

#### INVESTMENT POLICY SUMMARY

The Satrix SmartCore™ Index Fund aims to replicate the price and yield performance of the proprietary Satrix SmartCore™ Index ("Index") as closely as possible. The portfolio is equity only for investors with a more aggressive risk profile and a longer-term investment horizon. The Satrix SmartCore™ Index Fund is designed to offer a diversified equity portfolio with the objective to enhance the returns relative to the FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX. This is achieved by targeting stocks with positive exposures to multiple desired attributes, such as Momentum, Value and Quality. These attributes are rewarded drivers of returns, and when combined using a multi-factor approach, offer strong overall exposure to the desired factors, while managing a variety of risks relative to the SA equity market. Through the cycle, this strategy aims to deliver capital growth, while delivering positive risk-adjusted excess returns with robust risk control relative to its benchmark.

#### WHY CHOOSE THIS FUND?

- You have an aggressive risk profile and are seeking longer-term capital growth.
- You require a diversified equity portfolio which aims to deliver returns in excess of the market.
- You have a long term investment horizon, i.e. greater than 5 years.
- You would like to use the portfolio as a core equity holding or as a building block within a multi-asset portfolio

#### FUND INFORMATION

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>ASISA Fund Classification</b> | SA - Equity - SA General   |
| <b>Risk profile</b>              | Aggressive   |
| <b>Benchmark</b>                 | Satrix SmartCore™ Index  |
| <b>Portfolio launch date</b>     | 30 April 2019  |
| <b>Fee class launch date</b>     | 30 April 2019  |
| <b>Minimum investment</b>        | Manual: Lump sum: R10 000   Monthly: R500<br>SatrixNOW.co.za: No minimum |
| <b>Portfolio size</b>            | R4.7 billion   |
| <b>Last two distributions</b>    | 30 Jun 2024: 29.44 cps<br>30 Dec 2024: 24.90 cps                         |
| <b>Income decl. dates</b>        | 30 June   31 Dec   |
| <b>Income price dates</b>        | 1st working day in July & January  |
| <b>Valuation time of fund</b>    | 17:00  |
| <b>Transaction cut off time</b>  | Manual: 15:00<br>SatrixNOW.co.za: 13:30                                  |
| <b>Daily Price Information</b>   | www.satrix.co.za   |
| <b>Repurchase period</b>         | T+3  |

#### TOP 10 HOLDINGS

| Securities                      | % of Portfolio |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Standard Bank Group Ltd         | 8.24           |
| Gold Fields Ltd                 | 7.24           |
| Naspers Ltd                     | 7.08           |
| British Am. Tobacco Plc         | 6.87           |
| Mtn Group Ltd                   | 6.79           |
| Anglogold Ashanti Plc           | 5.45           |
| Firststrand Ltd                 | 5.02           |
| Nedbank Group Ltd               | 4.24           |
| Absa Group Limited              | 4.18           |
| Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd | 3.84           |

as at 31 May 2025

#### PERFORMANCE (ANNUALISED)

| A1-Class        | Fund (%) | Benchmark (%) |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| 1 year          | 23.81    | 24.69         |
| 3 year          | 8.72     | 9.56          |
| 5 year          | 15.61    | 16.65         |
| Since inception | 9.82     | 10.82         |

Annualized return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

#### ACTUAL HIGHEST AND LOWEST ANNUAL RETURNS\*

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Highest Annual % | 39.65   |
| Lowest Annual %  | (12.20) |

#### FEES (INCL. VAT)

|                                  | A1-Class (%) |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Advice initial fee (max.)</b> | N/A          |
| <b>Manager initial fee</b>       | N/A          |
| <b>Advice annual fee (max.)</b>  | 1.15         |
| <b>Manager annual fee</b>        | 0.69         |
| <b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b> | 0.69         |
| <b>Transaction Cost (TC)</b>     | 0.18         |

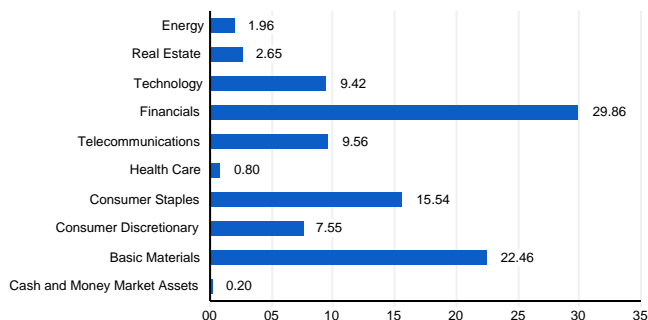
Advice fee | Any advice fee is negotiable between the client and their financial advisor. An annual advice fee negotiated is paid via a repurchase of units from the investor. The portfolio manager may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. This fund is also available via certain LISPS (Linked Investment Service Providers), which levy their own fees.

Total Expense Ratio (TER) | The Management Fee is expressed as an annual percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS This Fee is net of any scrip lending income and Management Fee waiver, where applicable.

The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the charges incurred by the portfolio, for the payment of services rendered in the administration of the CIS. The TER is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 3 years on an annualised basis. The Transaction Cost (TC) is the cost incurred by the portfolio in the buying and selling of underlying assets. This is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 3 years on an annualised basis.

The current TER/TC cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER and TC. A higher TER and TC does not imply a poor return nor does a low TER and TC imply a good return. Obtain the costs of an investment prior to investing by using the EAC calculator provided at satrix.co.za.

