

# Melville Douglas STANLIB Bond Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document as at 31 May 2016

## Investment Objectives

The SA Bond Fund is an actively managed, unconstrained, South African fixed-income strategy that aims to generate consistent and predictable long term returns through investments in high quality income-yielding debt securities. The objective of the fund is to achieve capital preservation and income generation by investing in long-term fixed interest securities. The fund is benchmarked against the South African All Bond Index.

## Investment Philosophy

Melville Douglas's main objective has always been to preserve capital and deliver superior risk-adjusted returns for investors in the long term. We achieve this by focusing on our proprietary investment philosophy and process, which hinge on achieving balance, focusing on the long term, and basing our investment decisions primarily on fundamental research.

## Portfolio Facts

Portfolio Size	R854.78 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

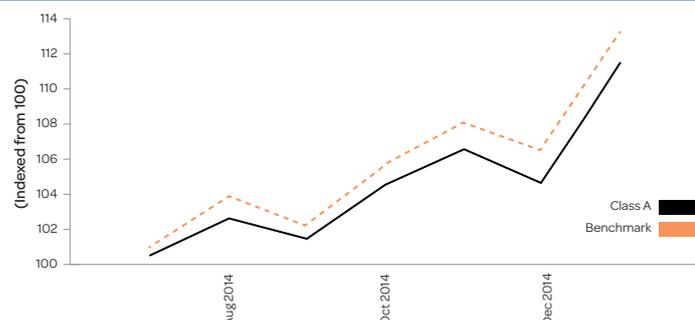
\* Please refer to page 2 under "Statutory Disclosure and General Terms & Conditions"

\*\* Additional Information can be obtained from Portfolio Charges Brochure on [www.stanlib.com](http://www.stanlib.com)

Class A	
ISIN NO.	ZAE000191763
JSE Code	MDBFA
Total Expense Ratio	0.66%
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%

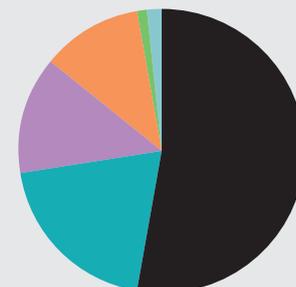
\* Currently the fund charges a fee of 0.35%

## Cumulative Performance Since Inception



## Sector (%)

Money Market	1.41
Bonds 0-1 Years	1.19
Current Bank Account	0.13
Bonds 1-3 Years	11.27
Bonds 7-12 Years	13.49
Bonds 3-7 Years	19.57
Bonds over 12 years	52.94



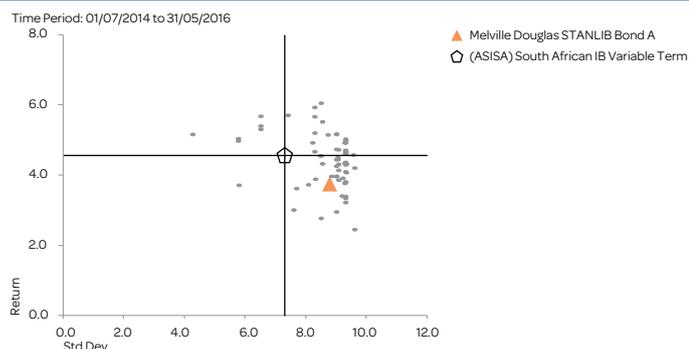
## Performance (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Class A	0.56	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.75
Sector	1.94	4.33	6.92	7.45	4.54
Benchmark	0.96	4.36	7.07	7.55	4.83
Rank (Class A)	18/28	0/0	0/0	0/0	19/20
Lowest Return Over 12 rolling months					-5.81
Highest Return Over 12 rolling months					7.04

## Top Holdings (%)

RSA R186 10.50% 21/12/2026	9.45
RSA R2044 8.75% 31/01/2044	9.39
RSA R2048 8.75% 28/02/2048	8.66
RSA R213 7.00% 28/02/2031	8.46
RSA R2023 7.75% 28/02/2023	8.35
RSA R214 6.5% 28/02/2041	8.22
RSA R209 6.25% 31/03/2036	8.21
RSA R2030 8.00% 31/01/2030	7.34
RSA R204 8% 21/12/2018	5.85
Republic of South Africa 6.75% March 2021	3.26

## Risk Reward



Source: Morningstar Direct

## Portfolio Risk and Term

Conservative	Moderate	Aggressive
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Yield To Maturity: 9.66

## Income Distribution

	Paid in the last 12 months	Paid during 2015	2015 payments as a % of year end price
Class A	7.51 cpu	7.28 cpu	7.83%

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## Franchise

Melville Douglas is a global boutique investment management company with focused investment solutions underpinned by a track record of outstanding performance, a formidable team of highly experienced investment professionals and close collaboration with our local and global clients.

