

Nedgroup Investments Core Income Fund

Class C

September 2017



INCOME RANGE

RISK RATING



Risk reward profile

For credit and income instruments, while unlikely, capital loss may occur due to an event like the default of an issuer. The liquidity of this portfolio is less than that of a traditional money market portfolio.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Client type

Institutional

ASISA category

South African Interest Bearing Short Term

Benchmark

STeFI Composite

Investment manager

Taquanta Asset Managers (Pty) Ltd is authorised as a Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (FSP No. 618).

Inception date

01 October 2008

Appropriate term

Minimum 6 Months

Market value

R 26,895 Million

Income distributions

Frequency: Monthly

September 2017: 0.67 cpu

Previous 12 months: 8.22 cpu

Fees and charges (excluding VAT)

Initial fees	0.00%
Annual management fee	0.25%
Total expense ratio	0.30%
Transaction costs	0.00%
Total investment charges²	0.30%

Please Note:

Differences may exist due to rounding

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Portfolio profile

The portfolio aims to preserve capital, but provide returns in excess of that offered by a traditional money market portfolio. The mandate is, however, more flexible and the average portfolio duration will be longer than that of traditional money market portfolios. The portfolio complies with Regulation 28 of the South African Pension Funds Act.

Performance¹

Period	Portfolio - Gross	Portfolio - Net	Benchmark
1 year pa	8.9%	8.6%	7.6%
3 Years pa	8.2%	7.9%	7.0%
5 Years pa	7.4%	7.1%	6.4%
7 Years pa	7.3%	6.9%	6.2%
Since Inception	7.9%	7.5%	6.8%
Lowest 1 year return	5.9%	5.6%	
Highest 1 year return	11.3%	10.9%	

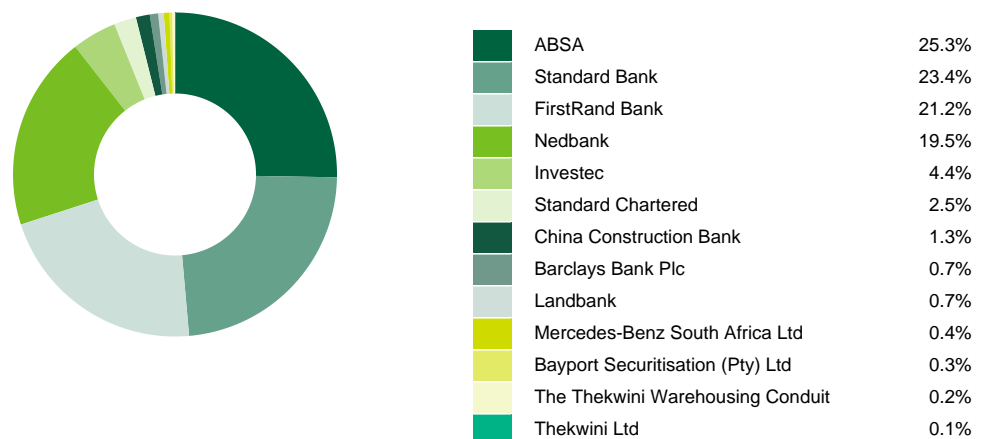
Risk

Period	Portfolio	ALSI
Volatility [5 years]	0.4%	10.9%

Maturity spread

Maturity spread	% Spread
0 - 3 months	3.1%
3 - 6 months	3.6%
6 - 13 months	6.9%
> 13 months	86.3%
Total	100.0%

Portfolio structure



1) The annualized total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period. Performance is calculated for the portfolio and individual investment performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. Due to the delayed release of inflation data, relevant benchmarks will lag by one month.
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2) Total Expense Ratio (TER), expressed as a percentage of the Fund, relates to expenses incurred in the administration of the Fund. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TERs. Transaction Costs (TC), expressed as a percentage of the Fund, relate to the costs incurred in buying and selling the underlying assets of the Fund. TC are a necessary cost in administering the fund and impact fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. The Total Investment Charges expressed as a percentage of the Fund, relates to all investment costs of the Fund. Both the TER and TC of the Fund are calculated on an annualised basis, beginning 01/07/2014 and ending 30/06/2017



