

# OASIS TAX FREE INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

# **KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION**

# OASIS BALANCED STABLE FUND OF FUNDS

# 4TH QUARTER 2023

Investment Manager	Adam Ebrahim	Max. Monthly Investment	R 3,000
Launch Date	30 April 2004	Max. Lump - Sum Investment	R 36,000
Benchmark	CPI Rate +1%	Fund Size	R 70.68 million
Fund Classification	South African Multi Asset-Low Equity	Total Expense Ratio	2.03 %
Distribution Period	Quarterly	Class	F
Distribution	3.9683 cents per unit		

### Investment Objective and Policy

The Oasis Balanced Stable Fund of Funds provides investors with the opportunity to invest in an actively managed prudential portfolio that comprises of various asset classes, including listed equities, property, bonds and money market instruments. This allows for significant diversification and may be held by a retirement fund as it is managed in accordance with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956.

The portfolio will seek to derive medium to long-term capital appreciation (from the rising value of assets) and a relatively small stream of income (from rentals and interest-bearing instruments). The exposure to equity instruments is relatively moderate and is consistent with the low equity fund classification.

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Cumulative Re	eturns
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Cumulative	May- Dec				2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2007	2005	2005	2005	2006	2007	2000	2009	2010	2011	2012	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017	2010	2010	2020	2021	2022	2022	Return Since	e Inception
Performance	2004		2018	2019	2019 2020		2022	2023	Cum	Ann																										
Oasis Balanced Stable Fund of Funds*		17.6	25.5	13.7	(7.8)	12.5	9.9	6.8	15.4	15.6	9.8	6.2	2.7	4.8	(1.0)	8.0	(0.8)	22.7	(4.7)	11.7	409.9	8.6														
CPI Rate**	1.7	3.3	5.4	8.5	10.6	5.8	3.6	6.1	5.6	5.3	5.8	4.8	6.6	4.6	5.2	3.6	3.2	5.5	7.4	5.5	185.7	5.5														

Annual returns for every year since inception are reported in this table and the highest and lowest annual returns are disclosed.

### Annualised Returns

Annualised Returns	% Growth 1 year	% Growth 3 years	% Growth 5 years	% Growth 7 years	% Growth 10 years	% Growth 10 years	Return Since Inception Annualised
Oasis Balanced Stable Fund of Funds*	11.7	9.3	7.0	5.5	5.7	7.8	8.6
CPI Rate**	5.5	6.1	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.5

\*Performance (% returns) in Rand, net of fees of the Oasis Balanced Stable Fund of Funds since inception to 31 December 2023

(From the 4th quarter of 2016 the calculation of performance changed from "gross of fees" to "net of fees".)

(Source: Oasis Research; I-Net Bridge)

\*\*Note: CPI benchmark lags by 1 month. The bechmark for this fund is CPI + 1%

# Annualised return represents the compound growth rate of the fund over the respective period and calculated in accordance with Global Investment Performance Standards.

#### **Investment Manager Commentary**

In its October World Economic Outlook (WEO) update, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) acknowledged that global economic growth had slowed over the course of 2023 where it expected GDP growth of just 2.9% after 3.5% in 2022. This year, the IMF expects little change with the global economy expanding only 3.0%. However, the IMF also paid tribute to the remarkable resilience of the global economy which has, so far, managed to shrug off the unprecedented monetary tightening by the world's key central banks over 2022/23 as well as the cost of living crisis, ongoing war in Ukraine and a worsening geopolitical outlook in the Middle East. Part of the explanation for the unexpected resilience is that services activity outperformed manufacturing in many advanced economies. Meanwhile, emerging market economies outside of China tended to outperform advanced economic given they had less of a need to aggressively tighten monetary policy. Looking ahead, the post-pandemic recovery in advanced economy service sectors has mostly run its course which suggests that economic growth is likely to remain subdued. Meanwhile, the transmission of monetary policy across countries is uneven and will contribute to growing divergences.

