504.1 | -0.8\% | -1.7\% | -4.1\% | 0.4\% | 0.4\% |
| Commodity Prices |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brent Oil (USD/Barrel) | 57.3 | $-21.2 \%$ | -39.5\% | -49.1\% | -48.3\% | -48.3\% |
| Platinum (USD/oz) | 1,209.0 | 0.6\% | -7.1\% | -18.7\% | -11.9\% | -11.9\% |
| Gold (USD/oz) | 1,183.2 | 1.4\% | -2.1\% | -10.8\% | -1.9\% | -1.9\% |
| South African Mkt (Rand) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Africa All Share | 6,475.3 | -0.2\% | 1.4\% | -0.8\% | 10.9\% | 10.9\% |
| Africa Top 40 | 5,720.4 | -0.5\% | 0.0\% | -2.9\% | 9.2\% | 9.2\% |
| Africa Resource 20 | 2,386.3 | -5.2\% | -19.8\% | -25.1\% | -15.0\% | -15.0\% |
| Africa Financial 15 | 7,457.6 | 0.2\% | 10.4\% | 9.8\% | 27.8\% | 27.8\% |
| Africa Industrial 25 | 11,170.9 | 1.1\% | 7.2\% | 6.1\% | 17.2\% | 17.2\% |
| Africa Mid Cap | 13,477.0 | 1.1\% | 8.8\% | 10.8\% | 19.6\% | 19.6\% |
| Africa Small Cap | 17,578.1 | 1.8\% | 6.6\% | 8.7\% | 20.6\% | 20.6\% |
| All Bond Index | 481.0 | -1.6\% | 4.2\% | 6.6\% | 10.1\% | 10.1\% |
| Stefi Composite | 311.5 | 0.5\% | 1.5\% | 3.1\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% |
| Africa SA Listed Property - (SAPY) | 1,767.3 | 1.1\% | 11.1\% | 19.1\% | 26.6\% | 26.6\% |
| MSCI Global Equity (R) |  | 2.0\% | 2.2\% | 5.6\% | 13.9\% | 13.9\% |
| Global Bonds (R) |  | 2.9\% | -0.2\% | 3.3\% | 11.1\% | 11.1\% |
| Rand Dollar Exchange Rate | 11.45 | 3.7\% | 1.5\% | 7.7\% | 10.6\% | 10.6\% |

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The table below (and on the following page) is the return matrix for the CPSA. It shows the various manager returns as well as that of the total portfolio for various periods and compares it with their respective benchmarks. The benchmark used for the portfolio is in line with its investment objective, which is CPI + $5.7 \%$ p.a. and CPI $+5.2 \%$ p.a. from 1 January $2009,3.45 \%$ from 1 January 2010 and $4.45 \%$ from 1 January 2011.

