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Abacon Worldwide Flexible

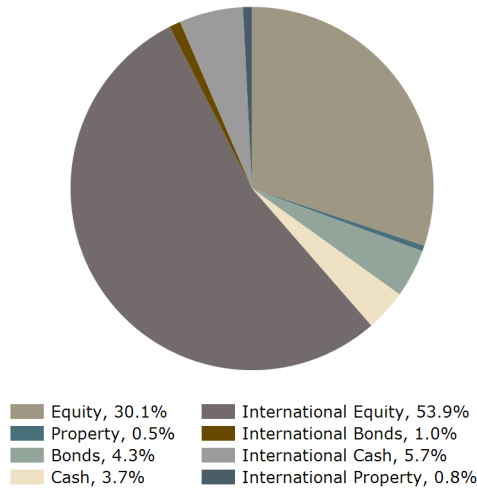
Fund Details

Fund Category	Worldwide Multi Asset Flexible
Benchmark	Avg Worldwide Multi Asset Flexible
Risk Profile	Aggressive
Investment period	5 years or longer
Launch Date	01 May 2018
Fund Size	R 6 million
Platform	Glacier

Fund Objective

The wrap fund aims to provide a high level of capital growth over the long term. Investors in this fund are prepared to tolerate high fluctuations in the value of their investment over the short term. The fund will be diversified across all major asset classes with a strong bias towards equities (maximum of 100%) and can invest in South African and/or foreign markets up to 100% either way. Investors in this fund should have a minimum investment horizon of 5 years or longer. The fund is not compliant with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act.

Asset Allocation

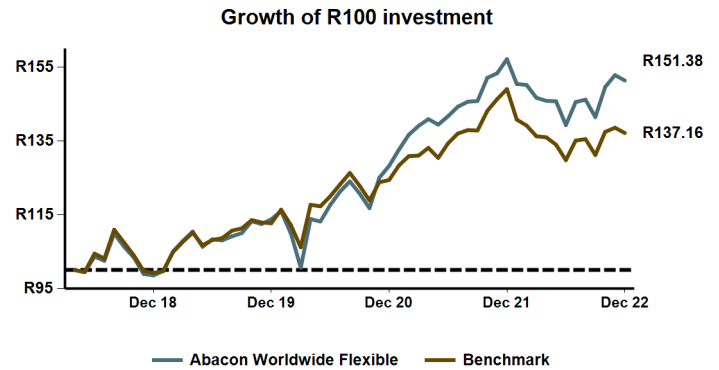


Investor Profile

The fund is suitable for investors seeking:

- High level of capital growth over the long term
- Able to tolerate high levels of volatility, with diversification across asset classes both domestic and foreign
- A minimum investment horizon of 5 years or longer

Cumulative performance since launch *



Performance (%)	Fund*	Benchmark
1 Month	-0.96	-1.03
3 Months	7.00	4.54
6 Months	8.66	5.67
1 Year	-3.69	-7.98
2 Years (annualised)	8.64	4.99
3 Years (annualised)	9.99	6.77
Since Launch	9.29	7.00

Risk statistics (2 years)	Fund*
Returns (annualised)	8.64%
Standard deviation (annualised)	9.12%
% Positive months	62.50%
Maximum drawdown	-11.36%
Sharpe ratio	0.45

Manager Selection (%)

Allan Gray Balanced	7.00	Glacier Global Stock Feeder	7.00
Bateleur Flexible Prescient	8.00	Ninety One Global Franchise Feeder	8.00
Centaur BCI Flexible	8.00	Old Mutual Global Equity	9.00
Coronation Global Emerging Markets Flexible	4.00	PSG Flexible	9.00
Coronation Global Optimum Growth	16.00	Satrix MSCI World Equity Index Feeder	7.00
Fairtree Equity Prescient	8.00	Truffle SCI Flexible	9.00

Monthly Fund Performance* (%)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2022	-4.27	-0.20	-2.31	-0.56	-0.08	-4.42	4.49	0.43	-3.22	5.75	2.17	-0.96	-3.69
Fund 2021	3.43	3.03	1.76	1.32	-1.06	1.63	1.83	0.92	0.14	4.31	0.80	2.50	22.54
Fund 2020	1.93	-5.25	-8.37	13.08	-0.60	3.96	3.08	2.29	-2.67	-3.28	7.06	2.59	12.74

Fees (% incl. VAT)

Annual wrap fee	0.46
Underlying Manager TER's	1.21

* The investor is liable for CGT on any transactions in the units of the underlying unit trusts within the wrap funds. Compulsory investments are not subject to CGT. Performance is calculated using net returns (after fees) of the underlying unit trusts, and quoted excluding wrap fund fees. Performance quoted is pre-tax. Fund performance numbers shown are for a notional portfolio and do not reflect the actual performance of the client invested in the wrap fund due to timing differences of investments or disinvestments of the client. Benchmark returns for CPI are based on actual published returns and an estimated one month return for the month of the report date. ASISA Benchmark returns are the ASISA returns available as at the time of reporting.