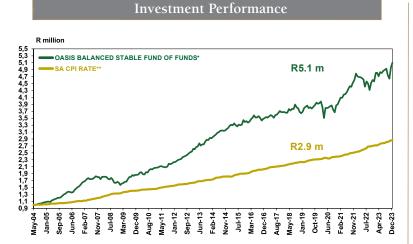
A persistent feature of the South African economic landscape over the past year has been the record levels of electricity loadshedding the economy has had to endure, which has acted as a handbrake on the recovery in activity and employment. On a more positive note, persistent Level 6 loadshedding, which was prevalent over May and June last year, moved into the rear-view mirror in H2 2023. Moreover, loadshedding in general has become more intermittent during Q3 and Q4. In its October World Economic Outlook update, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised its South Africa GDP forecast for 2024 to 1.8% from 1.7% previously, marking a welcome acceleration from the anaemic 0.9% expected in 2023 as the negative impact of loadshedding abates. This still modest economic growth rate reflects ongoing structural headwinds such as electricity shortages, corruption, fiscal sustainability, SOE underperformance and rigid labour markets. Projected GDP growth at these rates will be insufficient over the long term to create enough jobs to absorb the new labour market entrants. This implies the unemployment rate will remain historically high outside of serious structural reform. Over the past 10 years, South Africa's economic growth has averaged 0.9% relative to population growth of 1.4% and global GDP growth of 3.1%. On the positive side, in the face of widespread economic crisis, the government has been forced into undertaking significant structural reforms which should bear fruit. Most notably, in a huge step towards energy sector liberalisation, any private sector firm or municipality can now build their own electricity generative capacity with the option in the future of selling back into the national grid. Separately, much needed impetus on the transport logistics side could soon be injected by Transnet as it looks to concession its key logistic ahead to the May 2024 general elections, much will depend on the incumbent government providing a stable macro-economic and policy framework as well as managing its geopolitical

In 2023 we saw increased volatility in global equity markets due to significant monetary tightening and rising geopolitical tension. The Technology Sector outperformed over the past year and has been a key driver of the strong performance of the Nasdaq relative to the S&P500 and MSCI World Index. We expect volatility to continue as inflation may not continue to fall back to central bank targets as smoothly as expected and expectations for the beginning of cuts in central bank policy rates starting early this year could prove to be unfounded and lead to volatility in markets. In addition, geopolitical risks could lead to upside pressure on oil prices which in turn could lead to more generalised inflation pressures if such a rise proves persistent. This more volatile environment is suitable for the Oasis philosophy and your portfolio is well positioned with a focus on companies with market leadership, strong competitive advantages, sustainability, outstanding management, delivering high levels of profitability and cash flow and priced below intrinsic value.

During 2023 the Resource sector has underperformed and despite a solid performance from the Industrial and Financial Sector, the South African equity market lagged relative to the MSCI World Index and the MSCI Emerging Market Index. The South African economy has been hampered by record levels of electricity loadshedding during 2023 which has impacted the local operations of all companies but there were improvements in the availability of electricity during the second half of 2023. The pressure on the economy from the underperformance of the state owned energy and transport infrastructure has forced government into undertaking significant structural reform towards liberalisation of the energy sector and progress in Transnet reducing the barriers to entry on the rail concessionary. The South African equity market remains attractive relative to Emerging Market pers and three is upside due to the low level of foreign holding of SA Equity as well as the momentum that is picking up with the implementation of government reforms to facilitate investment in the energy and transport sectors.

