



Mazi NCIS Qualified Long Short Hedge Fund

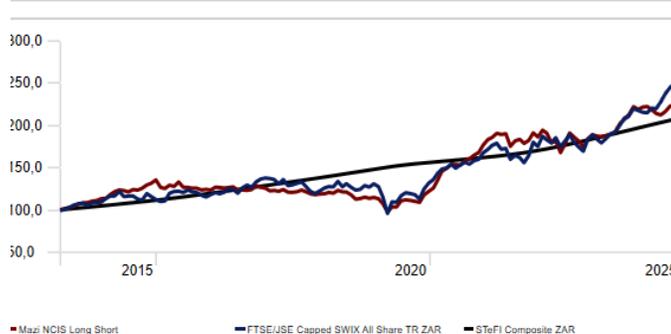
MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT AND QUARTERLY INVESTMENT STATEMENT

30 September 2025

Fund Information

Inception Date	April 2014
Fund Size	R12.2 million
NAV PU (Class B)	10 108.38
Total Units	121 719,20
ASISA Classification	South African-Long Short Long Bias Qualified Investor Hedge Fund
Benchmark	STeFI
Risk Profile	Moderate to High
Minimum Lump Sum	R1 million
Minimum Monthly Investment	R100,000
Service Fee (annual excl. VAT)	0,25%
Income Declaration	March, June, September, December
Leverage Ratio	Maximum of 4 times Net Asset Value
Performance Fee (excl. VAT)	20% of performance above STeFI

Cumulative Performance Since Inception*



Fund Service Providers

Prime Broker	Peregrine Securities
Risk Management	Novare CIS (RF) (Pty) Ltd
Administrator	Apex Fund Services South Africa Ltd
Auditor	PKF Cape Town, a member of PKF SA Inc
Trustees	FirstRand Bank Ltd

	Fund	STeFI	Capped SWIX
September 2025	1.10%	0,62%	6.53%
Year to date*	6.61%	5.67%	30.94%
Rolling 12 months	6.71%	7,80%	28.13%
Since inception annualised	7.81%	6,70%	9.43%
Since inception	237.40%	210.90%	281.80%
Highest annual return:	45,24%		
Lowest annual return:	-8,85%		

Fees (incl VAT)

Service Fee	0,29%
Performance Fee	0,00%
Underlying TER	0,00%
Other Expenses	2,20%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2,49%
Transaction Costs (TC)	1,90%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	4,39%

	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Equity	82,16%	-3,74%	78,42%	85,90%
Property	7,00%	-0,12%	6,89%	7,12%
Fund	6,62%	0,00%	6,62%	6,62%
Fixed Income	5,10%	0,00%	5,10%	5,10%
	100,88%	-3,86%	97,03%	104,74%

* For illustrative purposes only, the above graph illustrates cumulative growth per R100 invested since inception, net of annual fees and with distributions reinvested. Performance Since April 2016 was when the portfolio was established as a CIS** (previously in an unregulated structure).

** CIS is an abbreviation for "Collective Investment Scheme", which is a pooled investment scheme registered with the FSCA ("Financial Services Conduct Authority").

*The fee class is annualised, for a rolling 3 year period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025

Source(s) of Return: STeFI and CPI - Bloomberg; Fund - fund administrators (Apex Fund Services South Africa Ltd since April 2016) and Investment Manager

Investment Objective

The fund is a Qualified Investor Hedge Fund aiming to provide investors with long term positive real returns that are uncorrelated to the South African Capital markets. The benchmark for the portfolio is the STeFI composite index. The Fund can invest in a wide range of assets, such as shares, bonds, listed property and cash, both in South Africa and internationally. The Fund's absolute equity exposure is limited to 200% (2x gearing) of the total net asset value of the portfolio. The fund may invest in derivative instruments.

Investment Approach

The investment approach is rooted in detailed fundamental analysis of the underlying investments focusing on: sustainability of the business model, quality of management, corporate governance, predictability of cashflows, Balance Sheet strength and a compelling valuation.

