

# Satrix Balanced Index Fund

A1 Class | 31 August 2025

# INVESTMENT POLICY SUMMARY

The Satrix Balanced Index Fund is Regulation 28 compliant and offers diversified exposure to all the key local and international asset classes. The Fund tracks a composite index benchmark, with a long term strategic asset allocation, rebalanced on a bi-annual basis in March and September.

# **FUND STRATEGY**

The composite benchmark of the fund comprises the following asset class building blocks

### **Asset Class Index Exposure**

Satrix SmartCore™ Index
FTSE/JSE All Bond Index
STeFI Composite
FTSE EPRA/Nareit Developed Dividend+ Index
FTSE Global Core Infrastructure Index
MSCI World Index
MSCI Emerging Markets Index

# WHY CHOOSE THIS FUND?

- The Satrix SmartCore<sup>™</sup> Index targets stocks with positive exposures to multiple desired attributes, such as Momentum, Value and Quality.
- These attributes are rewarded drivers of returns, and when combined using a multi-factor approach, offer strong overall exposure to the desired factors, while managing a variety of risks relative to the SA equity market.

  The international portion of the fund provides some rand-hedge protection.
- You gain access to a fund that aims to grow capital steadily, while providing income over the medium to longer term.
- The high equity exposure gives you material exposure to an asset class that, though more volatile than others, usually delivers superior performance in the long term.

FUND INFORMATION	
ASISA Fund Classification	SA - Multi-Asset - High Equity
Category Benchmark	SA - Multi-Asset - High Equity - Median
Risk profile	Moderate Aggressive
Benchmark	Proprietary Satrix Balanced Index
Portfolio launch date	Oct 2013
Fee class launch date	Oct 2013
Minimum investment	Manual: Lump sum: R10 000 I Monthly: R500 SatrixNOW.co.za: No minimum
Portfolio size	R14.9 billion
Last two distributions	30 Jun 2025: 34.33 cpu 31 Dec 2024: 33.51 cpu
Income decl. dates	30 June I 31 Dec
Income price dates	1st working day in July and January
Valuation time of fund	17:00
Transaction cut off time	Manual: 15:00 SatrixNOW.co.za: 13:30
Daily Price Information	www.satrix.co.za
Repurchase period	T +3

TOP 40 HOLDINGS	
TOP 10 HOLDINGS Securities	% of Portfolio
Securities	% of Portiono
Ishares Core Msci World Ucits Etf	15.70
Ish Dvl Mkt Prpty Yld Usd A	4.66
Ishares Glbl Infrastructure	4.51
Gold Fields Ltd	3.52
Standard Bank Group Ltd	3.47
British Am. Tobacco Plc	3.21
Mtn Group Ltd	3.08
Naspers Ltd	2.89
Anglogold Ashanti Plc	2.64
Republic Of South Africa 8.75% 280248	2.22
as at 31 Aug 2025	

PERFORMANCE (ANNUALISED) AS AT 31 AUG 2025						
A1-Class	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)	Category (%)			
1 year	16.95	17.62	15.01			
3 year	15.17	16.04	13.48			
5 year	14.29	15.27	11.99			
10 year	9.57	10.57	8.03			

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

ACTUAL HIGHEST AND LOWEST ANNUAL RETURNS*	
Highest Annual %	24.57
Lowest Annual %	0.15

FEES (INCL. VAT)	
	A1-Class (%)
Advice initial fee (max.)	N/A
Manager initial fee	N/A
Advice annual fee (max.)	1.15
Manager annual fee	0.40
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.52
Transaction Cost (TC)	0.08

Advice fee I Any advice fee is negotiable between the client and their financial advisor. An annual advice fee negotiated is paid via a repurchase of units from the investor. The portfolio manager may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. This fund is also available via certain LISPS (Linked Investment Service Providers), which levy their own

Total Expense Ratio (TER) | The Management Fee is expressed as an annual percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS This Fee is net of any scrip lending income and Management Fee waiver,

The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the charges incurred by the portfolio, for the payment of services rendered in the administration of the CIS. The TER is expressed as a percentage of the services rendered in the administration of the CIS. The TEX is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 3 years on an annualised basis. The Transaction Cost (TC) is the cost incurred by the portfolio in the buying and selling of underlying assets. This is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 3 years on an annualised basis.

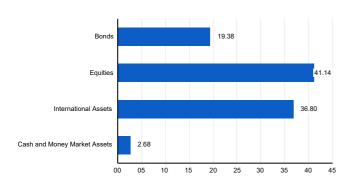
The current TER/TC cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER and TC. A higher TER and TC does not imply a poor return nor does a low TER and TC imply a good return. Obtain the costs of an investment prior to investing by using the EAC calculator provided at satrix.co.za.