## ASSET ALLOCATION



## PORTFOLIO QUARTERLY COMMENTARY - 31 MAR 2025

US President Donald Trump's trade war plans introduced significant volatility into the market in the first quarter of 2025. All the gains from the S&P 500 Index since the US elections in November 2024 were completely wiped out by the beginning of March this year, as the index fell back below the 5 800 level. The volatility was also driven by a slowdown in US GDP growth, with the fourth quarter expanding by 2.5% compared to 2.7% in the previous period. The European market experienced record-breaking inflows into its capital markets, and the Euro Stoxx 50 Index finally broke even at its 5 400 level, last seen in the year 2000 - ending a 25-year streak. Further east, China had a spectacular quarter, outperforming both the US and the rest of the developed markets, thanks to DeepSeek's AI breakthrough in January and improved sentiment towards the country's tech stocks.

For the first quarter of the year, the MSCI World Index was down 4.3% in rand terms, while the MSCI USA and S&P 500 indices declined by 7% and 6.8%, respectively. The Nasdaq 100 Index ended the period down 10.5%. In contrast, the MSCI China Index rose 12.1% for the quarter, while the MSCI India Index fell 5.4%. As a result, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index remained relatively flat, closing the quarter up a modest 0.3%. Global bonds were also flat for the quarter (0.04%). Meanwhile, the MSCI Europe Index gained 7.7%, and the MSCI United Kingdom Index was up 6.9%.

Oil prices rose earlier in the quarter to US\$82 per barrel, following a US sanctions statement on Russia and Iran. However, later in the quarter, prices declined as investors awaited the OPEC+ meeting, scheduled for the first week of April. Brent crude oil ended the quarter at US\$74.77 per barrel, marking a 0.2% increase from the start of the quarter. Gold continued its upward trajectory from 2024, breaching multiple all-time highs. The precious metal closed the quarter at US\$3 120.5 per ounce, up 18.9% from the beginning of the year.

In local markets, the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) gained 5.9% in the first quarter, while the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index (Top 40) rose 8.5%. The local market's outperformance was largely driven by Resources, which surged 33.7% during the quarter, and Industrials, which climbed 3.8%. Financials, however, ended the quarter down 1.7%. The South African 10-year Government Bond Yield closed the quarter at 10.6%, having started at 9%. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) finished slightly positive at 0.7%. The cash benchmark, the Alexander Forbes Short-Term Fixed-Interest Composite Index (STeFI), delivered a positive money market return of 1.9%, while the FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property Index (SAPY) declined by 3.5% over the quarter.

The rand appreciated by 2.5% against the US dollar, closing the quarter at R18.39 to the greenback, R23.74 to the British pound, and R19.87 to the euro.

### Portfolio performance, attribution and strategy

Tariff headlines, sluggish growth, consumer sentiment, and the AI shake-up sparked by DeepSeek this year contributed to a volatile first quarter of 2025, with the US equity market being the most negatively affected.

Looking at offshore factor performance, Quality was the only underperforming factor relative to the MSCI World Index, while Momentum marginally outperformed. Both factors have an overweight allocation to US Information Technology stocks. The Minimum Volatility Index delivered the strongest outperformance, followed by High Yield and Value. The Equal Weighted Index and the Growth factor also outperformed the MSCI World Index.

In Emerging Markets, Value and High Yield were the only factors to outperform the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, while the Growth factor matched the index's performance. The Quality factor was the weakest performer, followed by Equal Weighting, Momentum, and Minimum Volatility.

Locally, the Equal Weighted Index outperformed the FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share index (Capped SWIX), while the Value factor was flat. The weakest performance came from the High Yield Index, followed by the Low Volatility factor, Quality, and Momentum.

The SmartCore™ fund uses a multi-factor approach where stocks are selected based on their bottom-up combined Value, Momentum and Quality signal. In the first Issue Date: 19 Jun 2025

quarter of 2025, SmartCore™ outperformed the Value, Momentum and Quality single factors. Over the same period, SmartCore™ outperformed the Capped SWIX index. During the quarter, a pure blend approach of the Satrix proprietary Quality, Value and Momentum indices also underperformed the Capped SWIX index.

From an attribution perspective, overweight positions in Harmony Gold (HAR), Gold Fields (GFI) and MTN Group (MTN) added value to the strategy during the quarter. Counters that detracted value from the strategy included overweight positions in The Foschini Group (TFG) and Mr Price (MRP) and an underweight position in AngloGold Ashanti (ANG).

The Satrix SmartCore™ Index rebalanced in March 2025 and the fund added AngloGold Ashanti (ANG) and Impala Platinum (IMP) while it dropped Dis-Chem (DCP).

## RISK PROFILE (AGGRESSIVE)

This is an aggressively managed, high-risk portfolio that aims to deliver capital growth over the long term. It is designed to track the benchmark and is a pure equity fund. There will be capital volatility in the short- to medium-term, although higher returns should be expected over longer-term periods.

## CONTACT DETAILS

### Manager

Satrix Managers (RF) Pty Ltd (Reg. No. 2004/009205/07). 4th Floor, Building 2, 11 Alice Lane, Sandown, 2146.

### Investment Manager

The management of investments are outsourced to Satrix, a division of Sanlam Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, FSP 579, an authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002.

### Trustee

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This Fund qualifies as a tax free investment according to section 12T of the Income Tax Act, with effect from 1 March 2015. South African individuals qualify for the associated tax benefits namely no tax on dividends, income or capital gains whilst still enjoying all the benefits of a unit trust. Note contributions to tax free investments are limited to R36 000 per tax year, with a lifetime limit of R500 000. Amounts invested in excess of these permissible thresholds are subject to tax penalties.