

# Novare Balanced Fund - A2

## Quarterly General Investor Report

As at 31 October 2023

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The portfolio aims to offer investors a moderate total return over the long-term by investing in a broad spectrum of South African and offshore securities.

### INVESTMENT POLICY

A collective investment scheme ("CIS") can be described as an investment vehicle that allows investors to pool their money into a portfolio, sharing in the risk and return of the portfolio in proportion to their participatory interest in the portfolio. The portfolio is a medium risk portfolio. The portfolio will be in compliance with prudential investment guidelines for retirement funds in South Africa, to the extent allowed for by the Act. The portfolio's equity exposure will be limited to a maximum of 60%. To achieve its objective, the portfolio will invest in a broad spectrum of South African and offshore securities. The investments to be included in the portfolio may comprise a combination of securities, such as assets in liquid form, interest bearing instruments, bonds, debentures, corporate debt, equity securities, property securities, preference shares, convertible equities, non-equity securities, and money market instruments. The manager may invest in participatory interests or any other form of participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar collective investment schemes. The portfolio may, from time to time, invest in listed and unlisted financial instruments. The portfolio may also include forward currency, interest rate, and exchange rate swap transactions, for efficient portfolio management purposes. The portfolio is designed to minimise volatility and aims to cultivate a smooth return profile, whilst minimising drawdowns. There are no additional mandate stipulations.

### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The investment strategy follows a bottom-up approach that focuses on both qualitative and quantitative measures in the manager research process to ensure the best possible portfolio mix to achieve the targeted return. The portfolio construction will ensure a blend that adheres to governing regulations as well as the preferred asset allocation mix for the portfolio. Tactical asset allocation actions are taken (when necessary) should potential threats or opportunities arise that can influence the portfolio's risk and return profile. Tactical asset allocation will only be implemented on the collective view of the investment committee.

### TRANSACTIONS AND VALUATIONS

Redemption frequency: Daily  
Redemption notice period: 14h00 each business day  
Portfolio valuation: 15h00 each business day  
Pricing date: 15h00 each business day  
Pricing frequency: Daily

Transaction cut-off time: The daily cut-off for receipt of instructions is 14h00. No instruction will be processed unless all requirements have been met and supporting documentation has been provided. Instructions received before the cut-off will be processed the same day and will receive the same day's price. Instructions received after cut-off will be processed the next business day. Redemptions are paid out within five business days.

### FEES

**Fee class** A2  
This fee class is only available via independent service providers. Please contact Novare CIS for further details.

Total investment charge of the fee class, annualised, for a rolling 3 year period from 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2023

Underlying Portfolios TER (Included in TER)	0.49%
Performance Fee (Included in TER)	N/A
Total Expense Ratio (TER) Incl. VAT	1.80%
Transaction Costs (TC) Incl. VAT	0.07%
Total Investment Charge (TIC) Incl. VAT	1.88%

Annual service charge	The current annual management fee is 1.1% p.a. (excl. VAT).
Performance fee	Performance fees are not levied on the portfolio.
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.

	Conservative	Moderate	Aggressive
<b>ABOUT THE PORTFOLIO</b>			
Portfolio classification	South African - Multi-Asset - Medium Equity		
Legal structure	CIS trust arrangement		
Scheme name	Novare Collective Investments Scheme in Securities		
Portfolio inception date	14 August 2017		
Fee class inception date	03 September 2018		
Risk profile	This portfolio is managed within what are regarded to be moderate investment parameters. This is a medium-risk portfolio that aims to deliver income and capital growth over the medium to long-term. This portfolio is designed to minimise volatility and aims to cultivate a smooth return profile whilst minimising drawdowns.		
Investment horizon	Suitable for investors with a long-term investment horizon.		
Benchmark	CPI + 4% net of fees		
Portfolio size	R	222,941,113.86	
NAV cents per participatory interest			1,140.69
Number of participatory interests			1,394,136.12
Minimum monthly investment	R	500.00	
Minimum lump sum	R	5,000.00	
Income declaration	Bi-annual (June - December)		
Accounting period dates	01 July - 31 December, 01 January - 30 June		

