

MDD Issue Date: 23/04/2021

**Fund Objective**

The portfolio's primary objective is to provide outperformance of the SA Equity Market as measured by the CAPI over a rolling 5 year period while achieving this return at a lower risk.

**Fund Strategy**

The portfolio's investment universe consists of financially sound equity securities, preference shares, convertible bonds, property shares and property related securities listed on exchanges, and assets in liquid form. The portfolio's equity exposure will always exceed 80% of its net asset value. The Manager may also include unlisted forward currency, interest rate and exchange rate swap transactions for efficient portfolio management purposes.

**Fund Information**

Ticker	AMECB
Portfolio Manager	Tom Barlow & Ian Peters
ASISA Fund Classification	South African - Equity - General
Risk Profile	Aggressive
Benchmark	FTSE/JSE CAPI Index
Fund Size	R 559,194,015
Portfolio Launch Date*	01/04/2013
Fee Class Launch Date*	02/04/2013
Minimum Lump Sum Investment	R 10,000
Minimum Monthly Investment	R 2,000
Income Declaration Date	June & December
Income Payment Date	1st business day of July & January
Portfolio Valuation Time	15:00
Transaction Cut Off Time	15:00
Daily Price Information	Local media & www.sanlamunitrusts.co.za
Repurchase Period	2-3 business days

**Fees (Incl. VAT)**

**B-Class (%)**

Maximum Initial Advice Fee	—
Maximum Annual Advice Fee	—
Manager Annual Fee	0.86
Total Expense Ratio	1.53
Transaction Cost	0.47
Total Investment Charges	2.00
Performance Fee	—
TER Measurement Period	01 January 2018 - 31 December 2020

TER Measurement Period 01 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

Total Expense Ratio 1.24%, Transaction Cost 0.36% and Total Investment Charges 1.60%.

Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's.

Transaction Cost (TC) is the percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impacts Financial Product returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Financial Product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

Total Investment Charges (TER + TC) is the total percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product.

Performance fees are incentive fees earned by the manager for performance in excess of the benchmark. Performance fees form part of the cost structure of the fund and are included in the Total Expense Ratio. Please visit www.sanlamunitrusts.co.za for a detailed list of our funds that charge performance fees together with their calculation methodologies.

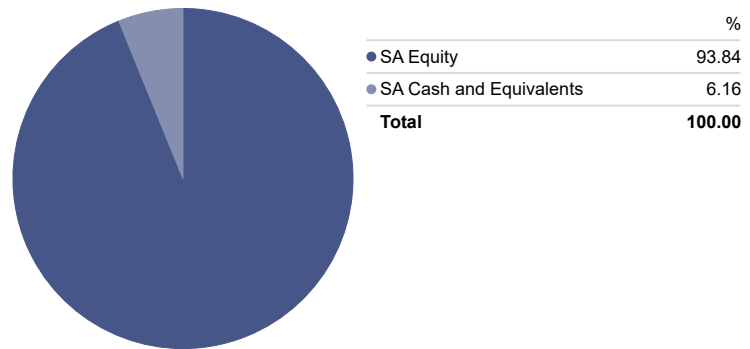
\*The Ampersand Sanlam Collective Investments Equity Fund transitioned to Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd on 01 July 2017.

**Top Holdings**

	(%)
Saffron SCI Large Cap Fund	20.30
Stanlib ALSI 40 Fund	19.79
TOP40TR SWAP2 0521	19.11
1invest Top 40 ETF	18.20
RSA Government T-Bill 01092021	12.73
CoreShares S&P SA Top 50 Index Tracker Fund	7.26
S&PSA SWAP2 0521	6.31
CoreShares S&P SA Top 50 ETF	6.05
RSA Government T-Bill 08092021	3.93
Absa Group Ltd NCD 06092021	3.59

**Asset Allocation**

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2021



**Annualised Performance (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year	40.90	55.61
3 Years	-0.31	8.74
5 Years	1.01	7.54
Since Inception	3.05	9.57

**Cumulative Performance (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year	40.90	55.61
3 Years	-0.92	28.57
5 Years	5.15	43.80
Since Inception	27.18	107.98

**Highest and Lowest Annual Returns**

Time Period: Since Inception to 31/12/2020

Highest Annual %	14.64
Lowest Annual %	-8.99

**Risk Statistics (3 Year Rolling)**

Standard Deviation	9.16
Sharpe Ratio	-0.70
Information Ratio	-0.54
Maximum Drawdown	-9.91