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# ASSET ALLOCATION



### PORTFOLIO QUARTERLY COMMENTARY - 30 JUN 2025

The second quarter of 2025 (2Q25) was eventful and introduced a lot of volatility in the market. The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) is often used by investors to assess the level of risk or uncertainty in the market. Since 2005, the VIX level has moved past the 45 mark on a few memorable occasions: during the 2008 global financial crisis (89.5); again, during the 2020 Covid-19 market crash (82.7); and in April 2025 during President Trump's 'Liberation Day' tariff shock. After his tariff announcement, US bond yields surged and global equity markets plunged, leading to a spike in the VIX. The president then paused on the tariffs, which saw markets rebound substantially, and by the end of June, major global indices were again reaching all-time highs. In addition, earnings from large-cap US companies significantly outperformed their 10-year averages over the quarter, according to FactSet, while Moody's made a historic decision to downgrade the US' sovereign credit rating from its long-held AAA status to Aa1.

The MSCI World Index was up 7.7% in rand terms, while the MSCI USA and S&P 500 indices both rose, by 7.5% and 7.1%, respectively. The Nasdaq 100 Index ended the period up 13.8%. In contrast, the MSCI China Index was down 1.4% for the quarter, while the MSCI India Index rose 5.5%. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index had a very strong quarter, ending the period up 8.2%. The MSCI Europe Index gained 7.6%, and the MSCI United Kingdom Index was up 5%. On the bond side, the Global Aggregate Bond Index rose 1% over 2Q25.

A 12-day flare-up between Iran and Israel heightened global risk sentiment, with the oil price rising from US\$61 to over US\$77 per barrel, intra-quarter. However, prices declined as the ceasefire brought some relief, with the US mediating. Brent crude oil ended the quarter at US\$66.74 per barrel, marking a 10.7% decrease from the start of the quarter. Gold continued its upward trajectory following the market volatility during the quarter. The precious metal closed the quarter at US\$3 303 per ounce, up 5.9% from the beginning of the quarter.

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) gained 10.2% in the second quarter, and the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index (Top 40) rose 10.3%. The local market's outperformance was largely driven by Industrials, which rose 10.8% during the period, and Resources, which climbed 9.8%. Financials ended the quarter down 7.8%. The South African 10-year Government Bond yield closed the quarter at 9.9%, having started at 10.6%. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) finished the quarter up 5.9%. The cash benchmark, the Alexander Forbes Short-Term Fixed-Interest Composite Index (STeFI), delivered a positive money market return of 1.9%, while the FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property Index (SAPY) rose by 9.1% over the quarter.

The rand appreciated by 3.4% against the US dollar, closing the quarter at R17.77 to the greenback, R24.35 to the British pound, and R20.86 to the euro.

# Portfolio Performance, Attribution and Strategy

Domestically, all single-factor strategies underperformed the FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Index (Capped SWIX). The Equally Weighted strategy was the most resilient, while the Quality factor was the worst performer over the quarter. The SmartCore™ fund uses a multi-factor approach where stocks are selected based on their bottom-up combined Value, Momentum and Quality signal. In the second quarter of 2025, SmartCore™ outperformed the Value and Quality single factors and underperformed the Momentum single factor. Over the same period, SmartCore™ underperformed the Capped SWIX. During the quarter, a pure blend approach of the Satrix proprietary Quality, Value and Momentum indices also underperformed the Capped SWIX index.

From an attribution perspective, underweight positions in Aspen Pharmacare (APN) and Anglo American plc (AGL) and an overweight position in MTN Group (MTN) added value to the strategy during the quarter. Counters that detracted value from the strategy included overweight positions in Harmony Gold (HAR) and Standard Bank (SBK) and an underweight position in Sibanye-Stillwater (SSW).

The Satrix SmartCore™ Index was reviewed in June 2025 and it added Sibanye-Stillwater (SSW) while Pepkor (PPH) was deleted.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) at their 29 May meeting, cut the repo rate by 0.25% as expected, to 7.25%. The decision was supported by inflation, which had persistently surprised below expectations, and weak economic growth in the first quarter. However, the SARB surprised the market by publishing forecasts of the repo rate should a 3% inflation target be adopted. This was the strongest indication yet that the adoption of the new, Issue Date: 19 Sep 2025

lower inflation target was imminent. This was followed by a Working Paper, wherein researchers at the SARB argued that a lower target will lead to much lower interest rates and substantial interest cost savings for National Treasury if the lower target is accompanied by a revised funding strategy, focusing on T-bills and inflation-linked bonds.

In rand terms, the MSCI World and MSCI Emerging Markets indices had positive performance of 7.7% and 8%, respectively. The FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Dividend+ Index was flat with a return of 0.1%, while the FTSE Global Core Infrastructure Index posted a negative return of 0.6%.

### RISK PROFILE (MODERATE AGGRESSIVE)

This is a moderate-aggressive risk portfolio that primarily aims to deliver capital growth over the medium- to long-term, with income a secondary consideration. It aims to reduce volatility relative to an equity-only portfolio. This portfolio has a medium- to long-term investment horizon.

# **CONTACT DETAILS**

# Manager

Satrix Managers (RF) Pty Ltd (Reg. No. 2004/009205/07). 4th Floor, Building 2, 11 Alice Lane, Sandown, 2146.

# **Investment Manager**

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