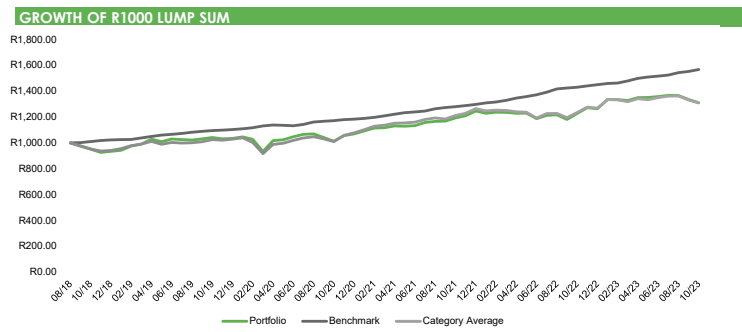
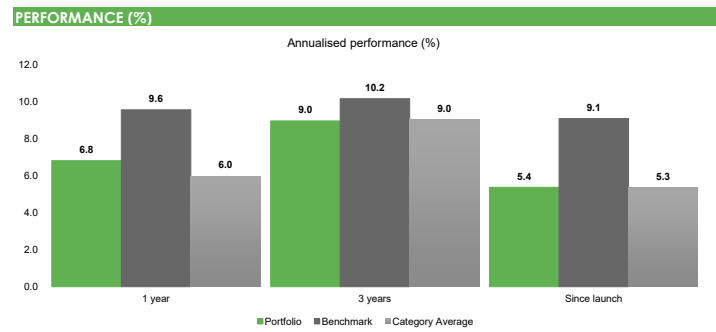
### LIQUIDITY PROFILE

The portfolio is managed and constructed in a manner that makes provision for daily liquidity. The ability of the portfolio to repurchase is dependent upon the liquidity of the securities and cash of the portfolio. A manager may suspend repurchases for a period, subject to regulatory approval, to await liquidity. Investors will be notified of any such arrangements.

### INCOME DISTRIBUTION IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Date of distribution	Date of payment	Amount (cents per participatory interest)
31 December 2022	02 January 2023	18.17
30 June 2023	04 July 2023	17.60

Total expense ratio (TER)	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. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TERs. Inclusive in the TER is the stated performance fee percentage of the net asset value of the class of portfolio that was recovered (if applicable).
Total investment charge (TIC)	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.



Source of performance returns:

eVestment as at 31 October 2023

### PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	5.61%	0.01%	-0.56%	1.74%	0.03%	0.52%	0.71%	-0.09%	-2.17%	-1.96%	3.70%	-0.65%	3.68%
2022	-1.41%	0.61%	-0.04%	-0.63%	0.15%	-3.53%	2.17%	0.34%	-2.89%	3.82%	3.70%	-0.65%	1.36%
2021	2.14%	2.00%	0.20%	1.29%	-0.21%	0.43%	2.14%	0.75%	0.11%	2.16%	1.49%	2.97%	16.55%
2020	1.15%	-1.81%	-9.25%	9.05%	0.72%	2.26%	1.81%	0.25%	-2.55%	-2.79%	4.29%	1.28%	3.38%
2019	0.89%	3.39%	1.62%	3.83%	-1.86%	2.07%	-0.43%	-0.39%	0.87%	1.01%	-0.91%	0.32%	10.76%
2018									-2.58%	-2.41%	-2.58%	0.88%	

Highest calendar annual performance since launch 16.55% (2021)

Lowest calendar annual performance since launch 1.36% (2022)

### ASSET ALLOCATION (INCLUDING DERIVATIVE EFFECT)

	Local	Offshore	Total
Bonds	25.09%	2.19%	27.28%
Cash	11.72%	7.31%	19.03%
Commodities	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Equities	38.42%	9.98%	48.40%
Money market	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Property	4.99%	0.00%	4.99%
Participatory interests (unclassified)	0.00%	0.30%	0.30%
Other	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

### RISK STATISTICS

Alpha	-3.72%
Beta	-0.95
Sharpe ratio	-0.05
Standard deviation (%)	8.81%
Maximum drawdown	-10.89%
Sortino ratio	-0.07
Information ratio	-0.41
Tracking error (as at 09/2018 - 10/2023)	9.12%

Source of risk statistics eVestment as at 31 October 2023

### UNDERLYING TOP 5 EFFECTIVE EXPOSURES

Prescient Income Provider Fund
Coronation Bond Fund
Methodical Equity Preserver Prescient Fund
Ninety One Global Franchise Fund
PSG Equity Fund

### FUND COMMENTARY

#### Global

The world's equities markets dropped for a third straight month, bringing their total decline since the end of July to about 10%. The three-month stock market sell-off is accompanied by a 1% rise in US 10-year government bond rates, which in October reached 5% annualised for the first time in more than 16 years. With bonds and listed real estate down for the month, along with all of the main stock markets and business sectors, investors had nowhere to hide in October. As US economic data continued to defy predictions of a recession, rates gradually increased. Subsequent to the better-than-expected September retail sales in the US, the 3Q23 US GDP growth was revealed, rising 4.9% quarter over quarter compared to forecasts of 4.5%.

When Hamas launched an attack on Israel from the Gaza Strip in October, geopolitical risk contributed to the unfavourable atmosphere. As the US government intensified its efforts to prevent advanced semiconductors from entering China, tensions between the US and China also rose during the month. Concurrently, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin reaffirmed their unity during a conference of world leaders held in Beijing.