|  | Investec Contrarian | Allan Gray | Foord Equity | FG IBF | Liberty Cash | Metope |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Market Value <br> \% of Fund <br> Benchmark | $\begin{aligned} & 148,917,510 \\ & 13.5 \% \end{aligned}$ <br> JSE SWIX | $\begin{aligned} & 533,579,995 \\ & 48.2 \% \end{aligned}$ <br> AFGLMW | $\begin{aligned} & 89,647,880 \\ & 8.1 \% \\ & \text { JSE ALSI } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41,532,139 \\ & 3.8 \% \end{aligned}$ <br> All Bond Index | $\begin{aligned} & (6,760,420) \\ & -0.6 \% \\ & \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 62,809,499 } \\ & 5.7 \% \end{aligned}$ <br> JSE Listed Property |
| Monthly Return <br> Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{aligned} & 0.87 \% \\ & 0.28 \% \\ & 0.59 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.63 \% \\ 0.97 \% \\ -0.34 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -0.32 \% \\ & -0.19 \% \\ & -0.13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -1.30 \% \\ -1.55 \% \\ 0.25 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.00 \% \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.42 \% \\ & 1.11 \% \\ & 0.31 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Last 3 Months Benchmark Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{gathered} -3.26 \% \\ 3.75 \% \\ -7.01 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -1.13 \% \\ 2.28 \% \\ -3.40 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.85 \% \\ & 1.36 \% \\ & 2.49 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.63 \% \\ & 4.25 \% \\ & 0.38 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.38 \% \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.43 \% \\ 11.08 \% \\ 0.34 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Calendar Y†D <br> Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{aligned} & 10.88 \% \\ & 15.42 \% \\ & -4.54 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.67 \% \\ 11.51 \% \\ -1.84 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.98 \% \\ 10.88 \% \\ 4.11 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.80 \% \\ 10.15 \% \\ 2.66 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.72 \% \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 28.68 \% \\ 26.64 \% \\ 2.04 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Last 12 Months Benchmark Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{aligned} & 10.88 \% \\ & 15.42 \% \\ & -4.54 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.67 \% \\ 11.51 \% \\ -1.84 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.98 \% \\ 10.88 \% \\ 4.11 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.80 \% \\ 10.15 \% \\ 2.66 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.72 \% \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 28.68 \% \\ 26.64 \% \\ 2.04 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Since July 2005 <br> Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ & \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ & \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17.51 \% \\ 15.52 \% \\ 1.99 \% \end{gathered}$ | n/a <br> n/a <br> n/a | $\begin{aligned} & 11.16 \% \\ & 8.52 \% \\ & 2.64 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4.78 \% \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | n/a <br> n/a <br> n/a |
|  | Sep-09 | Jul-01 | Jan-13 | Dec-03 | Feb-02 | Jul-07 |
| Ann Since Inception Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{gathered} 8.17 \% \\ 18.56 \% \\ -10.39 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 18.74 \% \\ 15.57 \% \\ 3.18 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46.99 \% \\ & 34.64 \% \\ & 12.34 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.41 \% \\ 9.07 \% \\ 2.34 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.72 \% \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.55 \% \\ 16.42 \% \\ 0.14 \% \end{gathered}$ |

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| MARKET VALUES AND RETURNS (CONTINUED) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FG CPF | NBAIUS | Mayibentsha Market Neutral | Mayibentsha Core | Mayibentsha Focused | Total |
| Market Value <br> \% of Fund <br> Benchmark | $\begin{aligned} & 21,407,086 \\ & 1.9 \% \\ & \text { CPI }+4 \% \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 113,342,616 \\ & 10.2 \% \end{aligned}$ <br> $60 \% \mathrm{MSCl} / 40 \%$ JPMGGE | $\begin{aligned} & 22,667,402 \\ & 2.0 \% \\ & \text { CPI }+2.5 \% \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 52,400,753 \\ 4.7 \% \\ \text { CPI }+3.5 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26,456,415 \\ & 2.4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,106,000,875 \\ 100.0 \% \\ \text { CPI }+3.45 \% / 4.45 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Monthly Return <br> Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{aligned} & 1.00 \% \\ & 0.15 \% \\ & 0.85 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.59 \% \\ 2.35 \% \\ -0.76 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.16 \% \\ & 0.03 \% \\ & 1.13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.31 \% \\ & 0.11 \% \\ & 1.20 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.81 \% \\ & 0.19 \% \\ & 0.63 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.67 \% \\ & 0.09 \% \\ & 0.58 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Last 3 Months <br> Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{aligned} & 2.40 \% \\ & 0.99 \% \\ & 1.41 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.15 \% \\ & 1.24 \% \\ & 0.91 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.33 \% \\ & 0.62 \% \\ & 1.72 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.74 \% \\ & 0.86 \% \\ & 1.87 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.08 \% \\ & 1.11 \% \\ & 0.98 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.41 \% \\ 0.80 \% \\ -0.39 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Calendar Y†D <br> Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{gathered} 9.16 \% \\ 9.51 \% \\ -0.34 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.03 \% \\ 12.84 \% \\ 2.20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.82 \% \\ 7.93 \% \\ -0.11 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.59 \% \\ 8.98 \% \\ 2.61 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.27 \% \\ 10.03 \% \\ 1.24 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.47 \% \\ 8.72 \% \\ 2.75 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Last 12 Months <br> Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{gathered} 9.16 \% \\ 9.51 \% \\ -0.34 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.03 \% \\ 12.84 \% \\ 2.20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.82 \% \\ 7.93 \% \\ -0.11 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11.59 \% \\ & 8.98 \% \\ & 2.61 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.27 \% \\ 10.03 \% \\ 1.24 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.47 \% \\ 8.72 \% \\ 2.75 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Since July 2005 <br> Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ & \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \\ & \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.42 \% \\ 10.60 \% \\ 1.82 \% \end{gathered}$ | n/a <br> n/a <br> n/a | n/a <br> n/a <br> n/a | n/a <br> n/a <br> n/a | $\begin{aligned} & 271.13 \% \\ & 165.67 \% \\ & 105.46 \% \end{aligned}$ |
|  | May-07 | Mar-04 | Jul-11 | Jul-11 | Jul-11 | Jul-02 |
| Ann Since Inception <br> Benchmark <br> Out/ Under Performance | $\begin{gathered} 11.40 \% \\ 10.51 \% \\ 0.89 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10.93 \% \\ 9.92 \% \\ 1.02 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 29.59 \% \\ 30.92 \% \\ -1.34 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 49.78 \% \\ 35.43 \% \\ 14.35 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 51.25 \% \\ & 40.04 \% \\ & 11.20 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.35 \% \\ 10.49 \% \\ 4.87 \% \end{gathered}$ |

