

Ampersand Momentum Equity Fund

Assets managed by: Ampersand Asset Management

Managers corner



Meet your managers



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Chief Investment Officer

Tom is the founder and CEO of Ampersand. He is responsible for the portfolio management and key in the decision-making on all portfolios under the management of Ampersand. Tom has more than 20 years' experience in Financial Services, having worked for numerous Investment Management businesses over this time, including Fergusson Bros, BoE Private Bank, Investec Asset Management and GlenrandMIB. Tom has managed and advised on investments on behalf of Retirement Funds, Private Equity Funds, Corporates, Family Offices and Private Individuals.

Managed portfolio since 02 Apr 2013



Managers view

Market overview

After the "Nenagate" tornado that hit in the fourth quarter of 2015, 2016 has continued to serve up significant surprises, both locally and abroad.

Market volatility combined with geopolitical uncertainty caused material losses in all risk assets in January 2016. This was extremely evident in global developed market equities, global listed property and most emerging market assets. Oil was again under pressure, hitting a low of US\$26/barrel, while most industrial commodities like Iron Ore and Steel also continued to fall.

Yet, on 22 January 2016, an entirely new narrative began, leading to one of the strongest recoveries seen in risk assets over the past 80 years. The US Equity market managed to recoup a 10% loss from the start of the year to the middle of January 2016, ending the first quarter marginally better. Most assets followed suit and ended the quarter up strongly.

Global central banks continued to provide support to the market with the European Central Bank ("ECB") increasing its direct market action by increasing its bond buying program in February. The Bank of Japan ("BoJ") continued its buying spree and has managed to persuade the Japanese Government Pension Fund to provide even more market support through both bond and equity index purchases. After the US Federal Reserve Bank ("Fed") raised interest rates in December 2015, communication turned significantly more dovish during the first quarter and ended with Fed Chairperson, Janet Yellen, indicating a less aggressive interest rate hiking path than the market expected.

On the emerging market front both Chinese and Indian central banks have continued to provide support to their economies either by direct foreign exchange transaction (specifically China), or by lowering interest rates and bank lending requirements.

Domestically, the SARB Monetary Policy Committee continued to increase interest rates in line with expectations to ward off possible rating agency downgrades. The local economy remained under pressure which has reflected in the latest SA Business Confidence Index. The index came in at the lowest level since Q2 2010. Private sector credit extension demonstrated a small improvement but remained well below the previous peak. SA assets did however perform extremely well in both USD and ZAR terms on the back of Rand strength and the risk asset recovery.

Portfolio overview

As mentioned earlier, Q1 has been a very volatile quarter for risk assets. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index returned nearly 3.9% for the quarter (on a Total Return basis) but remains below the high achieved on 4 November 2015. Resource stocks were by far the best performing sector returning 18.1%, Industrials returned 7.6% and Financials returned 6.2%. The biggest laggards in the local market were the large cap Rand hedge shares which underperformed on the back of ZAR strength.

Globally, most assets struggled in ZAR terms as the Rand strengthened against the USD (+5.1%), GBP (+7.4%) and the yen (+1.6%), but weakened slightly against the Euro (-0.7%). Rand strength combined with low returns in hard currency terms resulted in most global risk assets generating negative returns for Q1, which is in stark contrast to what has been happening over the past 6 to 12 months.

Global equities lost 4.8% as developed markets struggled. Global property staged a material comeback from the January lows but still ended the quarter down 0.7%. Global bonds did provide some relief returning 1.3% on the back of the dovish outlook from the US Fed and accommodative actions from the ECB and BoJ.

Overall the portfolio had a good quarter. Our preference for cyclical and attractively valued assets in SA Equity added value. The Ampersand Momentum Equity Fund generated a return of 5.1% versus the FTSE/JSE All Share Total Return Index which returned 3.9%.



Portfolio positioning

We remain cautiously optimistic and for now we feel that conditions continue to favour risk assets. We continue to prefer growth-orientated assets. After a 7 year bull market, downside risks to performance are on the rise, especially in more defensive stocks which have performed exceptionally well over this period. Although we have seen the first move on monetary tightening in the US, we are of the opinion that interest rates will remain on a lower trajectory than the US Fed has indicated. We also see actions from other central banks as positive for the global risk environment although these actions could have long term unintended consequences as central bank actions continue in uncharted waters.

We have to caution that the current environment could result in a slight increase in volatility over the short term, as we expect market volatility and yields to remain unpredictable and prone to surprise.

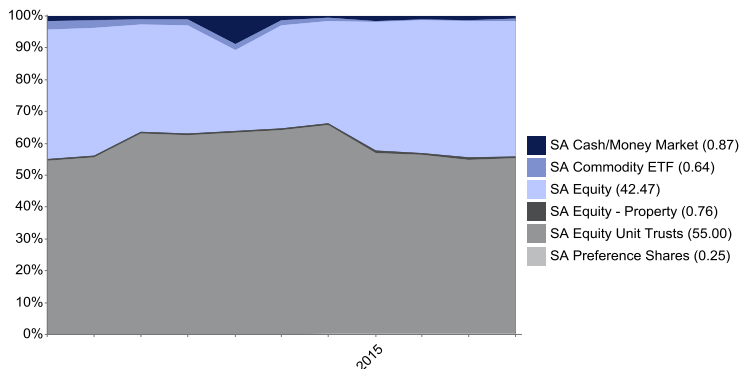
We believe it is in our clients' best interests to remain focused on the long term and seek to invest in assets that have the highest probability of achieving positive real returns. Our philosophy and investment approach has proven to be robust and effective in these challenging times and we believe our investors will continue to reap the benefits going forward.

