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*Global Growth Basket  
(ZAR) Unwrapped*

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**If you are looking for a rand investment that protects your capital, then we have a safe option for you.**

**The Global Growth Basket (ZAR) is a five year product offering full protection of ZAR investment amount on maturity along with geared exposure to global multi-asset (exposure to equities, bonds and commodities) index. The note references the BNP Paribas Multi-Asset Global Index ('Index').**

**The investment is in the form of a Johannesburg Stock Exchange listed multi-asset index linked note issued by Absa Bank Limited.**

## For whom is the Investment suitable?

### **This Investment may be suitable if you:**

- Want to invest in South African rand and have a minimum lump sum of R 100 000.00
- Want to diversify your portfolio to markets and assets outside South Africa
- Are attracted to the growth potential of global multi-asset portfolio
- Would like foreign currency exposure
- Understand and are comfortable with the index
- Are able to commit your money for five years
- Do not want to risk your capital, provided that you hold your investment for the full term
- Regard the terms governing the liquidity of the investment and the policy as appropriate for you.

### **This Investment may not be suitable if you:**

- Do not want foreign currency exposure
- Do not understand or are not comfortable with the index
- Are not willing to assume the full credit risk of the Issuer.
- If the credit worthiness of the Issuer declines over the investment term, the value of your investment may also fall, which may result in capital loss if the Investment is sold before maturity.
- If the Issuer is unable to repay capital or any return due at maturity, you will get back less than is due to you or nothing at all (more information about the Issuer is provided later in this brochure).
- Cannot accept that the Index may achieve no or very little growth and that the return on the Index portion of your Investment could after five years be zero or less than you could have earned in a low-risk deposit account.

## How the Investment works

### **At the beginning of the investment term (i.e. on the investment start date), we record the following:**

- The closing level of the index at T+1 from the investment start date. This is called the 'initial index level'.

### **Over the investment term, we record the following:**

- The arithmetic average of seven monthly levels of the Index will be taken over the last seven months of the Investment term, at Valuation Times as determined by the Calculation Agent. The last seven months includes the maturity date. These dates will be available on the term sheet or Applicable Pricing Supplement post-trade.

### **On the maturity date, we calculate the index performance:**

- The index performance is the difference between the arithmetic average of the last seven monthly levels of the Index.
- The Participation Rate will then be applied to Index Performance.

### **What you will receive on the maturity of your Investment:**

- If the index performance is zero or negative, you will receive no additional returns, but you will receive your full ZAR initial Investment Amount back.
- If the Index Performance is positive, any returns are calculated by multiplying the Index Performance by the Participation Rate.
- The index return is further enhanced by USD/ZAR exchange rate. The Rand depreciation against the US Dollar enhances the index returns, while the Rand appreciation against US Dollar does otherwise.

**Please refer to the quote and the Investment Schedule for further information, specific dates and a current estimate of the Participation Rate.**

# Risks, Returns and Asset Allocations associated with the product

## 1. Summary Risk Indicator (SRI)

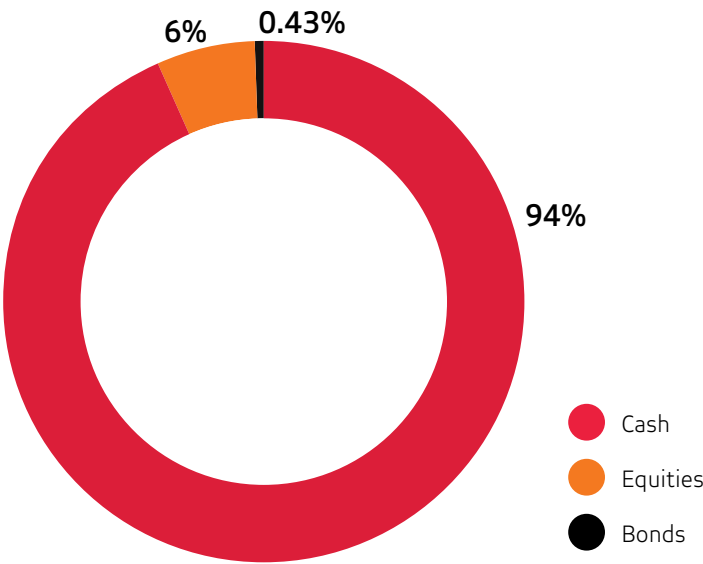
The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. We have classified this product as 2 out of 7, which is a low-risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a low level, and poor market conditions are very unlikely to impact our capacity to pay you. The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less. You may not be able to sell your product easily or may have to sell at a price that significantly impacts on how much you get back.

Please consider the risks detailed from Page 5 which some may not have been accounted for in the risk indicator assessment.