LONGER TERM RETURNS

The Fund's Investment Objective is set over 3 year rolling periods. Longer term returns should be used to assess the Fund's performance when compared to its set Investment Objectives as short term market volatility may distort short term performance measurement.

The cumulative graph below shows the Fund performance since 1 Jan 2001. It is benchmarked against it's Investment Objective i.e. CPI $+5.7 \% / 5.2 \% / 3.45 \% / 4.45 \%$ as well as inflation.


## Cumulative Returns since 1 Jan 2001

一Total Return CPSA
—Objective: CPI $+5.7 \% / 5.2 \% / 3.45 \% / 4.45 \%$ -Inflation


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The Return Table below shows the monthly returns added to the portfolio. It is compared to the Fund's Investment Objective (i.e. to outperform CPI plus $5.7 \%$ / $5.2 \%$ / $3.45 \%$ per annum) and its strategic Benchmark.

| Period | CPSA Net of <br> Fees \& Tax | Objective: CPI + <br> $5.7 \% / 5.2 \% /$ <br> $3.45 \% / 4.45 \%$ | Strategic <br> Benchmark | Market Value <br> History |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Last 12 Months | $11.47 \%$ | $11.63 \%$ | $10.95 \%$ |  |
| Jan-14 | $0.91 \%$ | $-1.06 \%$ | $-0.82 \%$ | $1,024,029,819$ |
| Feb-14 | $2.75 \%$ | $3.22 \%$ | $3.03 \%$ | $1,046,328,427$ |
| Mar-14 | $1.12 \%$ | $1.31 \%$ | $1.12 \%$ | $1,063,147,804$ |
| Apr-14 | $2.01 \%$ | $1.67 \%$ | $1.49 \%$ | $1,079,945,281$ |
| May-14 | $1.06 \%$ | $1.27 \%$ | $1.39 \%$ | $1,089,454,441$ |
| Jun-14 | $1.76 \%$ | $2.03 \%$ | $1.91 \%$ | $1,105,300,610$ |
| Jul-14 | $0.69 \%$ | $0.77 \%$ | $0.77 \%$ | $1,109,873,667$ |
| Aug-14 | $0.52 \%$ | $0.60 \%$ | $0.57 \%$ | $1,115,607,163$ |
| Sep-14 | $-0.29 \%$ | $-0.93 \%$ | $-0.95 \%$ | $1,112,477,964$ |
| Oct-14 | $-1.12 \%$ | $1.16 \%$ | $0.92 \%$ | $1,094,635,240$ |
| Nov-14 | $0.86 \%$ | $0.95 \%$ | $0.99 \%$ | $1,102,623,358$ |
| Dec-14 | $0.67 \%$ | $0.12 \%$ | $0.08 \%$ | $1,106,000,874$ |