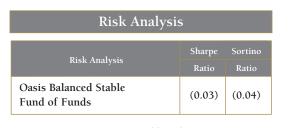
SA bonds continue to provide some of the highest real value amongst Emerging Market peers and remains very attractive. On a real-term basis, the SA 10 year bond provides a real yield of more than 5.0%, well above its long-term average of 3.5%. Moreover, foreign investors are significantly underweight local bonds relative to history. With global inflation moderating and underlying economic growth softening, Federal Reserve monetary policy has already 'pivoted' towards a less restrictive stance as it factors in some modest rate cuts in 2024. Against the backdrop of a weaker USD, this may trigger renewed fixed income portfolio inflows into Emerging Markets as risk sentiment improves. Domestically, structural reform, fiscal consolidation and success in tackling corruption could all trigger further buying by foreigners. In line with global moves, there was a welcome move lower in local bond yields during Q4 2023. In addition, the Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) released in November 2023 was also positive for the local bond market. Although disappointing tax revenues and overshooting spending are worrisome trends, the Treasury still took the necessary tough policy steps to limit the pressure on public borrowing by cutting baseline expenditure by R213bn and thereby reinforcing its fiscal credibility. The cuts in expenditure were achieved by reducing the expenditure of non-performing departments, lowering the Provincial allocations as well as drawing down on reserves. As a result, the increase in the consolidated fiscal deficit for FY2024 was limited to -4.6% of GDP from the -3.8% forecast at the February 2023 Budget. We continue to monitor our duration exposure carefully in our portfolios and look to take advantage of any mispricing of bond prices relative to their fundamentals.

Sources: Oasis Research, Bloomberg statistics, IMF World Economic Outlook, SARB



R1m invested at inception would be worth R5.1m at present.

\*\*Note: CPI benchmark lags by 1 month. The benchmark for this fund is CPI + 1% (Source: Oasis Research; I-Net Bridge)



Calculated net of fees of the Oasis Balanced Stable Fund of Funds since inception to 31 December 2023 (Source: Oasis Research; I-Net Bridge)

Distribution								
Distribution	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sept-23	Dec-23				
Oasis Balanced Stable Fund of Funds	2.3113	3.3598	2.3435	3.9683				

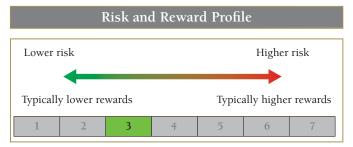
Distribution (cents per unit), of the Oasis Balanced Stable Fund of Funds over the past 4 quarters. (Source: Oasis)

## Asset Allocation Split

Asset Class	Weight %
Income	39
Property	21
Equity SA	20
Equity Global	20
Total	

Asset Allocation Split of the Oasis Balanced Stable Fund of Funds: 31 December 2023

(Source: Oasis Research)



#### The risk and reward indicator:

• The above risk number is based on the rate at which the value of the Fund has moved up and down in the past • The above indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the risk profile of the Fund • The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time • The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.

The Fund may also be exposed to risks which the risk number does not adequately capture. These may include:

• The value of stock market investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate. This will cause the Fund price to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested • Any investment in international companies means that currency exchange rate fluctuations will have an impact on the Fund • The Fund invests in a variety of geographic regions and countries. It is therefore exposed to the market sentiment of that specific geographic region or country. This level of diversification is appropriate to deliver on our objective to generate real returns at a lower volatility for our clients over the long term.

#### Fees and Charges\*

<b>Fee Type</b>	Financial Advisor	Administrator	** Investment Manager
Initial	A maximum of 2% can be charged by the advisor	No charge	No charge
Ongoing	Maximum 0.5% per annum of the investment account.	0.20%	1.25%

\* Excluding VAT. \*\* This fee is calculated and accrued daily based on the daily market value of the investment portfolio and paid to the investment manager on amonthly basis. No performance fee is charged.

### **Total Expense Ratio**

Class F of the portfolio has a Total Expense Ratio (TER) of 2.03% for the period from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2023. 2.03% of the average Net Asset Value of the portfolio 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 TERs. The ratio does not include transaction costs. Transaction cost was 0.01%.

Total Expense Ratio2.03%Service I	ees 1.24% Performance Fees	-	Other Costs	0.59%	VAT	0.20%	
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