Facts and figures



Holdings

Asset allocation



Q1 2016 - Top holdings (%)

Saffron MET Top 20 Fund B	19.46
MET General Equity Fund A	18.02
First Avenue SCI Equity Fund B1	17.51
Equity Index Swap 2.66% 141016	7.29
Eq Index Swap 0% 12122016	7.19
Anglogold Ashanti Ltd	2.90
Sasol Limited	1.67
Standard Bank Group Ltd	1.52
Reinet Investments S.C.A	1.20
Investec Plc	1.13

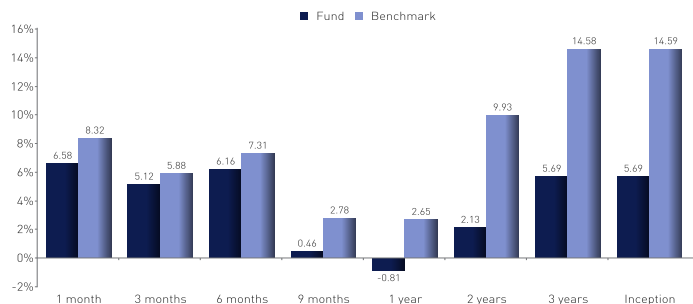
Q4 2015 - Top holdings (%)

Saffron MET Top 20 Fund B	19.62
MET General Equity Fund A	18.78
First Avenue SCI Equity Fund B1	18.27
Equity Index Swap 2.66% 141016	7.57
Eq Index Swap 0% 12122016	7.47
Anglogold Ashanti Ltd	1.71
Sasol Ltd	1.66
Standard Bank Group Ltd	1.37
BHP Billiton	1.32
MTN Group Ltd	1.19



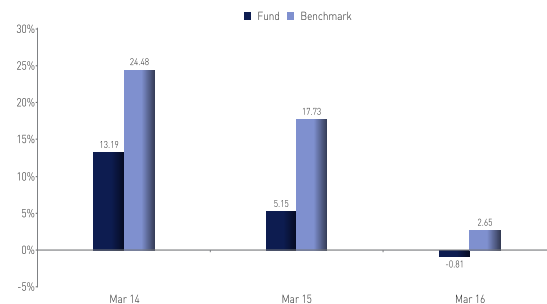
Performance

Returns (%)



Cumulative for all periods less than 1 year, annualised for all longer periods.

One year returns (%)



Cumulative returns ending 31 March each year.

Fund: Ampersand Momentum Equity Fund Class A (Inception 2 April 2013)

Benchmark: FTSE/JSE SWIX J403T

Performance is calculated for a portfolio/portfolio class. Individual investor returns may differ as a result of fees, actual date(s) of investment, date(s) of reinvestment of income and withholding tax. Annualised returns, also known as Compound Annualised Growth Rates (CAGR), are calculated from cumulative returns; they provide an indication of the average annual return achieved from an investment that was held for the stated time period. Actual annual figures are available from the Manager on request. Performance figures quoted are from Morningstar, as at 31/03/2016, for a lump sum investment, using NAV-NAV prices with income distributions reinvested on the ex-dividend date. CPI/Inflation figures, where present, are lagged by one month. Cash figures, where present, are STeFI Composite Index returns.



Information

Ampersand Momentum Equity Fund

R 890.99 million

Class	Status	Direct Retail	Cost Ratios				From	Price, Participatory Interests and AUM			MDD
			TER (%)	PF (%)	TC (%)	TIC (%)		NAV Price (cpu)	Units in issue	Size (Rands)	
A	Open	Yes	1.45	0.00	0.20	1.65	2 Apr 2013	116.29	10,000	11,629	
B	Open	No	1.31		0.20	1.51	2 Apr 2013	116.51	764,716,410	890,981,110	

Class, Status, Direct Retail - A portfolio may have multiple classes, each of which may be open or closed to new investment, not all classes of a portfolio are available for direct retail investment as the different classes may be designed for/accessible to different investor types.

Cost Ratios – The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product 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. A current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. The disclosed TERs are shown as an annual percentage based on data for the period from the date shown to 31 December 2015. Inclusive in the disclosed TERs, the TER PF (%), if present, shows the performance fee, as a percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product, that was recovered. The Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the net asset value of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product. TC 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. The disclosed TC is shown as an annual percentage based on data for the period from the date shown to 31 December 2015. The Total Investment Charges (TIC), the TER + the TC, is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product. It should be noted that a TIC is the sum of two calculated ratios (TER+TC). The TER and TC have been calculated using historical actual and/or estimated data and are provided solely as an indication/guide as to the annual expenses/costs that could be incurred. These ratios do not represent any current/actual charges or fees.

Price, Participatory Interests and AUM - Data as at 31 March 2016

MDD – CIS regulations require a minimum disclosure document (MDD) to be compiled for all CIS portfolios, which must be viewed by an investor at point of sale. A link to the MDD that corresponds to the date of this QIR has been provided in the table above (for the relevant class of the portfolio) and we recommend that you review the MDD for further details on this portfolio.

Important information



Disclosures

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Ampersand Momentum Equity Fund is a third party named CIS portfolio, the assets of which are administered by Ampersand Asset Management (Pty) Ltd, registration number: 2007/006571/07, a registered financial services provider, FSP number: 33676. The Manager retains full legal responsibility for all third party named CIS portfolios under the Momentum Collective Investments Scheme. The fund is a pure equity fund with a growth objective, suitable for long term investors with a high risk tolerance seeking correlation with local listed equities. It is permitted to invest in foreign securities which, within portfolios, may have additional material risks, depending on the specific risks affecting that country, such as: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. Investors are reminded that an investment in a currency other than their own may expose them to a foreign exchange risk.

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