Historical Performance (last 10 years)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2025	-1,82%	-1,87%	-0,88%	1,82%	2,90%	1,03%	2,24%	2,03%	1,10%				6,60%
2024	-0,83%	-0,32%	0,62%	1,04%	1,51%	4,74%	2,82%	3,00%	4,27%	-1,49%	1,26%	0,34%	18,10%
2023	4,36%	-1,78%	-5,97%	0,92%	-7,38%	6,08%	7,36%	-2,69%	-2,48%	-3,92%	5,73%	2,53%	1,41%
2022	3,60%	1,37%	2,61%	-0,68%	0,40%	-7,79%	3,57%	1,14%	-2,26%	1,99%	4,90%	-2,59%	5,71%
2021	3,23%	7,27%	8,32%	2,01%	3,33%	-0,19%	-0,46%	3,41%	1,41%	2,68%	1,90%	5,37%	45,24%
2020	-1,38%	-5,28%	-9,25%	6,49%	0,00%	7,02%	0,94%	-0,61%	-0,98%	-1,08%	8,06%	3,55%	6,23%
2019	0,21%	1,27%	-0,69%	2,78%	-1,40%	-0,24%	-2,68%	-4,42%	0,71%	1,46%	-1,20%	0,89%	-3,47%
2018	-2,54%	0,37%	-0,82%	1,65%	-2,45%	-0,21%	0,63%	1,57%	-1,68%	-2,01%	-0,82%	0,79%	-5,49%
2017	2,70%	-0,25%	-0,57%	0,51%	0,58%	-3,07%	0,22%	-0,32%	0,78%	3,63%	-1,45%	-0,77%	1,84%
2016	-6,51%	-1,07%	3,16%	-1,11%	4,09%	-4,67%	-0,22%	-0,76%	0,00%	-1,54%	0,50%	-0,64%	-8,85%
2015	0,25%	3,92%	3,01%	1,58%	-0,60%	-1,24%	2,28%	-0,49%	1,75%	3,07%	1,65%	2,96%	19,54%
2014				1,25%	1,23%	1,50%	2,55%	1,31%	0,28%	1,56%	0,70%	2,04%	13,11%

Shaded performance returns indicate performance returns before the completion of the conversion to the CIS structure

Risk Statistics

	Max Drawdown	Std. Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Bear Beta	Bull Beta
Mazi NCIS Long Short	-28,23	10,32	0,15	0,73	0,44
JSE All Share Total Return	-21,72	13,70	0,36	1,00	1,00

Source of Risk Statistics: Morningstar

Income Distribution History

Declared	Payment Date*	Cents per Unit
30 August 2025	1 Sept2025	0,00
31 June 2025	1 July 2025	0,00
31 March 2025	1 April 2025	52,99
31 December 2024	1 January 2025	70,79

*Actual cash payment date to investor differ (if applicable), pending finalisation of the monthly valuation of the portfolio.

Manager Commentary

As we look back on the second quarter and first half of the year, we cannot remember a more uncertain time from a policy perspective. President Trump and his merry men continued on their quest to reshape the post-World War II economic order, one they perceive to be biased against the USA.

April 9th was "Liberation Day" and brought about much more draconian tariffs than most had anticipated and definitely worse than we had expected. In the days following the S&P500 lost 12,1%, the Nasdaq Composite was down 23,9% from its February high, while the Rand spiked to ZAR19,80 relative to the US Dollar and our markets as measured by the Capped Swix lost 9,2% from its highs. A truly unprecedented time! During these initial days we moved to reduce both gross and net exposure by trimming a few positions in the consumer discretionary and financial sector, while we also bought back our short positions in the Platinum sector. In late May 2025 we went long Valtera and Impala, trades which ended up contributing substantially to our second quarter performance.

As we exit the quarter the future is still "as clear as mud". We remain concerned that the combination of higher tariffs, a more insular global trade landscape and fiscal stimulus will end up being more inflationary than currently expected. We also think that a massive, disruptive change to the status quo will lead to unintended consequences and possibly something unexpectedly breaking.

Our fund ended the quarter up 5.9% and year to date we have grown by 1.1%. This is behind the performance of the broader market measured by the Capped Swix, which gained 9.7% for the quarter and is up 16,1% for the year to date. Much of the market performance can be attributed to resources and specifically gold and platinum counters. We have not had any exposure to gold, while our platinum longs were only entered in the second half of May.

As we look to the second half of the year, we do think uncertainty will remain high, but we also suspect we have either passed or are close the point of maximum uncertainty, both from a geopolitical perspective as well as a trade performance. Furthermore we continue expect rates to come down in the medium term, while also thinking the GNU will hold.

At quarter end the fund's net equity exposure was 78%, while gross exposure was 105%.

