

Melville Douglas STANLIB Bond Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document as at 31 December 2015

Investment Objectives

The portfolio aims to achieve capital growth and income generation by investing in long term fixed interest securities. The portfolio will be managed in compliance with the Prudential Investment Guidelines that are applicable to retirement funds from time to time. To achieve the investment objective the securities normally to be included in the portfolio will consist of a spread of gilts, semi gilts, loan stock, debentures, debenture bonds, non-equity securities, notes and assets in liquid form and any other securities, which are consistent with the portfolio's investment policy.

Investment Philosophy

Our investment philosophy is focused on maintaining the capital entrusted to us in real terms and to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns. Our approach is largely restricted to quality fixed income securities, cash or cash linked instruments. We are long-term investors and the decision making process involves a continuous assessment of a number of top-down and bottom-up factors that affects the prices of fixed income securities.

Portfolio Facts

Portfolio Size	R 975.03 million
Sector Classification	South African - Interest Bearing - Variable Term
Income Distribution	Net revenue is declared on a daily basis and distributed quarterly.
Income Declaration	31 March, 30 June, 30 September & 31 December
Benchmark	BEASSA All Bond Index

Class A	
Launch Date	01 July 2014

Minimum Investment	
Lump Sum	R100 000
Debit Order Per Month	R1 000

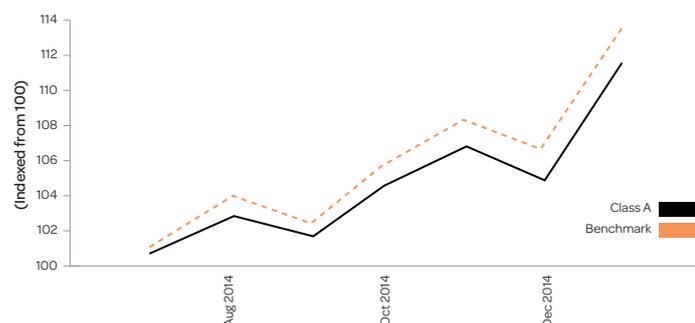
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** Additional Information can be obtained from Portfolio Charges Brochure on www.stanlib.com

Class A	
ISIN NO.	ZAE000191763
JSE Code	MDBFA
Total Expense Ratio	0.75%
Maximum Portfolio Charges	
Upfront Charge: Manager	0.00%
Upfront Charge: Intermediary	0.00% - 3.00%
Total Service Charge*	0.75%
Service Charge Intermediary Portion	0.00%

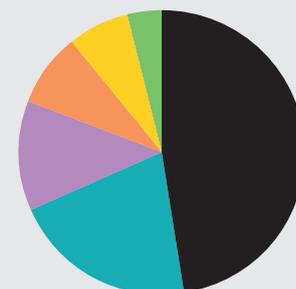
* Currently the fund charges a fee of 0.35%

Cumulative Performance Since Inception



Sector (%)

Bonds 0-3 Months	3.63
Bonds 1-3 Years	6.95
Current Bank Account	8.55
Bonds 3-7 Years	12.31
Bonds 7-12 Years	20.96
Bonds over 12 years	47.60



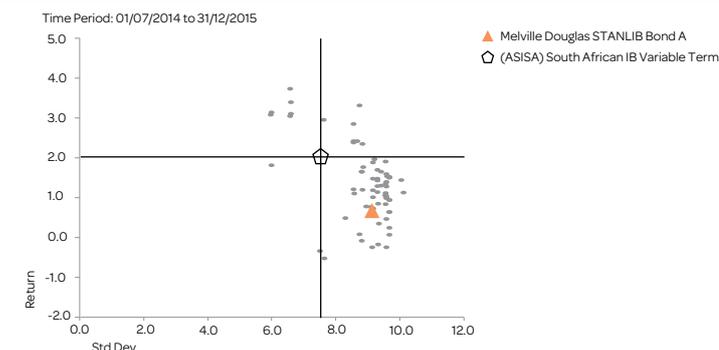
Performance (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Class A	-3.38	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.76
Sector	-2.29	2.46	5.95	6.82	2.02
Benchmark	-3.93	2.12	6.09	7.00	1.58
Rank (Class A)	10/23	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Lowest Return Over 12 rolling months					-3.38
Highest Return Over 12 rolling months					7.04

Top Holdings (%)

RSA R2023 7.75% 28/02/2023	9.52
RSA R2044 8.75% 31/01/2044	9.09
RSA R214 6.5% 28/02/2041	8.71
RSA R186 10.50% 21/12/2026	8.63
RSA R209 6.25% 31/03/2036	7.30
RSA R213 7.00% 28/02/2031	7.20
RSA R2030 8.00% 31/01/2030	6.72
RSA R2048 8.75% 28/02/2048	6.30
RSA R204 8% 21/12/2018	4.88
NEDBANK NCD 6.45% 22/02/2016	3.63

