

# VFPF International Cautious Fund

Month ended 28 February 2018

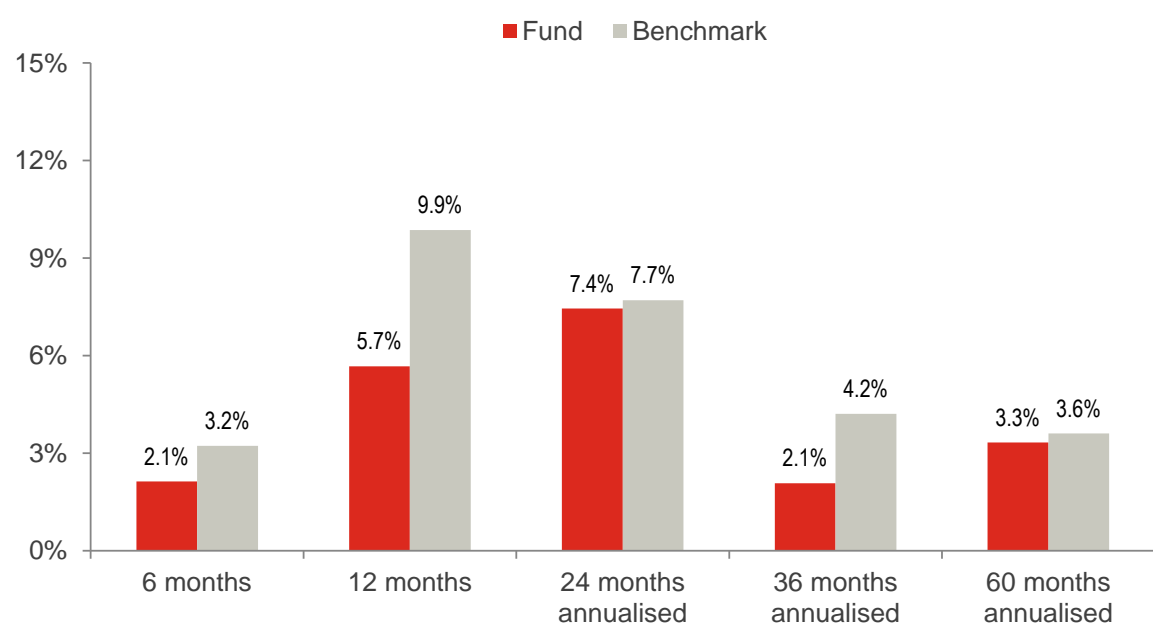
## Fund details<sup>†</sup>

Investment manager: <b>Momentum Global Investment Management</b>	Sub-investment manager: <b>Ampersand Asset Management (Pty) Limited</b>
Initial fee: <b>none</b> Minimum subscription: <b>USD 7,500</b>	Subscriptions / redemptions: <b>daily</b> Investment timeframe: <b>3 years +</b>
Benchmark: <b>30% MSCI AC World, 60% Citigroup WGBI, 10% Cash</b>	Fund type: <b>roll up, non distributor status</b> Currency: <b>USD</b>
Inception: <b>25 November 2009</b>	Price per share A: <b>USD 1.2192</b> Price per share B: <b>USD 1.1688</b>

