Fund fact sheet

Mergence Infrastructure & Development | Equity

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FUND DESCRIPTION

Mergence Investment Managers has established the Mergence Infrastructure & Development | Equity Fund as a new fund in its suite of Impact Funds. The Fund has been structured as an open-end fund, investing in unlisted equity and quasi-equity, such as mezzanine debt, in infrastructure and developmental assets. The Fund will focus on building a diversified portfolio of infrastructure and developmental assets that will meet the Fund objectives of supporting economic growth and infrastructure development while yielding sound returns to investors. Socio-economic infrastructure assets include renewable energy plants, social housing, student accommodation, schools, energy efficient programmes and hospitals.

OVERVIEW					
	Low	Moderate	High		
Risk Profile		•			
Fund Term Life	Open-ended				
Inception Date	May 2015				
Fund Size	R 748.57 million				
Investment Vehicle	Life License (Prescient)				
Benchmark Return	CPI +7% (over rolling 3-year periods)				
Target Areas	Social, economic and other infrastructure				
Geographic Focus	Predominantly South Africa				
Asset Class	Unlisted infrastructure equity and				
	quasi-equity				
Target Portfolio	70% equity, 30% o	quasi-equity			
Composition					
Target Sector	60% renewable en	ergy, 40% other			
Allocation	infrastructure				
Withdrawal Period	No investment should be made in the Fund				
	if the intention is to withdraw funds within 3				
	years				
Liquidity	Up to 36 months to	o liquidate assets			

TEAM

The Mergence infrastructure team is an experienced investment team with 50 years' of collective experience in evaluating and investing in unlisted businesses (investing in both private equity and debt financing). The dedicated five member infrastructure team, all of whom are CA(SA)'s, is led by Mark van Wyk, one of the leaders in providing institutional investment offerings in high impact investments in South Africa. Team experience includes exposure to various infrastructure sectors notably property, healthcare infrastructure and renewable energy, having recognised the investment potential in REIPPP transactions and establishing the first independent renewable energy debt fund in South Africa. The infrastructure team is supported by the Mergence Investment Managers' investment team who have 90 years' of collective investment experience and augmented with specialist and Best-in-Class service providers and a dedicated International advisory committee.

INVESTOR PROFILE

The Fund is suitable for institutional investors:

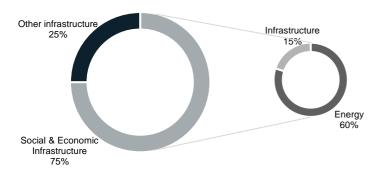
- who seek exposure through supporting developmental infrastructure investing in terms of social and environmental criteria;
- who are uncomfortable with the inherent volatility of the financial markets, and who acknowledge that the effects of impact investing occur over medium to long term horizons;
- as part of an overall allocation in balanced portfolios.

TARGETED SECTOR ALLOCATION

Infrastructure	Target
Renewable	60%
Other	40%

The Fund might also invest in quasi-equity (mezzanine debt etc)

TARGETED SECTOR EXPOSURE



SECTOR EXAMPLES

Economic Infrastructure Target Areas

Power Generation Renewable Energy Communications Infrastructure

Roads

Social Infrastructure (Developmental) Target Areas

Social Housing
Education
Government Accommodation
Hospitals

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IMPACT OBJECTIVE

While the Fund seeks to invest in viable projects with strong long-term financial returns, the Fund also aims to invest in projects which are structured to deliver measurable developmental impact, therefore taking into account impact metrics such as local content, local procurement, and local ownership, housing and job creation.

PERFORMANCE* SUMMARY					
Period	Fund	CPI + 7%	Difference		
1 Month	0,46%	0,74%	-0,27%		
3 Months	3,32%	3,72%	-0,40%		
6 Months	3,58%	4,66%	-1,07%		
1 Year	13,44%	10,09%	3,35%		
2 Years	15,99%	10,71%	5,28%		
3 Years	16,60%	11,12%	5,48%		
Since Inception (p.a.)**	16,49%	11,65%	4,84%		
*Returns are quoted gross of fees.					

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Commitment Fee Negotiated

Base Fee 1.75% per annum R100m – R500m

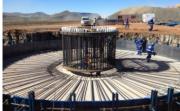
1.50% per annum R500m – R1000m

Performance Fee 15% of outperformance of the benchmark

over rolling 3-year periods Performance fee cap: 1.00%

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS







PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM



Mark van Wyk
B Com (Hons), CA (SA)
Head: Infrastructure & Development (SA)

Mark joined Mergence in 2010 whereas the Head: Infrastructure & Development (SA), he oversees the unlisted credit and unlisted equity asset portfolios. Mark is a qualified CA and has a BCom (Hons) from the University of Natal and is currently completing his MBA. As a leader in institutional impact and infrastructure investments, he has nearly 20 years of experience in the capital and investment markets. Based largely in Cape Town, he has worked at Sanlam Properties, PwC, and Mettle where he specialized in corporate finance, structured finance, specialist income funds, and private equity transactions. Mark is a sought-after commentator and a guest lecturer at the UCT Graduate School of Business. He serves on the ASISA Responsible Investments Committee and has won ABSIP awards for Alternative Asset Manager in 2014 and 2016. Mark is a sought-after conference speaker and media commentator.



Chitongwa Siame
BSc (Hons), MCom (Fin Mgmt), ACCA
Investment Principal (Unlisted)

Chito joined Mergence in 2011 as an equity analyst and holds a Master of Commerce degree with a specialisation in Finance from the University of Cape Town. He is also a chartered certified accountant (UK). Over five years, he managed to cover an array of listed companies across numerous sectors. In 2016, Chito switched to cover unlisted investments, where he is primarily responsible for identifying and researching equity opportunities for the Mergence Infrastructure and Development Fund which includes opportunities on the water infrastructure, renewable energy, housing, and tourism sectors. Chito now holds the designation of an Investment Principal for Mergence Investment Managers.

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THE TEAM