Emerging markets underperformed developed markets, with a 1.8% year-to-date decline in 2023. Chinese businesses, notably those listed offshore (Hong Kong-listed Chinese companies -4.6% MoM, US-listed Chinese companies -6.5% MoM), had the worst performance. Between July and September, Brent crude oil increased by around 30%, mostly due to pledges from Saudi Arabia and Russia to maintain tight supplies. However, worries about the weak US demand for gasoline and inventory building contributed to part of the strength being reversed, with the commodity down 8% for the month of October. The US dollar was stronger than most currencies in October due to rising US interest rates and risk aversion.

#### Local

October saw a third consecutive negative month for the South African stock market, matching the performance of global equity markets. The FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX Index down 2.9% for the month, pushing the index into negative territory and down 3.2% for the year to date in 2023.

The headline inflation rate in South Africa increased by 5.4% year over year in the most recent data, which was expected given the ongoing impact of rising food and energy prices. Comparatively, core inflation—which does not include these volatile categories—slowed to 4.5% annually, falling short of forecasts of 4.7%. Thanks to rising US interest rates and widespread risk aversion, the US dollar has been strong over the past few months. The rand did, however, fare somewhat better, joining a select group of currencies that saw a gain against the US dollar in October. However due to a difficult start to the year, the rand is still among the poorer performers in 2023 against the US dollar, down 8.6% YTD. In October, the long-term borrowing rate also resisted the worldwide trend, slightly declining to 12.3% p.a. despite generally rising global bond yields.

**DISCLOSURES****GENERAL**

Collective Investment Schemes (Unit Trusts) are generally medium to long-term investments. The value of participatory interests (units) or the investment may go down as well as up. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Collective investment schemes are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending (i.e. borrowing and lending of assets). The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. The ability of the portfolio to repurchase is dependent upon the liquidity of the securities and cash of the portfolio. A manager may suspend repurchases for a period, subject to regulatory approval, to await liquidity, and the manager must keep the investors informed about these circumstances. The manager does not provide any guarantee, either with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. Any forecasts and/or commentary in this document are not guaranteed to occur. Different classes of participatory interests apply to these portfolios and are subject to different fees and charges. A schedule of all fees and charges, inclusive of VAT and maximum commissions, is available on request from Novare or from your financial adviser. Forward pricing is used. For portfolios that include derivatives, there is no assurance that a portfolio's use of a derivative strategy will succeed. A portfolio's management may employ a sophisticated risk management process, to oversee and manage derivative exposures within a portfolio, but the use of derivative instruments may involve risks different from, and, in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by the securities from which they are derived. Foreign securities within portfolios may have additional material risks, depending on the specific risks affecting that country, such as: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. Investors are reminded that an investment in a currency other than their own may expose them to a foreign exchange risk.

**PRICES**

The latest prices and TER are published Daily in the Business Times and are made available on our website [www.novare.com](http://www.novare.com).

**PERFORMANCE RETURNS**

The performance is calculated for the fee class, not the portfolio. Lump-sum performance returns are being quoted. Income distributions, prior to the deduction of applicable taxes, are included in the performance calculations. NAV to NAV figures have been used for the performance calculations, as calculated by the Manager at the valuation point defined in the deed, over all reporting periods. Investment performance calculations are available for verification upon request by any person. Reinvestment of income is calculated on the actual amount distributed per participatory interest, using the ex-dividend date NAV price of the applicable class of the portfolio, irrespective of the actual reinvestment date. The individual investor performance may differ, as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. The rate of return is calculated on a total return basis, and the following elements may involve a reduction of the investor's capital: interest rates, economic outlook, inflation, deflation, economic and political shocks or changes in economic policy. Annualised returns are period returns re-scaled to a period of one year. This allows investors to compare returns of different assets that they have owned for different lengths of time. All period returns greater than one year have been annualised. Returns for periods less than one year have not been annualised. A cumulative return is the aggregate amount an investment has gained or lost over time, independent of the period of time involved. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional information on the portfolio, refer to the following documents, available on our website [www.novare.com](http://www.novare.com), from your financial adviser, or on request from the Manager, free of charge.

- Application forms
- Annual report
- Fee schedule
- Performance fee FAQ (if applicable)
- Quarterly General Investor Report (if applicable)

**COMPLAINTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The complaints policy and procedure, as well as the conflicts of interest management policy, are available on our website [www.novare.com](http://www.novare.com). Associates of the manager may be invested within certain portfolios, and the details thereof are available from the manager.

**CLOSURE OF THE PORTFOLIO**

The manager has the right to close certain portfolios to new investors, in order to manage them more efficiently, in accordance with their mandates.

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The manager is registered as a manager of collective investment schemes, in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act. The manager is a member of the Association for Savings and Investment South Africa (ASISA).

**TRUSTEE/CUSTODIAN/DEPOSITORY**

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The trustee/custodian is registered as a trustee of collective investment schemes, in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

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