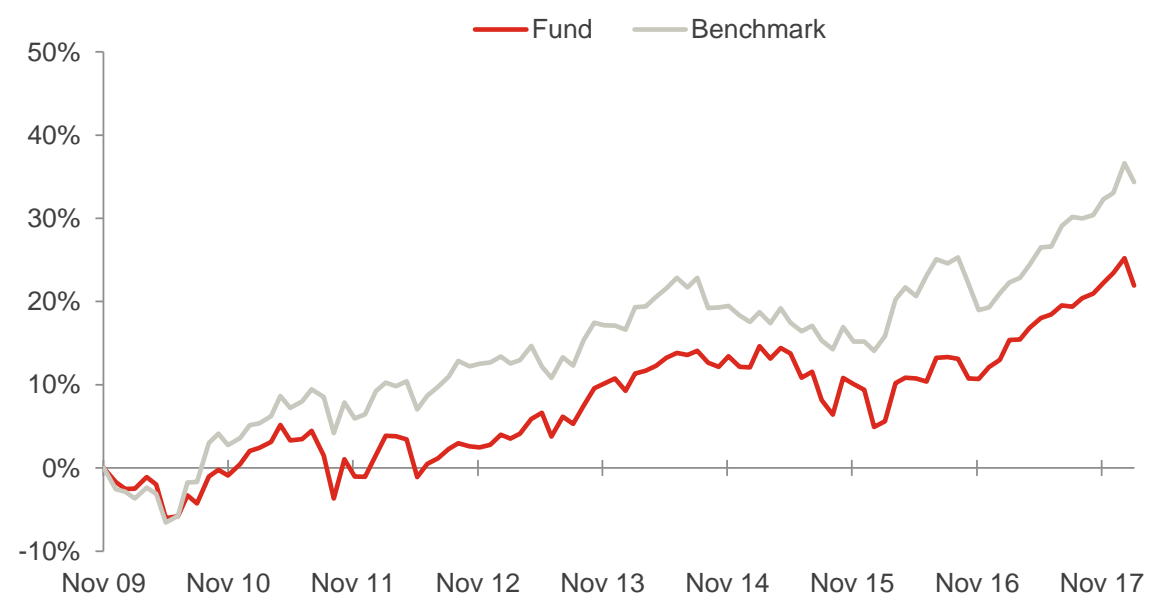
## Investment objective

A diversified portfolio consisting of assets in liquid form and participatory interests of portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar schemes, which invests across all market sectors into a wide range of asset classes that includes cash, equity, fixed income, high yield and property investments. The portfolio aims to provide a balance between capital preservation and capital growth over the full investment cycle. The Fund is ideally suited to investors with an investment horizon of 3 years or longer.

## Fund performance



## Cumulative returns



**Past performance is not indicative of future returns.** The fund performance is calculated in a total return basis, net of all fees and in US dollar terms.

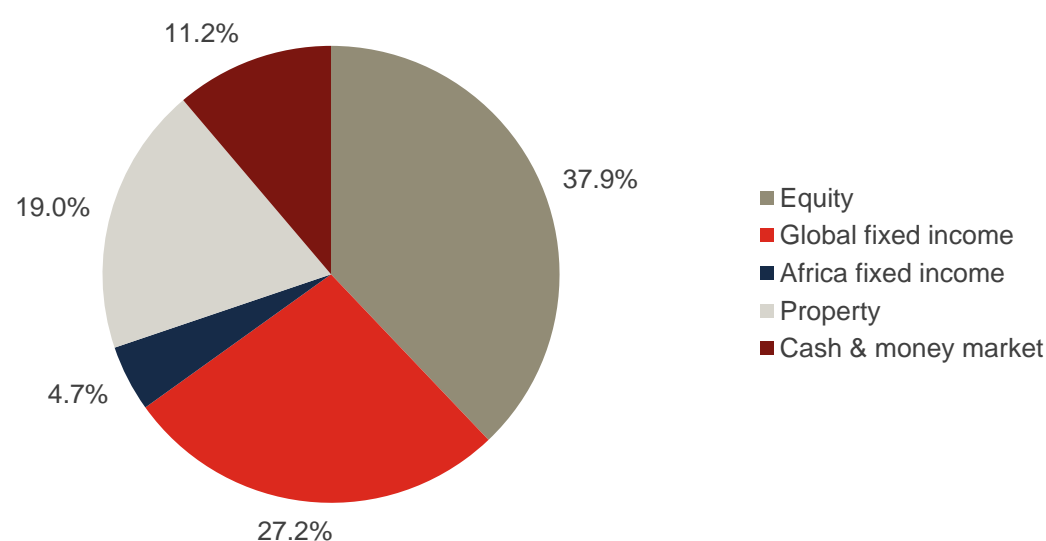
## Top holdings

Holdings	Asset type	Weight
Schroder Global Recovery	Equity	13.8%
PIMCO Global Bond	Fixed Income	13.4%
Prescient Global Income	Fixed Income	13.0%
Nedgroup Global Flexible	Equity	10.3%
Investec Global Franchise	Equity	10.1%
Nedgroup Global Equity	Equity	10.0%
Sesfikile Global Property	Property	7.4%
Bridge Global Property Income	Property	7.3%
Saffron African Yield Opportunity	Alternatives	4.8%
Cash	Cash	4.8%