The Abacon Worldwide Flexible Wrap Fund is developed and managed by Sanlam Investments on behalf of Abacon BlueStar.

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Manager Comment

Investors were seeking a “Santa Claus rally” in the final month of the year, however, December proved to be no different with volatility and losses seen throughout 2022. Most major global markets ended in negative territory, including South Africa. This comes as no surprise as it was driven by global central banks’ aggressive interest rate hikes to curb inflation. Increasing recession fears, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and increasing concerns over a surge in Covid-19 cases in China further contributed to the volatility.

The fourth quarter 2022 rally faded into year-end, with developed equity markets losing more ground in December but managed to deliver its first positive quarter of 2022. The MSCI World Index closed -4.34% m/m in USD and -4.25% m/m in ZAR. US tech stocks struggled once again, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq falling around 9% m/m, wiping out all its gains from 2022 and leaving itself comfortably in bear market territory for 2022 (around 32% down y/y). The S&P 500 returned -5.77% m/m. The Euro Stoxx 50 (€) returned -4.04% m/m. The UK’s blue-chip FTSE (£) fared better compared to counterparts, closing at -1.42% m/m.

Emerging equity markets outperformed their developed counterparts in the final month of the year, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index closed at -1.64% m/m in USD and -1.53% m/m in ZAR. China’s major market indices ended mixed, with Hong Kong’s Hang Seng Index rising, while the Shanghai Composite Index fell. This follows the country’s easing on Covid-19 restrictions and the unexpected surge in Covid-19 cases.

The South African equity market followed world markets lower, but ended the year in positive territory. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index closed at -2.26% m/m and 3.58% y/y. On a yearly basis, the country was one of the select few major global stock markets to eke out a gain in 2022. Stocks geared towards the domestic economy were amongst the worst-performing during the month.

All major sectors finished the month in the “red.” Resources took the biggest hit, closing at -3.58% m/m, followed by Financials closing at -1.71% m/m. Industrials fared slightly better, with the help of Naspers and Prosus closing at -0.07% m/m. SA Listed Property advanced for the third consecutive month, closing at 1.13% m/m. Local bonds continued to gain in the high interest rate environment, with the All Bond Index (ALBI) returning 0.62% m/m. Cash (STeFI) delivered a moderate return of 0.56% m/m. South African growth managers (-1.15% m/m) outperformed value managers (-3.52% m/m), while the opposite occurred globally.

The ZAR remained relatively unchanged against the safe-haven USD, closing at -0.10% m/m. Furthermore, the ZAR lost as much as 5.44%, 3.62% and 1.10% against the Japanese yen, euro, and sterling.

Portfolio Manager



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About the Portfolio Manager

Wade joined Sanlam Multi Managers in May 2016 as a portfolio manager within the investment team. Wade is currently the lead portfolio manager within the hybrid model portfolio group (MPG) and manages portfolios within the Glacier Invest Discretionary Fund Manager (DFM) business. Wade has completed the requisite regulatory exams and supervision period.

Wade started his career at Glacier by Sanlam on their graduate trainee programme in 2010 after a stint working as a summer camp counsellor in the USA. For the first two years he worked within their communication centre, operations team, as well as their investment administration departments where he acquired a thorough understanding of the financial adviser market and client servicing requirements. In 2012 he joined the Glacier Research team as an investment analyst focussing on manager research within the retail asset management landscape. Other responsibilities included market research, economic commentary, and financial advisor support. Wade then joined Sanlam Investments in May 2014 as a retail investments analyst within their Strategy and Client Solutions team, focussing on investment research, industry trend analysis, product positioning, and distribution support.

Wade holds a B.Com degree in Business Management from the University of the Western Cape, a Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning from the University of the Free State, a Certificate in Investment Performance Measurement (CIPM) from the CFA institute, and has completed the first level regulatory examination for representatives.

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