The Cash Flow Table below, gives an indication of the Rand value that has been added to the CPSA portfolio. The added value is divided between cash in/out flows and the return achieved on the Fund's investments over various periods.

|  | Since Jun 03 | From 1 Jan 06 | From 1 Jan 11 | From 1 Jan 12 | From 1 Jan 13 | From 1 Jan 14 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| MV at Start | $265,026,619$ | $475,182,236$ | $787,749,354$ | $837,652,188$ | $913,829,767$ | $1,021,990,408$ |
| Cash In/Out Flow | $(243,243,027)$ | $(209,770,377)$ | $(130,481,251)$ | $(108,372,239)$ | $(86,122,641)$ | $(31,711,133)$ |
| Return | $1,084,217,282$ | $840,589,015$ | $448,732,771$ | $376,720,926$ | $278,293,747$ | $115,721,599$ |
| Current MV | $1,106,000,874$ | $1,106,000,874$ | $1,106,000,874$ | $1,106,000,874$ | $1,106,000,874$ | $1,106,000,874$ |

Atribution Analysis measures the value added through stock and asset class selection, where the Fund's actual returns are compared to its benchmark return. The Asset Allocation out/under performance is the extra return achieved by the Fund by using tactical deviation from its long term strategic asset allocation. The Stock Selection out/under performance is the extra return achieved by the various Asset Managers of the Fund, by selecting equities/holdings which are different from the underlying benchmark indices.

|  | Last 12 Months | Last 3 Months | Last Month |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| CPSA Provincial PF Return | $11.47 \%$ | $0.41 \%$ | $0.67 \%$ |
| Total Out/(Under) Performance of Benchmark | $0.52 \%$ | $-1.59 \%$ | $0.59 \%$ |
| Out/(Under) Performance due to Asset Allocation | $0.46 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.31 \%$ |
| Out/(Under) Performance due to Stock Selection | $0.06 \%$ | $-1.59 \%$ | $0.28 \%$ |
| Residual Term | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |

The Fund's Value at Risk i.e. expected maximum loss over 20 working days at a $95 \%$ probability can be seen in the table. Compared to the sum of the individual Managers Value at Risk, it shows the diversification benefit achieved by combining various investment mandates.

| Portfolio Expected Return | $0.86 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| Portfolio Standard Deviation | $0.64 \%$ |
| Individual Portfolio VaR | $2.89 \%$ |
| Portfolio VaR | $1.06 \%$ |
| Total Amount VaR | $11,726,809$ |

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FUND SPECIFIC ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Most recent strategic changes

| Date | Transferred From: | Transferred To: | Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8-Feb-13 | Allan Gray | Bank Account | 2,000,000 |
| 22-Feb-13 | Allan Gray | Bank Account | 10,000,000 |
| 24-Jun-13 | FG DBF | Bank Account | 4,000,000 |
| 2-Sep-13 | FG | Bank Account | 1,500,000 |
| 9-Sep-13 | Allan Gray | Bank Account | 5,000,000 |
| 17-Sep-13 | Allan Gray | Bank Account | 5,000,000 |
| 9-Oct-13 | FG | Bank Account | 10,000,000 |
| 18-Dec-13 | FG | Bank Account | 10,000,000 |
| 24-Jul-14 | FG | Bank Account | 2,000,000 |
| 10-Nov-14 | AG Equity | Bank Account | 4,000,000 |
| 12-Dec-14 | AG Equity | Bank Account | 5,000,000 |



The Fund is currently overweight Resources, over weight Financials and underweight Industrials. For the month of December Industrials (1.11\%) was the best performing sector, followed by Financials (0.18\%), and Resources (5.15\%).