**Distribution History (Cents Per Unit)**

31/12/2020	1.35 cpu	31/12/2018	1.54 cpu	31/12/2016	1.48 cpu
30/06/2020	2.37 cpu	30/06/2018	0.25 cpu	30/06/2016	0.46 cpu
31/12/2019	1.37 cpu	31/12/2017	1.31 cpu	30/04/2016	1.05 cpu
30/06/2019	1.53 cpu	30/06/2017	0.89 cpu	31/12/2015	1.23 cpu

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## Risk Profile

### Aggressive

You can afford to take on a higher level of risk (ie, will have a greater exposure to equities in your portfolio) because of your investment time horizon or your appetite for risk. You know that in taking the risk, you need to be patient if you want to achieve the results. So you are willing to invest for the long-term and are prepared to tolerate some volatility in the short term, in anticipation of the higher returns you expect to receive in five years or beyond.

## Glossary Terms

### Annualised Returns

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

### Asset Allocation

Asset allocation is the percentage holding in different asset classes (i.e. equities, bonds, property, etc.). It is used to determine the level of diversification in a portfolio.

### Capital Volatility

Volatility is a measure of 'risk' and refers to the extent to which the price of an investment or capital value fluctuates over a certain period of time. Funds with high volatility usually offer the potential for higher returns over the longer term than low volatility funds.

### Cumulative Returns

Cumulative return is the total growth experienced over the period measured.

### Derivatives

Derivatives are instruments generally used as an instrument to protect against risk (capital losses), but can also be used for speculative purposes. Examples are futures, options and swaps.

### Distributions

The income that is generated from an investment and given to investors through monthly, quarterly, biannual or annual distribution pay-outs.

### Diversification

This is a strategy designed to reduce risk within a portfolio by combining a variety of investments (or asset classes) such as equities, bonds, cash or property, which are unlikely to all move in the same direction at the same time. This is designed to reduce the risk (and protect against capital losses) within a portfolio. Diversification allows for more consistent performance under a wide range of economic conditions as it smoothes out the impact of negative market events. The positive performance of some investments or asset classes should neutralize the negative performance of others.

### Financial Instruments

Derivatives also known as financial instruments (such as a future, option, or warrants) whose value derives from and is dependent on the change in value of an underlying asset (such as a commodity, currency, or security) to protect against risk (capital losses).

### Fund Objective

The fund objective is the portfolio's core goal.

### Fund Strategy

The fund strategy is the way that the fund is managed to achieve the fund objective.

### Information Ratio

The Information Ratio measures the market risk-adjusted performance of an investment or portfolio. The greater a portfolio's Information Ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been compared to the market in general.

### Collective Investment Schemes

Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) (also called unit trusts) are portfolios of assets such as equities, bonds, cash and listed property, in which investors can buy units. They allow private investors to pool their money together into a single fund, thus spreading their risk across a range of investments, getting the benefit of professional fund management, and reducing their costs.

### LISP (Linked Investment Service Provider)

A Linked Investment Service Provider is a financial institution which packages, distributes and administers a broad range of unit trust investments.

### Maximum Drawdown

The maximum drawdown measures the highest peak to trough loss experienced by the fund.

### Participatory Interests

When you buy a unit trust, your money is pooled with that of many other investors. The total value of the pool of invested money in a unit trust fund is split into equal portions called participatory interests or units. When you invest your money in a unit trust, you buy a portion of the participatory interests in the total unit trust portfolio. Participatory interests are therefore the number of units that you have in a particular unit trust portfolio.

### Sharpe Ratio

The Sharpe Ratio measures total risk-adjusted performance of an investment or portfolio. It measures the amount of risk associated with the returns generated by the portfolio and indicates whether a portfolio's returns are due to excessive risk or not. The greater a portfolio's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been (i.e. a higher return with a contained risk profile, where the portfolio manager is not taking excessive risk to achieve those returns).

### Standard Deviation

Standard deviation (also called monthly volatility) is a measure of how much returns on an investment change from month to month. It is typically used by investors to gauge the volatility expected of an investment.