Glossary

Performance fee	The fund charges a performance fee of 20% of the amount by which it outperforms the hurdle rate, STeFI. The performance fee is payable quarterly in arrears. A high water mark principle is applied in the performance fee calculation.
Transaction costs (TC)	TC is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the portfolio. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts 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 financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.
Total expense ratio (TER)	TER reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's.
Total investment charge (TIC)	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 published returns.
Max Drawdown	The maximum loss from a peak to a trough before a new peak is attained. Maximum Drawdown (MDD) is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period
Standard Deviation (Std Dev)	A measurement of dispersion of a dataset relative to its average. When a fund has a high standard deviation, the predicted range of performance is wide, implying greater volatility.
Sharpe Ratio	A measure of risk-adjusted performance. Calculated by dividing the annualized excess returns over the risk-free rate by Std Dev.
Beta (Bear and Bull)	Bear/(Bull) Beta is a relative measure of the sensitivity of the fund's return to negative/(positive) changes in the benchmark return. It shows to what extent negative/positive periods of performance of the fund are reflected by corresponding negative/positive periods of performance in the benchmark.

INVESTOR INFORMATION

Leverage: Sources, value and providers of leverage

The fund employs short positions in equities and market indices as leverage. Short positions as a percentage of fund value at quarter end: 10.0% Provider(s) of leverage are the fund's asset manager: Mazi Asset Management

Exposure Limit

Effective exposure is limited to 4 times the value of the fund.

Highest Exposure Value over the quarter

The maximum allowable exposure is 4 times the value of the fund

The maximum exposure over the quarter : 1.2

Exposure value at quarter end

1.1 times the value of the fund. The maximum allowable exposure is 4 times the value of the fund.

Re-hypothecation Strategy

The Prime Broker is prohibited from rehypothecating and from pledging any securities that form part of the fund's collateral.

Stress testing applied

A series of stress tests are performed that changes the underlying price or yield of every security in the portfolio and revalues each one from first principles, according to the size of the user-defined stress. We also determine what percentage of the portfolio can be closed out over time bands.

Counterparty Exposure

Not applicable since no CFDs are used (Contracts for Difference).

TIC: Period (Annualised, rolling three-year period): 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025

1 TER 2.40% + TC 1,90% = TIC 4,39% as at 30 June 2025. The total investment charge (TIC) is the percentage of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the portfolio. It is the sum of the total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (TC), including VAT. 2. TER is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as expenses to the administration (charges, levies and fees) of the portfolio. TER is calculated over a rolling three-year period (or since inception, where applicable) and annualised to the most recent calendar quarter. Inclusive in the TER, the stated performance fee percentage of the net asset value of the class of portfolio was recovered. 3. TC is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the portfolio. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts 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 financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

Changes to portfolio liquidity risk over the quarter

None

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Investment Manager

Mazi Asset Management (Pty) Limited (the 'Investment Manager') incorporated under the laws of South Africa, is an authorised financial services provider (FSP 46405) under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 37 of 2002 and has been appointed by Novare CIS as the Investment Manager of the Fund. Contact details: P.O Box 784583, Sandton, 2146, South Africa. Telephone: 010 001 8300. Email: info@mazi.co.za.

Management Company

The portfolio is owned by Novare CIS (RF) (Pty) Limited (Novare CIS) Registration No.2013/191159/07, an authorized Management Company registered according to the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act (CISCA) and regulated by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority of South Africa. Contact details: P.O. Box 4742, Tyger Valley, 7736, South Africa. Call Centre: 0800668 273 (0800 Novare). Email: clientservice@novare.co.za. Website: www.novarecis.co.za First Rand Bank Limited Registration No.1929/001225/06 is the appointed trustee, contact number: 011 282 8000. PKF Cape Town is the auditor for the portfolio. Apex Fund Services South Africa Ltd is the fund administrator of the portfolio. Risk management of the portfolio is done by Novare CIS. Should you have any queries or complaints please contact: Novare CIS (on 0800668273 (0800novare) or via email clientservice@novare.com. Directors: Mr. DA Roper, Mr. JS du Preez, Mr. GL Carter, Mr. A du Toit, Ms. N Smith

Pricing and Trading

Prices are calculated on a net asset value basis and auditor's fees, bank charges and trustee fees are levied against the portfolio. Applications to invest are processed monthly. The application must be submitted to Novare CIS before 14h00 2 business days prior to the end of the month and the proof of payment must be submitted before 14h00 on the last business day of the month. Applications are processed on the first of the month following receipt of the proof of payment and application. Redemptions are processed the end of each month and we require a month's notice. In order to receive month end prices the redemption documentation must be submitted to Novare before 14h00 on the last business day of the preceding month.

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