| CPSA | \% of CPSA <br> Equities | $\%$ <br> ALSE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Top 15 Shares | $7.62 \%$ | $3.76 \%$ |
| SASOL LIMITED | $6.45 \%$ | $9.42 \%$ |
| SABMILLER PLC | $6.21 \%$ | $0.45 \%$ |
| REINET INV SOC ANON | $5.03 \%$ | $1.01 \%$ |
| REMGRO LTD | $4.83 \%$ | $0.19 \%$ |
| SAPPI LTD | $4.40 \%$ | $0.65 \%$ |
| ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI LTD | $3.91 \%$ | $2.14 \%$ |
| STANDARD BANK GROUP LTD | $3.75 \%$ | $0.27 \%$ |
| GOLD FIELDS LTD | $2.91 \%$ | $1.61 \%$ |
| OLD MUTUAL PLC | $2.87 \%$ | $1.22 \%$ |
| SANLAM LIMITED | $2.57 \%$ | $3.34 \%$ |
| ANGLO AMERICAN PLC | $2.52 \%$ | $0.62 \%$ |
| IMPALA PLATINUM HLGS LTD | $2.28 \%$ | $1.14 \%$ |
| ANGLO AMERICAN PLAT LTD | $2.11 \%$ | $0.55 \%$ |
| INVESTEC PLC | $1.97 \%$ | $0.24 \%$ |
| NAMPAK LTD |  |  |

## Strategic vs. Actual Asset Allocation



The CPSA Pension Fund is currently:

- under weight equities
- under weight bonds
- over weight property
- under weight cash
- under weight alternatives, and
- over weight international

The Fund is fairly conservatively positioned to take advantage of current volatile market conditions.

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Investec was overrweight Resources and underweight Industrials while being overweight Financials. Allan Gray had an underweight position in Resources and Industrials while being overweight Financials at the end of December 2014. Sector allocation and stock selection still remains critical in the current economic environment

| Manager | FG CPF | FG IBF | Metope |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inception Date |  |  |  |
|  | May-07 | Dec-03 | Jul-07 |
| Return since inception | $128.8 \%$ |  |  |
| Ann Return since inception | $11.4 \%$ | $231.3 \%$ | $215.5 \%$ |
| Avg Monthly return | $0.91 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ | $16.6 \%$ |
| $\%$ + months |  | $0.92 \%$ | $1.39 \%$ |
| \% - months | $94.6 \%$ | $74.2 \%$ | $59.3 \%$ |
|  | $5.4 \%$ | $25.8 \%$ | $40.7 \%$ |
| Max Drawdown | $-1.4 \%$ | $-5.1 \%$ | $21.7 \%$ |
| Std Deviation | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $6.0 \%$ | $4.7 \%$ |

Mayibentsha Focussed Strategic Asset Allocation


> Total equities - Cash and deposits Total bonds and debentures $\square$ Property

Mayibentsha Core Strategic Asset Allocation


- Total equities
- Cash and deposits
-Total bonds and debentures $\square$ Property

Mayibentsha MN Strategic Asset Allocation
$1 \% \%$


- Total equities
- Cash and deposits
-Total bonds and debentures
$\square$ Property

In general most hedge funds delivered solid positive returns for the month of December 2014 despite relatively large movements in the respective financial markets. In the local equity market most of these movements were observed during the week leading up to future close out, the equity market being down more than $5 \%$ at one point but recovered towards month end, with the market ending the months $-0.18 \%$ down. his ats sector delivered marginal positive results with $1.11 \%$ and $0.18 \%$ respectively.
Foreigners sold bonds during the months due to continuing concerns of South Africa's creditworthiness resulting in further outilows from the local bond market
Despite difficult market conditions most hedge fund managers delivered positive alpha, the best performing strategy being equity market neutral followed closely by equity long/short. Equity long/short managers achieved these results due to low levels of exposure to the equity market. Fixed income hedge fund managers delivered mixed results but on average delivered positive alpha.
All the Mayibentsha fund of hedge funds delivered positive results for the month with funds all outperforming their respective hurdles while still managing to protect capital. It is expected that the volatility observed during December is set to continue in the new year with managers positioned to take advantage of this.

