


## FUND DESCRIPTION

The Mergence Infrastructure & Development | Bond Composite aims to invest in a diversified combination of infrastructure debt assets that will result in superior risk adjusted returns, whilst supporting the development of both social and economic infrastructure services. This Fund forms part of the Mergence suite of Impact Funds. It is a yield enhanced bond portfolio that targets attractive returns through a combination of investment grade listed exposure and high quality unlisted yield enhancing infrastructure assets. The Fund aims to provide a measure of liquidity whilst providing exposure to attractive infrastructure investments. The Fund is managed with regard to prudent credit concentration exposure, dynamic interest rate risk management and robust counterparty assessment. The Fund is allowed to invest up to 50% in unlisted debt. The Fund is thus expected to generate attractive risk-adjusted return over that of the ALBI.

## OVERVIEW

	Low	Moderate	High
Risk Profile			
Fund Size	R 0.591 billion		
Targeted Fund Size	R 5 billion		
Benchmark	All Bond Index (ALBI)		
Performance Target	All Bond Index (ALBI) +1%		
Asset Class	Fixed & variable rate debt instruments; Listed and unlisted instruments		
Credit Rating	Investment grade specialist credit fund		
Fund Purpose	Maximise long-term income generation while promoting infrastructure assets		
Performance Objective	The Fund aims to outperform the ALBI by 1% per annum over a rolling 3-year period		

## SALIENT FEATURES

- Exposure to quality bonds (listed and unlisted)
- Aims to generate stable long term returns
- Conservative risk profile vs corporate listed bonds
- Leverages off existing impact and fixed income Teams
- Provides a measure of liquidity
- Diversified exposure
- Attractive transaction pipeline
- Achievement of socio-economic developmental and impact objectives
- Suitable for consideration in retirement fund and similar models
- Good diversifier of overall fixed income allocation in balanced portfolios;
- Complements and enhances fixed income exposure

## FUND\* PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Period	Fund	ALBI	Diff
1 Month	0.70%	0.76%	-0.06%
3 Months	0.69%	1.02%	-0.33%
6 Months	4.22%	4.20%	0.02%
Year to date	1.06%	1.47%	-0.40%
1 Year	19.09%	19.44%	-0.34%
3 Year	11.51%	10.72%	0.79%
Since Inception (June 2018)**	10.21%	9.36%	0.85%

\* Including illustrative Mergence ALBI Composite performance.

\*\* Annualised

## FUND COMPOSITION

## The Fund will comprise the following:

- Listed Investment Grade Bond Exposure
- Unlisted Exposure

## Mergence Renewable Energy Debt Fund

The Mergence Renewable Energy Debt Fund is a Development Impact Fund which invests into the renewable energy sector enabling investors to achieve targeted investment returns together with social and environmental impact. This Fund invests primarily in the construction, commissioning and operation of renewable energy projects within South Africa's REIPPP Programme, and aims to achieve the maximum risk-adjusted return possible from this asset class. The Fund invests predominantly in the debt of viable renewable energy projects.

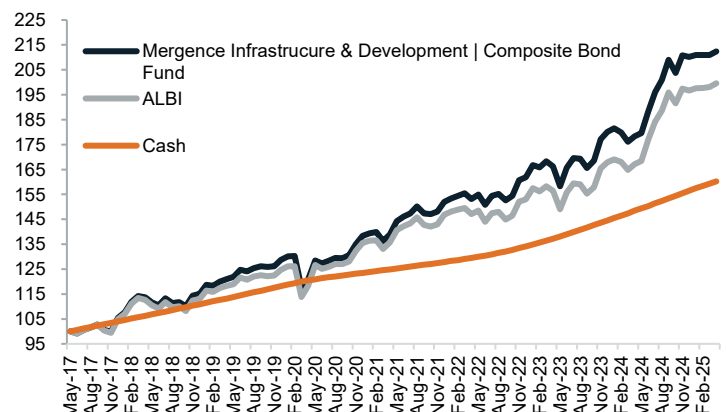
## Mergence Infrastructure &amp; Development | Debt Fund

The Mergence Infrastructure Debt Fund is a socio-economic impact fund that invests in projects and businesses that encourage and enhance growth and development in SA. This Fund aims to invest in debt investments issued to create positive and sustainable social and/or economic impact beyond the financial return.

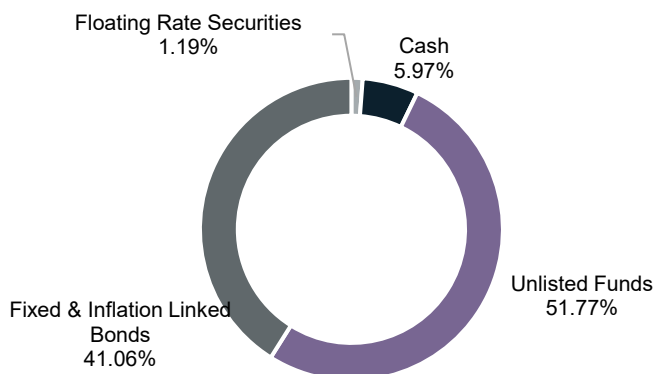
## Other Infrastructure and Development Funds

These will comprise investments in related funds established to enhance and complement the Infrastructure and Development suite of funds (e.g. a housing fund).

## CUMULATIVE FUND\* PERFORMANCE



**INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACT AREAS**



**LIQUID BOND PORTFOLIO EXPOSURE**

	Fund	ALBI
<b>Inflation Linked Bonds</b>	<b>36.59%</b>	
1-3 years	36.59%	
<b>Floating Rate Securities</b>	<b>1.15%</b>	
1-3 years	0.00%	
3-7 years	1.15%	
<b>Fixed rate bonds</b>	<b>98.79%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
1-3 years	5.91%	0.42%
3-7 years	65.64%	32.23%
7-12 years	15.63%	17.60%
12+ years	11.61%	49.76%
<b>Modified duration</b>	<b>5.61</b>	<b>5.61</b>

The Fund 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.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM**



**Mohamed Ismail**  
EMFin,FRM; FAIS Rep  
Head: Fixed Income

Mohamed joined Mergence in March 2021 as Head of Fixed Income: Multi-Asset Class. He has 14 years of experience. Mohamed is responsible for a stand-alone fixed-income product and integrating a fixed-income investment process into the overall multi-asset strategy. He is the primary portfolio manager for the Mergence Composite Bond Fund and lead investment manager for the Money Market and Multi-Asset Income portfolios.



**Fazila Manjoo**  
PG Dip (Management in Actuarial Science), BSc (Actuarial Science)  
Portfolio Manager: Multi-Asset

Fazila joined Mergence in September 2020 as a Portfolio Manager in the Multi-Asset team. She has over 18 years of experience in the financial services industry, and a passion for research, technology, and sustainability. At Mergence, she is responsible for developing quantitative and systematic strategies across balanced and absolute return funds while also managing portable alpha strategies.



**Mosa Molebatsi**  
BCom Honours (Finance), MPhil (Development Finance), CFA  
Head: Private Debt

Mosa joined Mergence in 2023 as a Senior Investment Associate and now leads the Private Debt team. She brings extensive experience from previous roles at the International Finance Corporation, the Public Investment Corporation, and Momentum Metropolitan Holdings. In addition to her investment work, Mosa is actively involved in lecturing and serves as a trustee on several foundations, reflecting her broader commitment to education and social impact.

**INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