## Quarterly Comments

The Fund lagged its benchmark in 1Q2016, delivering a return of 5.9% versus 6.6% for the ALBI. The reason was the underweight duration position did not allow full participation in the steep recovery of the index in January. The Fund maintains a 2nd quartile position versus its peers over 1 year.

After a very volatile final quarter of 2015, there was little respite in the first quarter of 2016, though the overall direction was positive, backed by a stabilisation and in some cases marked improvement in economic data. The Fund's strategy continued to remain modestly underweight duration, both given our view for somewhat higher bond yields domestically over the near term and as the appetite for risk assets in general remained volatile. The aftermath of the finance ministry debacle in December continued to play out, with the Treasury particularly vocal in its commitment to fiscal rectitude and restoring credibility. It demonstrated this clearly in the February budget which showed a faster path to lower deficits than previously. The rand pulled back from the very weak levels it had struck in December, but concerns over the inflationary impact remained. As a result the Reserve Bank felt compelled to implement a sharp interest rate increase and over the quarter the policy interest rate was pushed up 0.75%, a sharp reminder of the Reserve Bank's commitment to its inflation target. This is a key component in restoring the economy to an even keel and helping to avert the worst of the inflationary consequences of a weaker rand. A sovereign credit downgrade may well be priced in to some degree, however both the currency and the bond market are likely to react should it materialise.

Looking forward, challenges remain. Global monetary policy is theoretically supportive of markets, but with both Japan and Europe now implementing negative policy interest rates there may be limits to further support and it is already clear there can be unexpected consequences. In Japan, the currency strengthened very sharply after the implementation of negative rates, exactly the opposite of the intended outcome. In addition, the US economy is sufficiently strong that inflation is beginning to be evident, masked only by very low energy prices. Because interest rates are already arguably too low for the current combination of employment and inflation conditions, there is significant risk to the currently cautious implementation of interest rate increases. As the year goes by the tension between the need to raise rates domestically and the need to avoid the global dislocations that result from higher US dollar interest rates will become more evident. In addition there are a number of political events that could prove sources of volatility globally and domestically. This means that we expect continued volatility and consequently remain cautious when considering additional duration risk.

## Portfolio Manager

The fund is managed by Melville Douglas Fixed Income team, comprising of Jerome O Reagan, Bernard Drotschie and Craig Smith. The team consists of dedicated experts with the depth, breadth and experience to cover a broad range of debt securities and conduct proprietary analysis.

## Fund Features

The objective of the fund is to achieve capital preservation and income generation by investing in long-term 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.

## Statutory Disclosure and General terms & Conditions

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) are generally medium to long term investments. The value of participatory interests may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. An investment in the participations of a CIS in securities is not the same as a deposit with a banking institution. CIS are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from STANLIB Collective Investments Ltd (the Manager).

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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.

Additional information about this product, including brochures, application forms and annual or quarterly reports, can be obtained from the Manager, free of charge, and from the website: [www.stanlib.com](http://www.stanlib.com). The prices of unit trust funds are calculated and published on each working day. These prices are available on the Manager's website and in the South African printed news media.

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## Total Expense Ratio, Transaction Costs & Total Investment Charge

**Total Expense Ratio (TER):** This shows the charges, levies and fees relating to the management of the portfolio and is expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio, calculated over a rolling three years (where applicable) and annualised to the most recently completed quarter. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TERs.

**Transaction Costs (TC):** The percentage of the value of the fund as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts fund 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 Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

**Total Investment Charges (TIC):** The percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs, relating to the investment of the Fund. As fund returns are reported after deducting all fees and expenses, these costs (the TER & TC) should not be deducted from the fund returns. It is the sum of the TC & TER.

## TER and Transaction Costs Breakdown

FUND CLASS	TER	TC	TIC
Class A	0.66%	0.00%	0.66%

### TER + TC = TIC

Where a transaction cost is not readily available, a reasonable best estimate has been used. Estimated transaction costs may include Bond, Money Market and FX Costs (where applicable)