

All Weather SA Balanced Fund

1. What is the fund's objective?

The fund seeks to grow investors' capital over the long term through a high-equity, South Africa-only balanced portfolio, allocating meaningfully to SA equities and listed property as the primary growth drivers. The aim is to deliver competitive, inflation-beating total returns over a full market cycle while maintaining diversification across local asset classes. The fund sits in the ASISA South African – Multi Asset – SA High Equity category and is benchmarked against 65% FTSE/JSE Capped All Share Index + 35% STEFI Composite Index.

2. What does the fund invest in?

The fund is a diversified, Regulation 28-compliant South Africa-only multi-asset portfolio (no offshore investments permitted). It follows a Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) framework with tactical flexibility to respond to changing valuations and macroeconomic conditions. The portfolio is managed within clear limits: maximum SA equity exposure of 75% and maximum SA listed property exposure of 25%.

Within the SAA framework, the fund typically targets:

- SA equities: strategic allocation with a tactical range of 60%–75%
- SA listed property: tactical range of 2.5%–7.5%
- Fixed income and liquidity: the balance is allocated across SA government bonds, credit, inflation-linked bonds, floating-rate instruments, money market instruments, and cash, with the mix adjusted actively.

The fund may invest in permitted collective investment schemes and other allowable instruments in line with the mandate and may use derivatives for efficient portfolio and risk management.

3. Important portfolio characteristics and risks

The fund has meaningful exposure to local growth assets (SA equities and listed property), which supports long-term return potential but can increase short-term volatility and drawdowns—particularly during periods of domestic economic stress or weak market sentiment. Diversification across equities, property, duration, inflation protection, credit, and liquidity helps reduce reliance on any single driver and supports drawdown management.

Tactical Asset Allocation (TAA) is used to adjust exposures in response to the macro backdrop and relative valuations. Within the fixed income cluster, allocations may rotate across nominal bonds, inflation-linked bonds, floating-rate instruments, and money market as conditions evolve—particularly in response to inflation dynamics, rand stress, global risk shocks, term-premium shifts, funding stress, and the availability of the SA real-rate cushion.

Key risks include equity market risk, interest-rate risk, inflation risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, and, as the fund is SA-only, South Africa concentration risk.

4. How long should investors stay invested

The fund is managed to maximize long-term wealth compounding. Investors should ideally remain invested for 5+ years (preferably 7+ years) to allow the growth assets to work through market cycles and reduce the impact of short-term volatility.

5. Who should consider investing in the fund

Investors seeking a South Africa-only, high-equity balanced solution to build long-term wealth, who can tolerate interim volatility and want a single, diversified portfolio with meaningful exposure to growth assets, balanced with fixed income and liquidity. The fund may generate some income, but it is primarily designed for long-term capital growth.