## Additional Information

All reasonable steps have been taken to ensure the information on this MDD is accurate. The information to follow does not constitute financial advice as contemplated in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act. Use or rely on this information at your own risk. Independent professional financial advice should always be sought before making an investment decision. The Sanlam Group is a full member of the Association for Savings and Investment SA. Collective investment schemes are generally medium- to long-term investments. Please note that past performances are not necessarily a guide to future performances, and that the value of investments / units / unit trusts may go down as well as up. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) Pty Ltd, a registered and approved Manager in Collective Investment Schemes in Securities. Additional information of the proposed investment, including brochures, application forms and annual or quarterly reports, can be obtained on request from the Manager, free of charge. Collective investments are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. Collective investments are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any deductible expenses such as audit fees, brokerage and service fees. Actual investment performance of the portfolio and the investor will differ depending on the initial fees applicable, the actual investment date, and the date of reinvestment of income as well as dividend withholding tax. Forward pricing is used. The Manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. The performance of the portfolio depends on the underlying assets and variable market factors. Performance is based on NAV to NAV calculations with income reinvestments done on the ex-div date. Lump sum investment performances are quoted. The portfolio may invest in participatory interests of other unit trust portfolios. These underlying funds levy their own fees, and may result in a higher fee structure for our portfolio. All the portfolio options presented are approved collective investment schemes in terms of Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No 45 of 2002 ("CISCA"). The Manager may borrow up to 10% the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. The fund may from time to time invest in foreign countries and therefore it may have risks regarding liquidity, the repatriation of funds, political and macroeconomic situations, foreign exchange, tax, settlement, and the availability of information. The fund may invest in financial instruments (derivatives) for efficient portfolio management purposes. The Manager has the right to close any portfolios to new investors to manage them more efficiently in accordance with their mandates. Management of the portfolio is outsourced to Ampersand Asset Management (Pty) Ltd, (FSP) Licence No. 33676, an Authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002. Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd retains full legal responsibility for the co-named portfolio. Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd is the appointed trustee of the Sanlam Collective Investments scheme. Sources of Performance and Risk Data: Morningstar Direct, INET BFA and Bloomberg. The risk free asset assumed for the calculation of Sharpe ratios: STEFI Composite Index. The highest and lowest 12- month returns are based on a calendar year period over 10 years or since inception where the performance history does not exist for 10 years. Obtain a personalised cost estimate before investing by visiting [www.sanlamunittrustsmdd.co.za](http://www.sanlamunittrustsmdd.co.za) and using our Effective Annual Cost (EAC) calculator. Alternatively, contact us at 0860 100 266.

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## Portfolio Manager Comment

As at 31 March 2021

### Economic Market Overview

Hopes for a global economic recovery remain highly dependent on a successful vaccine rollout. Globally, supportive monetary policy and massive fiscal stimulus continue to fuel optimism that economic growth will surprise on the upside and that equity markets post further gains. On the flip side, during February and continuing into March, renewed concerns around the impact of inflationary pressures due to fiscal stimulus drove up the US 10-year treasury yield to its highest point in 12 months.

Global GDP is estimated to reach 5.2% in 2021, significantly rebounding from the 3.5% contraction in 2020, with developed markets (4.3%) expected to lag emerging markets (6.4%). On the local front, the race to secure sufficient vaccines and the now very clear and apparent divides in the ruling party have dominated headlines. Towards the end of March, the unanimous MPC decision to keep the repo rate at 3.5%, meant that the prime lending rate remains at its current four decade low (7%).

Finance minister, Tito Mboweni, presented his budget and surprised many by not increasing personal income tax despite the pandemic-hit economy. He further proposed a government wage bill cut of R300 billion over the next 3 years, a necessity for curbing the growth in government debt. Furthermore, he decreased corporate tax rates by 1% to 27%. Despite these promising developments, ratings agencies remained cautious about the South African economy's recovery path.

### Position going forward

We communicated to clients towards the end of February that we have appointed Hannes van Zyl as our new Chief Investment Officer effective 1 March. Hannes brings a wealth of experience to the team. Throughout his career in financial services, he was the lead investment advisor to many large South African pension funds, foundations and medical aid funds. Hannes holds a BCom (Economics) degree from Stellenbosch University as well as an MBA. He is also a CFA charter holder.

Over the quarter we have continued to refine our asset allocation policy and our portfolio positioning. We have also made significant progress in the restructuring of our equity and listed property funds, insofar as increased liquidity, managing tracking error and reducing fees. We continue down the path of enhancing portfolio risk management, paying close attention to both benchmark relative and absolute risk.

We are pleased that over the first quarter, our re-structured portfolios managed to capture the upside in local and global listed equity and property.

### Portfolio Manager

Tom Barlow  
CFA®, BCom (Economics)

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