

# Novare Balanced Fund - A2

## Quarterly General Investor Report

As at 30 September 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

<b>Underlying Portfolios TER (Included in TER)</b>	0.49%
<b>Performance Fee (Included in TER)</b>	N/A
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER) Incl. VAT</b>	1.80%
<b>Transaction Costs (TC) Incl. VAT</b>	0.07%
<b>Total Investment Charge (TIC) Incl. VAT</b>	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>		
<b>Portfolio classification</b>		South African - Multi-Asset - Medium Equity
<b>Legal structure</b>		CIS trust arrangement
<b>Scheme name</b>		Novare Collective Investments Scheme in Securities
<b>Portfolio inception date</b>		14 August 2017
<b>Fee class inception date</b>		03 September 2018
<b>Risk profile</b>		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.
<b>Investment horizon</b>		Suitable for investors with a long-term investment horizon.
<b>Benchmark</b>		CPI + 4% net of fees
<b>Portfolio size</b>		R 225,793,413.22
<b>NAV cents per participatory interest</b>		1,163.49
<b>Number of participatory interests</b>		1,404,376.44
<b>Minimum monthly investment</b>		R 500.00
<b>Minimum lump sum</b>		R 5,000.00
<b>Income declaration</b>		Bi-annual (June - December)
<b>Accounting period dates</b>		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

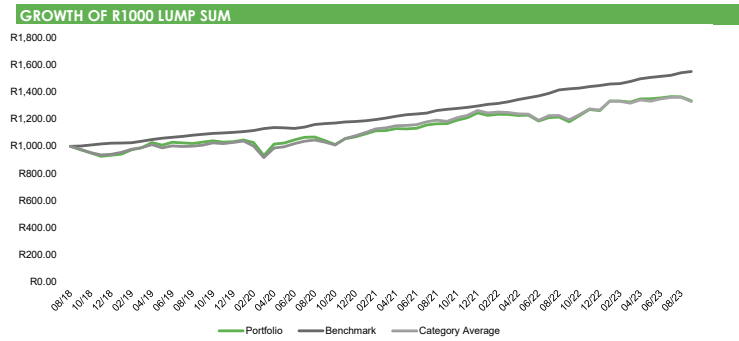
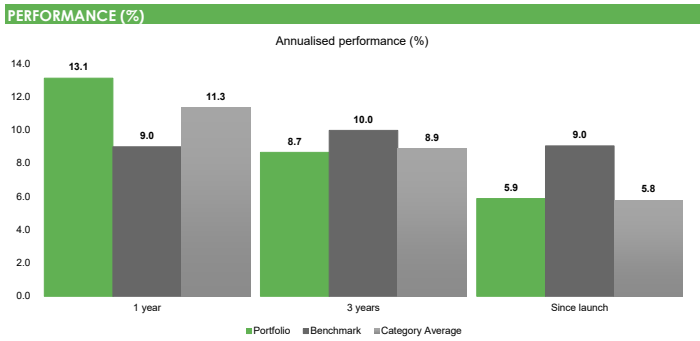
Date of distribution	Date of payment	Amount (cents per participatory interest)
31 December 2022	02 January 2023	18.17
30 June 2023	04 July 2023	17.60

**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.



### 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%	3.82%	3.70%	-0.65%	5.75%
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%	-0.91%	-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	-3.17%
Beta	-0.90
Sharpe ratio	0.01
Standard deviation (%)	8.82%
Maximum drawdown	-10.89%
Sortino ratio	0.02
Information ratio	-0.35
Tracking error (as at (09/2018 - 09/2023))	9.12%

Source of risk statistics: eVestment as at 30 September 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

September 2023 may be considered one of the worst months of the year. Equity markets across the globe performed poorly. Global equity markets fell for the second consecutive month, with the MSCI World index returning -4.3% for the month, resulting in a negative quarter of -3.4%. Although in negative territory, emerging market stocks outperformed their counterparts in developed markets. Emerging market (EM) stocks returned -2.5% for the month, with China being the biggest detractor. Chinese stocks listed in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and the US have all declined year-to-date in US-dollar terms.

India's stock market, represented by the NSE Nifty 50 Index, was up 1.5% for the month and was the only major global equity market to produce a positive return in US-dollar terms. The market benefited from foreign investors shifting away from Chinese equities, as the latter market is still plagued by uncertainty that continues to drag down the performance of emerging market assets.

Further pain was inflicted on developed market (DM) equities by China when an American multinational technology company, Apple, saw its market value plummet by US\$200 billion over two days at the beginning of September due to news that China would ban the use of iPhones in Chinese government offices.

While the current decline in inflation data was in line with expectations, a rising oil price renewed concerns about inflationary pressures. The focus shifted from how much higher interest rates could go to how long rates would remain elevated and how many rate cuts might eventually come. Some major central banks, such as those in the US, Switzerland, England, and Japan, chose to keep rates unchanged in September, which may be a sign that we are approaching the peak of this hiking cycle.

Brent crude oil rallied 10% during the month to reach US\$95 per barrel, leaving it 27% higher for the third quarter of 2023. This could be attributed to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and their allies, including Russia (collectively known as OPEC+), continuing to restrict the oil supply.

Risk aversion and rising US yields led to investors flocking to the safety of the US dollar, making it stronger against most currencies in September.

#### Local

The South African stock market followed the global equity markets lower, also for the second consecutive month, erasing all year-to-date gains. The JSE All Share (ALSI) was down -2.5% for the month in the local currency, resulting in a -3.5% decline for the third quarter of 2023. The losses were also felt in the local bond market, where the All Bond Index (ALBI) fell by 2.3% in September and -0.3% for the quarter.

The local currency held up relatively well, depreciating only by -0.2% against the generally strong US dollar. Higher US yields continued to strengthen the dollar in September, while uncertainty regarding China's outlook kept emerging market assets on the back foot.

South Africa successfully hosted a BRICS conference in August, even without the physical appearance of the Russian president. This was a notable relief for domestic risk assets. South Africa managed to secure a loan of \$3 billion from the New Development Bank (NDB), a BRICS-funded institution.

South African inflation has been gradually decreasing in the past few months, moving towards the mid-point of the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB's) target range. This led the SARB to maintain the repo rate at 8.25% during its September meeting.

Load shedding levels were erratic throughout the third quarter, intensifying at some points to Stage 6 (shedding 6000 megawatts of supply). However, Eskom provided a more positive outlook for the summer months, as units that had been on long-term planned outages were set to come back online.

The Novare Balanced Fund returned 6.75% YTD as of the end of September, ahead of its peer group average returning 4.97%. The best performers YTD has been the Sygnia MSCI World Fund and Investec Global Franchise Fund benefiting from both a continued rally in global equity markets and weakening of local currency, returning 21.17% and 17.72% respectively. The Prescient Global Income Fund has also contributed positively to performance returning 13.85% YTD, the fund primarily invests in shorter-dated global fixed income securities. The Novare Balanced Fund has been steadily outperforming its peer group over the short and longer term.

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**PRICES**

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**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).

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