



**Mazi**  
Asset Management

## Mazi NCIS Qualified Long Short Hedge Fund

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT AND QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

30 June 2023

### Fund Information

Inception Date	April 2014
Fund Size	R6.8 million
NAV PU (Class B)	8 305.48
Total Units	82 403.48
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)	0.29%
Income Declaration	March, June, September, December
Leverage Ratio	Maximum of 4 times Net Asset Value
Performance Fee (excl. VAT)	20% of performance above STeFI

### Fund Service Providers

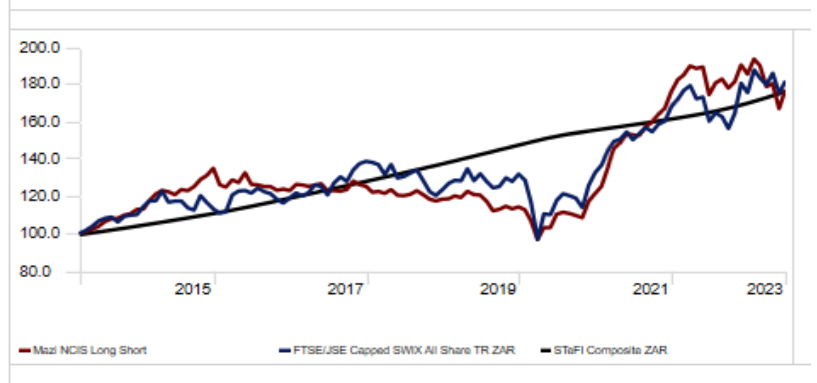
Prime Broker	Peregrine Securities
Risk Management	Novare CIS (RF) (Pty) Ltd
Administrator	Apex Fund Services South Africa Ltd
Auditor	PKF Cape Town, a member of PKF SA Inc
Trustees	FirstRand Bank Ltd

### Fees (incl VAT)

Service Fee	0.29%
Performance Fee	0.00%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	3.14%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.36%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	3.50%

\*The fee class is annualised, for a rolling 3 year period from 1 June 2020 to 30 June 2023

### Cumulative Performance Since Inception\*



	Fund	STeFI	Capped SWIX
June 2023	6.08%	0.65%	3.84%
Year to date*	-4.43%	3.70%	3.63%
Rolling 12 months	1.56%	6.76%	13.48%
Since inception annualised	6.41%	6.34%	6.71%
Since inception	78.38%	76.55%	83.70%
Highest annual return:	8.96%		
Lowest annual return:	-6.27%		

	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Equity	85.01%	-10.43%	74.58%	95.44%
Property	8.95%	0.00%	8.95%	8.95%
Bond	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	93.96%	-10.43%	83.53%	104.39%

\* 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").

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
2023	4.36%	-1.78%	-5.97%	0.92%	-7.38%	6.08%							-4.43%
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	10.56	0.06	0.76	0.44
JSE All Share Total Return	-21.72	14.27	0.22	1.00	1.00

Source of Risk Statistics: Morningstar

## Income Distribution History

Declared	Payment Date*	Cents per Unit
31 March 2023	1 April 2023	19.01
31 December 2022	1 January 2023	140.00
30 September 2022	1 October 2022	130.00
30 June 2022	1 July 2022	28.62

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

## Manager Commentary

For the quarter the All Share index gained 0.7% and Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (Capped Swix) gained 1.2%. Our fund lost 0.7% principally due to an increased position in Transaction Capital. We had increased our position following the major correction in March 2023 after revisiting our investment thesis and meeting with management on multiple occasions. Since then, we have engaged further and remain firmly of the view that management (and the company) will be able to navigate their current liquidity squeeze without a catastrophic collapse and/or severely diluted rights issue. We are clearly in the minority in holding this view but are resolute to stay the course.

Away from Transaction Capital the fund performed well as our long held short position in MultiChoice paid off following a negative trading update and news of additional investments required in their over-the-top offering, think Netflix, which they are pursuing with NBC Universal. On the long side positions in Afrimat, Naspers and MTN among others contributed, while Telkom and Capitec detracted from performance. We have exited our Capitec position as we believe the business is maturing and hence will find it difficult to grow fast enough to justify its lofty valuation.

On the macro front the US Federal Reserve took a breather after eighteen months of interest rate hikes. Consensus seems to be that there may be one, or at worst two more hikes to come. It seems to us the back of inflation has been broken and the end may not be far off. In short, we are looking for opportunities as opposed to being overly risk averse.

In South Africa, however, this is a bit harder as it seems we just cannot help but shoot ourselves in the foot at every opportunity we get; the Lady R saga being the latest example coupled with the invitation extended to Vladimir Putin to attend the Brics summit later this year.

Valuations in our local market are very compelling and we are actively searching for areas and opportunities to be constructive on. At quarter end the fund's net exposure was higher at 84%

## Glossary

<b>Performance fee</b>	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.
<b>Transaction costs (TC)</b>	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.
<b>Total expense ratio (TER)</b>	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.
<b>Total investment charge (TIC)</b>	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.
<b>Max Drawdown</b>	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
<b>Standard Deviation (Std Dev)</b>	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.
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	A measure of risk-adjusted performance. Calculated by dividing the annualized excess returns over the risk-free rate by Std Dev.
<b>Beta (Bear and Bull)</b>	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 repledging 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): 01 June 2020 to 30 June 2023

1. TER 3.14% + TC 0.36% = TIC 3.50% as at 30 June 2023. 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.

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#### 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.

#### Disclaimer

Collective Investments are generally medium to long term investments. Actual investment performance will differ based on the initial fees applicable, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax.

Novare CIS does not provide any guarantee in respect of capital or the return of a portfolio. The value of participatory interests may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance.

Collective Investments Schemes trade at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. Commentary or any forecasts contained in this document are not guaranteed to occur.

Novare CIS has the right to close the portfolio to new investors to manage it more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. The 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. Novare CIS's schedule of fees and charges is available on request.

The portfolio was established as a Collective Investment Scheme in April 2016, all information prior was in an unregulated environment.

The portfolio will not change its investment strategy or investment policy without prior approval from the Financial Sector Conduct Authority and investors. The portfolio does use the services of a prime broker and as a result the fund is exposed to the prime broker counterparty risk. The liquidity risk management policy is available on request.

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