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## RSABONDS

The Reserve Bank continued to delay its interest rate normalization process as downside risks to its growth outlook remained and its inflation outlook became more balanced due to the recent pull-back in oil and food prices. Consumer price inflation remained stable at $5.9 \%$ during October. Although lower petrol and food prices brought some respite, foreign exchange pass-through effects have become more evident and the currency will remain vulnerable to foreign portfolio outflows amidst a persistent large current account deficit. Finance Minister Nene's Medium Term Budget Policy Statement was seen as positive due to a clamp-down on the budget deficit, but in the absence of stronger GDP growth it is questionable whether his aggressive targets will be met. Recently, Moody's responded by lowering South Africa's sovereign credit rating by one notch, citing the poor growth outlook, elevated debt levels and persistent structural issues as reasons for the downgrade. We continue to have a large underweight position in domestic bonds and are worried that the foreign portfolio flows that have supported the bond market can reverse quickly.

RSA PROPERTY, ALTERNATIVES
\& CASH
The listed property sector has closely tracked the bond market in recent months, albeit with greater volatility. We continue to worry over the impact of higher bond yields on property yields. Income growth will be under pressure due to the deteriorating backdrop in economic fundamentals and we believe that vacancy levels will struggle to improve given the amount of completed properties that will become available. The current yield available in the property sector is extremely low compared to other fixed interest alternatives. We remain underweight listed property.

Money market yields have been creeping up in anticipation of an interest rate hiking cycle and is now starting to offer better valuations than what they did a few months ago. However, compared to history, yields are still low. In the absence of other alternatives, money market investments do provide capital protection in the short term.

## INTERNATIONAL

The global macro-economic backdrop is one of sluggish growth and disinflation. The Eurozone has stagnated with weakness now centered in the core economy of Germany. The Eurozone grew by $0.2 \%$ during the third quarter and Germany narrowly avoided recession when it grew by a mere $0.1 \%$ during this period. Japan has not recovered from its consumption tax hike and re-entered recession. The economy contracted by $0.4 \%$ during the third quarter. The US economy continues to perform well as the job market improves and forward looking indicators point to conditions remaining strong. The recent collapse in the oil price will act as a tax cut and boost global demand. This should bode well for the European economy which now also has a more competitive currency following its depreciation. China is suffering from a gradual slowdown. The end result is diverging monetary policies across global central banks. The European Central Bank will have to join the Bank of Japan in more aggressive stimulus measures whilst the Fed might hike rates sooner than what the market is discounting due to robust economic growth conditions and a strong recovery in the job market. Continued dollar strength might remove some of the heavy lifting in tighter monetary policy for the Fed. Amidst further stimulus measures and strong growth from the US, equities will do well and the recent equity market correction might just have been the transition into the next up-leg in share prices. Global bonds offer little value in real terms.

## RSAEQUITIES

Domestic economic growth conditions remain weak and are unlikely to firm much on a 12-month view. Growth forecasts for next year are continuously revised lower and as a result, the South African Reserve Bank refrained from hiking interest rates since July despite inflation that breached the upper limit of their targeted range. Interest rate normalization, however, is unavoidable. Given the country's large current account deficit, high inflation and low interest rates, the currency will be under pressure from the potential for large foreign portfolio outflows. Consumer and business confidence levels are still weak compared to historical averages and they should expect headwinds to remain as credit growth slows down, real disposable income growth remains low and interest rates normalise. Manufacturing activity has picked up, but this is from a low base caused by strike action and will not sustainably boost GDP growth. South Africa's main trading partner, Europe, is struggling and demand for South African goods will not meaningfully pick up. Company earnings expectations remain on the optimistic side and equity valuations expensive. There is little margin of safety in the local equity market and we remain underweight this asset class. We did take advantage of the recent weakness in the equity market to reduce the underweight position. Rand hedge shares that generate earnings offshore should be the outperformers compared to domestic orientated companies.



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