## 2. Risk Decomposition by Asset allocations

The asset allocation is a synthetic risk decomposition that breaks down the product’s risk into constituent parts represented by traditional asset classes. This helps the investor to better understand their risk consumption and to also have an idea of the overall portfolio tilt when adding this product to their diversified portfolio. It should be interpreted in conjunction with the SRI number given above and when the product is held to maturity. The SRI Rating for this product is 2 out of 7 and the portfolio is heavily dominated by cash.



# About the Index

The BNP Paribas Multi-Asset Global Diversified Index (‘Index’) consists of a diversified portfolio of global equities, commodities and bonds (the ‘Risky Component’) and Cash (the ‘Defensive Component’).

## Diverse Components

The Index sources its performance from ten index components, which have been selected based on the following principles:

- Diversity in geographic zones covered (Europe, US, Japan and China);
- The use of market benchmarks;
- Components representing multiple asset classes

## Daily Dynamic Allocation

The Index dynamically rebalances the weightings of the components according to a proprietary rule-based methodology using trend following.

## This process follows three steps:

**1st Step:** the index creates a universe of potential hypothetical portfolio, with components differently weighted across the board;

**2nd Step:** the index then tests the different portfolio combinations in the universe, considering only those with a long term realized volatility below a certain level;

**3rd Step:** the final hypothetical portfolio is chosen based on a proprietary rule-based methodology that uses trend following principles, meaning that it allocates more weight to recent outperformers and less to recent underperformers.

To learn more about the index, which includes, the full description of the index, index constituents, latest index performance and factsheet, refer to the following website (<https://marketing-indx.bnpparibas.com/multi-asset-global/#>)

# Early Withdrawals

This investment is aimed at investors who do not need access to their money during the investment term. In terms of legislation, you may access your investment by making a full or partial withdrawal.

You should be aware of the following:

- If you need to make an early withdrawal (full or partial) before the end of five years, you can ask the issuer to redeem the entire investment at the prevailing market value.

If you need to access your money, please refer to your terms and conditions and contact the administrator, who will request the issuer to redeem the investment at the prevailing market value.

# Your questions answered

## How can I invest?

You can speak to your financial adviser, who will help you make sure the investment is suitable for you. Once you regard this investment proposition as suitable for you, you can complete the relevant application form and investment instruction with your financial adviser and submit it to the address on the forms.

## How can I monitor the performance of my investment?

You will receive an investment confirmation soon after you have invested. We will regularly make the performance fact sheets available on our [website](#), which you can obtain by speaking to your financial adviser. You will also receive regular investment statements from the administrator of your investment. You can speak to your financial adviser if you have any questions.

## Is there any currency risk on the investment?

The Index is quoted in USD. Your investment is in ZAR and any positive index performance is exposed to the ZAR/ USD exchange rate over the investment term.. Your initial investment is not exposed to any movements (positive or negative) in the ZAR/USD exchange rate, only the potential growth on the 5-year multi-asset index linked leg. This investment does not utilise any of your individual foreign exchange allowances.

## Can I access my investment before the maturity date and are there any fees involved?

The investment is aimed at investors who do not need access all of their money before the end of the relevant investment term. Any early withdrawals are subject to normal market conditions and associated costs at the time of withdrawal.

**What happens to the investment in the event of death?**

In the event of death, the value of your investment is the prevailing market value at the time as calculated by the issuer, who will act on instructions from the executor of the estate. In the event of death, the executor is required to submit relevant documents to sell the full investment at the prevailing market value.

**What happens at the end of the investment term?**

On maturity of the investment, the issuer will pay the capital and any investment returns to the insurer within seven business days and your account will be credited with this amount. You may then take your proceeds or choose to reinvest in any of the investment options that we may have available at the time.

If you choose to not redeem the proceeds at maturity, the funds will be automatically be invested in an Absa Money Market Fund.

**What other documents should I read before I invest/what are the transaction documents?**

Along with this brochure you should have been provided with the investment schedule,, and the terms and conditions, which will help you understand the investment in detail. This brochure represents what Absa Bank Ltd believes to be the most relevant summary of the features and risks of the Investment, but is not intended to be the sole basis for any evaluation. You can read the pricing supplement to more fully appreciate the information associated with the investment.

**Is there a cooling-off period?**

There is no cooling off period allowed under this investment, so please consider carefully whether you want to invest before you submit the application form. If you surrender your investment, we will sell the instrument and pay you the current market value. The value may be lower than your initial investment amount.

**What are the tax implications of the investment?**

The tax implications of this product can be complex and depends on the facts and circumstances of each investor. Please obtain your own tax advice, relevant to your circumstances, prior to investing.

**What are the potential risks associated with the investment?**

**Credit risk**

This investment is issued by Absa Bank Limited and available through an investment account. The payments due to you depend on the Issuer meeting their obligations to you. If they cannot meet their obligations, you may lose some or all of your investment amount.

