# **Fund Fact Sheet**

# Mergence SWIX Fund

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# **OVERVIEW**

Low Moderate High
Equity Risk Profile

**Fund Purpose** Generate capital growth over the long term

Investment Style Relative Return

Benchmark FTSE/JSE Shareholder Weighted Index [SWIX]

Investment Vehicle Segregated / Pooled Inception date November 2007

Number of Months 145

Fund Size R 2,469 billion

Minimum Investment R 50 million (none for pooled)

Management Fee Subject to mandate (usually between 0.45%

and 0.75% per annum)

Performance fees Negotiable

# **INVESTOR PROFILE**

#### The Fund is suitable for investors:

- who seek specialist South African equity exposure as part of their overall investment strategy;
- · who believe long term equity exposure adds value;
- who know the nature of equity exposure, in that there is entry risk and the potential of capital loss.

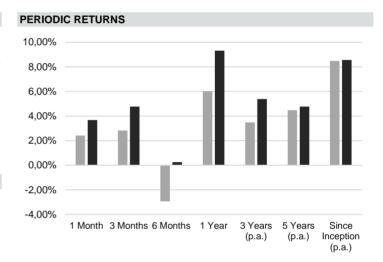
#### **CARBON FOOTPRINT**

The Mergence SWIX Fund is conscious of its carbon footprint and is actively encouraging improved disclosure and carbon management across all JSE listed companies. The Mergence SWIX Fund's Carbon Footprint is available on request.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The Mergence SWIX Fund aims to provide investors with capital growth over the long term. The objective is to achieve returns that are in excess of the FTSE/JSE Shareholder Weighted Index [SWIX] over any three-year rolling period. The fund is managed as a core mandate targeting maximum active returns relative to tracking error volatilty.

Our philosophy of pragmatism underlines our approach to investing in equities, and thus the Fund's objective to be a consistent generator of alpha through cycles. We embrace a style agnostic approach given the cyclicality in performance of a strong bias to either value or growth styles. Our investment process is bases on detailed bottom up fundamental analysis. We aim to invest in high quality businesses that are trading at a discount to our assessment of fair value. Our equity investment process is comprehensive, proprietary research driven and long term focused.



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### PERFORMANCE\*\* SUMMARY

Period	Fund	SWIX	Active Return		
Tracking Error	2,12%				
Information Ratio	-0,03				
1 Month	2,42%	3,68%	-1,26%		
3 Months	2,83%	4,77%	-1,94%		
6 Months	-2,93%	0,25%	-3,18%		
1 Year	6,01%	9,32%	-3,30%		
3 Years (p.a.)	3,48%	5,39%	-1,90%		
5 Years (p.a.)	4,47%	4,78%	-0,31%		
Since Inception (p.a.)	8,49%	8,56%	-0,07%		
Year	Fund	SWIX	Active Return		
2019 (YTD)	6,01%	9,32%	-3,30%		
2018	-10,71%	-11,67%	0,96%		
2017	17,07%	21,21%	-4,15%		
2016	4,66%	4,13%	0,53%		
2015	7,31%	3,62%	3,69%		
2014	14,61%	15,42%	-0,81%		
2013	25,46%	20,71%	4,75%		

<sup>\*\*</sup> Returns are quoted gross of fees. Please also note that there are risks associated with financial products and past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance.

### **TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

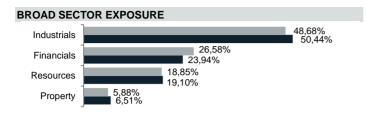
	% of Equity	% of Total
Naspers	17,51%	16,51%
Standard Bank	4,68%	4,42%
Anglo American	4,72%	4,45%
British American Tobacco	3,49%	3,29%
Aspen	3,54%	3,34%
MTN	3,35%	3,16%
Mondi plc	3,21%	3,03%
MNP	3,04%	2,87%
RMH	3,15%	2,97%
CASH	0,00%	0,00%

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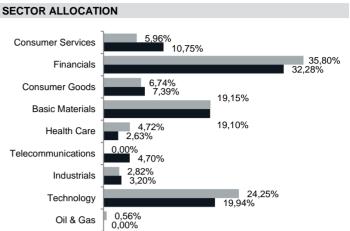
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#### **MONTHLY RETURNS**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
2019	2,84%	1,73%	1,23%	5,98%	-5,18%	2,61%	-2,70%	-2,78%	-0,20%	1,98%	-1,55%	2,42%	
2018	-0,31%	-0,75%	-5,12%	4,01%	-3,73%	2,43%	0,36%	0,30%	-4,80%	-5,98%	-0,11%	3,03%	
2017	2,30%	-1,62%	1,54%	4,40%	-0,21%	-3,35%	5,26%	2,03%	-1,33%	6,06%	2,29%	-1,04%	
2016	-2,53%	0,07%	8,16%	0,50%	1,86%	-1,51%	1,19%	-0,05%	-0,89%	-3,06%	-0,93%	2,22%	
2015	2,93%	3,77%	0,60%	4,56%	-3,64%	0,95%	0,26%	-3,41%	-0,55%	7,47%	-2,10%	-3,10%	
2014	-3,72%	5,77%	2,86%	1,42%	2,72%	2,91%	0,94%	0,25%	-1,84%	2,56%	-0,28%	0,46%	
2013	1,99%	-0,87%	2,03%	-1,94%	8,43%	-3,93%	3,92%	1,94%	5,15%	3,75%	-1,40%	4,48%	
2012	4,21%	2,29%	-0,64%	2,71%	-3,05%	1,81%	2,86%	2,69%	1,38%	3,93%	1,15%	4,96%	
2011	-2,51%	2,76%	1,05%	2,50%	-0,63%	-1,89%	-1,30%	0,55%	-2,15%	7,57%	1,84%	-1,30%	

# **INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS**



Peter Takaendesa, BCom (Economics), MCom (Economics), MCom (Finance and Economics)

Head: Equities

Peter joined Mergence in January 2014 as a senior equity investment analyst specialising in the technology, media and telecoms (TMT) sector. He has some 13 years' financial services industry experience during which time he worked for two global investment banks, Credit Suisse Standard Securities and RMB Morgan Stanley. Top ratings in the Financial Mail annual analyst rankings and winning the ABSIP South Africa equity analyst of the year in 2011 are some of Peter's achievements. Brought up in Johannesburg, he obtained an MCom at Rhodes University majoring in Finance and Economics, followed by a number of professional industry certifications. Prior to joining the financial services industry, Peter was a university lecturer in Economics and published a number of papers in leading academic journals. He is a regular commentator in the media.



Izak van Niekerk, B Acc (Hons) CA (SA)

Co-Portfolio Manager

Izak is a qualified chartered accountant and has over 14 years' experience in the financial services industry. Prior to joining Mergence Investment Managers in 2011, he spent two years at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Johannesburg as an audit manager for financial services clients in the Banking and Capital Markets division. Izak joined Mergence Investment Managers as an equity analyst where he plays an active role within the investment team with his focus being on equity research. He has a BAcc (Hons) from the University of Stellenbosch and is a member of SAICA. In November 2019, he was appointed as a Co-Portfolio Manager for Listed Investments.

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