Risk Reward



Source: Morningstar Direct

Portfolio Risk and Term

Conservative	Moderate	Aggressive
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Yield To Maturity: 9.51

Income Distribution

	Paid in the last 12 months	Paid during 2014	2014 payments as a % of year end price
Class A	6.74 cpu	3.25 cpu	3.15%

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Franchise

Our Fixed Income process is aimed at providing portfolios with a lower volatility and risk component and for a return above that of cash. Our approach is largely restricted to quality fixed income securities, cash or cash linked instruments. Returns are generated by income from the securities and cash as well as capital movements in the value of the fixed income investments. A number of top-down and bottom-up factors are incorporated into the decision making process on an ongoing basis.

Quarterly Comments

The final quarter of 2015 proved as difficult and even more volatile than the previous quarter for SA financial markets. After an early recovery from the damage resulting from the Chinese currency devaluation, the JSE responded badly to renewed weakness in metals prices in November. Then, in early December, the Minister of Finance was replaced by the president with an inexperienced and little-known candidate. This unleashed substantial market turmoil, coming as it did ahead of a critical period for the macroeconomic management of the country which faces a potential credit rating downgrade to non-investment grade. In the event, the backlash from both business and politicians was sufficient to force a reversal, which led to a former minister, Pravin Gordhan, being reappointed to the post. Fortunately, the mainly defensive duration positioning of the Fund helped it produce a quarter in which it outperformed the ALBI. Globally, equity markets delivered very disappointing returns in 2015. Although there were a number of volatility triggers (Europe, China, oil), the biggest overriding pressure comes from the strength of the dollar and the effective tightening of US monetary policy, which is forcing other economies into competitive currency downgrades and unprecedented levels of monetary policy stimulus.

For 2016, there are still substantial risks. The consequences of a downgrade, if it occurs, are hard to assess, but would certainly not be limited to financial markets: the impact on the real economy would be severe. In any case, following the finance ministry episode, the economy is left with higher interest rates and a weaker currency, and it will require a lengthy and substantive rebuilding of credibility to restore the situation. The Reserve Bank will need to respond to the inflationary consequences of the weaker currency, so we expect a higher and longer interest rate cycle; and a tougher budget. In addition, the agricultural sector will have to endure the consequences of a severe drought; the remedies will certainly apply additional inflationary pressure. Globally, the year has begun on a very volatile note and commodity prices have resumed a downward trend; volatility in equity markets remains elevated and concerns about growth have resurfaced. The interaction of weak growth and tightening US monetary policy mean that the key forces that created the pressures on emerging markets and commodity producers during 2015 remain in place. Our caution has led to the reduction of portfolio exposure to key risks. Specifically, the prospect of a credit rating downgrade will keep interest rate markets on edge, and the pressure on consumers will rise; thus we have reset the duration balance of the fixed interest component and reduced exposure to interest-rate sensitive sectors. Overall, we remain underweight domestic equity and overweight offshore equity. More generally, the themes of 2015 will continue: careful selection will be key.

Portfolio Manager

Kevin Colglazier

As Head of Fixed Income, Kevin has been involved in investment markets since 1986. Among other positions he has held are Head of Global Fixed Income at First State Investments and Global Asset Management and Chief Investment Officer at Standard Asset Management and Chase Manhattan Private Bank (EMEA).

He holds a BA from Georgetown University and a MPhil from University of Cambridge.

Fund Features

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth and income generation by investing in longer term, investment grade fixed interest securities.

Securities will normally consist of a spread of gilts, semi-gilts, loan stock, debentures, debenture bonds, approved securities, notes and liquid assets and any other securities which are consistent with the fund's investment policy.

The benchmark of the Fund is the South African All Bond Index (Beassa ALBI TR ZAR).

The Fund has a minimum weighted average duration of 2 years.

Risk

General market risks including:

- A rise or volatility in bond yields
- Rising interest rates
- Economic and political risk
- Inflation uncertainty
- Duration risk

Where foreign securities are included in the portfolio there may be additional risks, such as potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risks, political risks, tax risks, settlement risks, and potential limitations on the availability of market information.

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The Total Expense Ratio (TER) of a portfolio is a measure of the portfolio's assets that were relinquished as operating costs expressed as a percentage of the daily average value of the portfolio calculated over a period of usually a financial year. Typical expenses which are deducted from a portfolio include service charges, taxes, trustee fees and audit fees.

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