In the event of insolvency (all investors would rank as unsecured creditors. That means that only after secured creditors receive payment of their secured claims as well as preferential creditor’s claims are settled in full, unsecured creditors will receive a pro-rata dividend in accordance with the size of their claims from the remaining funds. Financial institutions are rated to indicate to investors how capable they are of meeting any payment commitments. Credit ratings are assigned by two leading ratings agencies: Standard & Poor’s (S&P) and Moody’s National (Moody’s). The highest ratings given by these agencies are Aaa.za from Moody’s and zaAA from S&P indicating, in their view, the least risky or most likely to meet payments when due. The lowest ratings that they give, denoting the riskiest or least likely to meet the payments, are C (Moody’s) and D (S&P).

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**Market risk**

The value of the investment on maturity depends on the level of the index and the indices comprising the index, but future performance of the index cannot be guaranteed. The value of your investment during the investment term can change unpredictably because of:

- The performance of the index and the indices comprising the index; and/or
- External factors including financial, political and economic events and other market conditions; and/or
- Sudden and unpredictable changes in interest rates.

**Early redemption**

Your investment is designed to be held until maturity. If you surrender your investment before the maturity date, you could lose some or all of your investment amount. Please refer to ‘Can I access my investment before the maturity date and are there any fees involved?’.

**Adjustments**

The terms of the investment permit us to delay, reduce or withhold payment in certain circumstances. These provisions are not intended to circumvent what is legally due to you as an investor, but rather to cover unforeseen events which may affect your return, such as:

- A suspension or delay in calculating the level of an index or the price of any of the individual indices that make up an index;
- Errors in calculating an index;
- Changes in the way an index is calculated;
- An error in calculating the return itself.

While we will exercise due care and diligence in undertaking our responsibilities in relation to the investment, the effects of the exceptional types of circumstances referred to in the ‘Adjustments’ and ‘Index risk’ scenarios may decrease the value of your investment.

**Index risk**

Absa as the Issuer does not control or calculate any indices in the index or the index itself. While we do not expect this to happen, it is theoretically possible that, during the term of the investment, any of the indices or the index may cease to exist, cannot be calculated, is modified or cancelled. This is outside our power, and if it were to happen, the level of the relevant Index could fall. What this means is that you, as the investor, could lose some of your Investment Amount, especially where the Issuer is forced by events to mature the Investment early. We could look for a replacement index or try to calculate the index ourselves. We would also have the right to redeem or cancel your investment early. These circumstances could negatively impact the performance of your investment.

The performance of indices is unpredictable and depends on financial, political, economic and other events as well as each underlying share or the Issuer’s performance, market position, risk situation and structure, where applicable.

Early termination and adjustment of risk

Your investment may be terminated before maturity if there are certain market disruptions or other extraordinary events.

Absa may also delay, reduce, adjust or withhold payment in certain circumstances. These provisions are only intended to cover unforeseen events beyond our control which may impact the investment.

Portfolio diversification

You should carefully consider the exposure that investing in this investment would have on your overall investment portfolio.

Issuance programme risk

The listed Note held by the investor is from the Issuer’s Master Structured Note Programme. This has as part of its construction certain special events that could cause the listed Note to mature early. These include certain corporate actions, like delisting of the underlying securities if the reference index ceases to exist. In the unlikely event that these special conditions occur, the Issuer would have to redeem the listed Note and calculate the early redemption repayment amount as if an early redemption instruction had been received from an investor. There is potential for capital loss or change in tax treatment.

General risks

Other risks include the following, which could have an adverse effect on the value of your investment:

- Inflation could erode the real value of your investment.
- Market disruptions could adversely affect the performance of your investment.
- Settlement disruptions may mean delays or failures of payments or returns by Absa, your investment platform, clearing system or other third-party paying agents or intermediaries.
- Index returns could differ from the actual returns on the shares that make up an index. This is because an index may not take into account income or changes to its constituents over time and may deduct fees and commissions.
- An investment in an index may be taxed differently from a direct investment in the components of the same index.
- Sponsor action could mean that the index sponsor could change an index and adjust their composition or calculation methodology, or even suspend or cancel an index.
- Potential return/underperformance risk means that your returns could be less than if you invested in a deposit account or directly in the underlying assets to which the investment is linked.

The risks associated with this investment are not limited to those described, but these are the key risks. Before investing, you should satisfy yourself that you fully understand the risks and you should consult with your own professional financial, tax and legal advisers where necessary.

Important information and disclaimer

**This document is for information purposes only.** All applications made by your investment platform to purchase an investment on your behalf require subsequent formal agreement by Absa, which will be subject to internal approvals and binding transaction documents.

**Advice.** This product key information document does not constitute as advice.

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The Investor hereby confirms that they have read and understood the information contained in this Brochure.

Signed at

Investor full name

Signature of Investor (or duly authorised person/s for minor Investors)

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Date (dd-mm-ccyy)

Signature of Contact Person or Legal Guardian

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Signature of authorised and mandated Financial Adviser

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