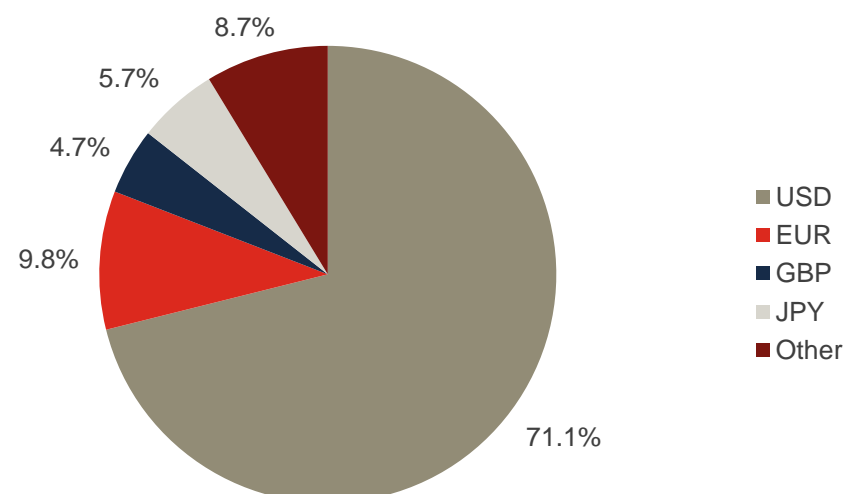
## Investment statistics (since inception)

Cumulative return:	21.9%
Annualised return:	2.4%
Annualised volatility:	6.1%

## Asset allocation<sup>\*</sup>



## Currency allocation



Sources: Morningstar, Lipper Hindsight, Ampersand Asset Management (Pty) Limited, Momentum Global Investment Management, Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Guernsey) Limited.

<sup>†</sup> Please refer to the fund supplement and scheme particulars for a detailed description of fees and fund facts.

<sup>\*</sup> Asset allocation figures look through to the holdings of underlying collective investment schemes.

## ■ Market commentary

Global equity markets began to fall sharply at the end of January due to concerns that higher-than-expected inflation would lead to a more rapid tightening of interest rates in the US. Market stresses were reflected in a jump in the price of listed options, with implied volatility trebling over the course of several days. Investor anxiety subsided in the second half of the month however, as equity bulls argued that tightening policy would not stall the economy. Despite gains in the latter half of the month, the MSCI All World Index still ended February down 4.2%.

Developed markets fell 4.1% while emerging markets fell further, down 4.6%, despite holding up better at the start of the sell off. European equities finished the month 5.3% lower in dollar terms. Gains in the second half of the month were unable to fully offset the worst one week fall in two years during the second week of February. The Japanese Topix Index plunged 7.4% in the second week of February, but staged a partial recovery in the second half of the month, in line with a rise in US stocks and an arrest in yen appreciation. The Topix ended the month down 3.7%, -1.3% in dollar terms. Bonds also fell, with yields on 10 year US Treasuries rising a further 16 basis points to 2.9%.

US core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, rose marginally above consensus to 1.8% year-on-year. Similarly, headline inflation increased to 2.1%, ahead of expectations for a rise of 1.9%. Other measures of inflation are also pointing to an uptick in price pressures in the US: the Underlying Inflation Gauge, developed by the New York Federal Reserve, estimated underlying inflation at 3% in January 2018, while surveys of manufacturers showed an increase in price pressures.

Although upward pressure on wages and previous dollar weakness should feed into higher rates of inflation, technological advances (including automation) and structurally higher rates of underutilisation in certain sectors are likely to cap price pressures overall and hence we continue to expect the Fed to be able to continue raising interest rates in a measured fashion.

In the Eurozone, real GDP grew by 0.6% in the final quarter of 2017, leaving full-year growth at a healthy rate of 2.5%. With consumer confidence having reached a 16-year high in January 2018, the outlook for household consumption remains bright. In addition, easy monetary conditions remain supportive of economic growth, while business investment is also set to be positive in the medium term.

Source: Bloomberg, Momentum Global Investment Management Limited

## ■ Risk warnings and important notes

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