INCOME RANGE

Investment manager commentary Taquanta Asset Management

Globally the economic environment appears promising. Second quarter US real GDP growth quickened to 3.1% quarter-on-quarter (annualised), higher than the market expectation. Real GDP growth in the UK expanded by 0.3% quarter-on-quarter in the third quarter. Eurozone industrial production continued to benefit from higher exports and stronger domestic demand. A more hawkish tone from central banks has infiltrated into the FX market resulting in stronger currencies. This is evident in the British pound, Canadian dollar and euro.

Locally the political and policy environment remains toxic. Against market consensus of a 25bp cut reflected in the FRA curve, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) left the repo rate unchanged at 6.75%. The MPC changed their assessment of risk to inflation from 'broadly balanced' to 'somewhat to the upside'. The MPC members expressed a deep concern for subdued growth rates in the economy. The current account deficit widened to 2.4% (Q2 2017) from 2.0% (Q1 2017). In the face of political turmoil, policy uncertainty and looming downgrades, the exchange rate remains a key risk to the inflation outlook. A challenging political climate and weak consumer and business confidence continue to hamper growth in South Africa.

CPI lifted in August to 4.8% year-on-year from 4.6% in July, breaking the downward trajectory that it has been on. PPI inflation increased to 4.2% year-on-year on the back of upward statistical base effects of the fuel price component along with increase in the international oil price in July and August.

The SARB forecasts inflation to remain within the target range over the six to 12-month horizon. Growth in the money supply eased slightly in August (M3 growth slowed to 6.3% year-on-year in August from 6.8% in July). Although there was a slight improvement in credit growth, the overall number is still relatively weak. Despite the interest rate relief, we believe that household credit growth will continue its modest path as household indebtedness remains historically high. Corporate credit growth will remain subdued as weak business confidence has resulted in business putting investment plans on hold.

There has been a compression in bank spreads over the last quarter. There has been a feeding frenzy on high quality corporate issuances underpinned by strong demand and weaker supply due to the non-issuance of SOE debt. Our base case view is for interest rates to remain flat, with the possibility of more easing in 2018, should growth and inflation remain weak. The fund is well positioned to take advantage of the current interest rate cycle.

The Nedgroup Investments Core Income Fund delivered a gross return of 0.72% for September 2017.

Who we are

Nedgroup Collective Investments (RF) Proprietary Limited, is the company that is authorised in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act to administer the Nedgroup Investments unit trust funds. It is a member of the Association of Savings & Investment South Africa (ASISA).

Our trustee

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Performance

Unit trusts are generally medium to long-term investments. The value of your investment may go down as well as up. Certain unit trust funds may be subject to currency fluctuations due to its international exposure. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Nedgroup Investments does not guarantee the performance of your investment and even if forecasts about the expected future performance are included you will carry the investment and market risk, which includes the possibility of losing capital.

Pricing

Funds are valued daily at 15:00. Instructions must reach us before 14:00 (12:00 for Nedgroup Money Market Fund) to ensure same day value. Prices are published daily on our website and in selected major newspapers.

Fees

Certain Nedgroup Investments unit trust funds apply a performance fee. For the Nedgroup Investments Flexible Income Fund and Nedgroup Investments Stable Fund, it is calculated daily as a percentage (the sharing rate) of total positive performance, with the high watermark principle applying.

For the Nedgroup Investments Bravata World Wide Flexible Fund it is calculated monthly as a percentage (the sharing rate) of outperformance relative to the fund's benchmark, with the high watermark principle applying. All performance fees are capped per fund over a rolling 12-month period. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from Nedgroup Investments.

Disclaimer

Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. Nedgroup Investments has the right to close unit trust funds to new investors in order to manage it more efficiently. For further additional information on the fund, including but not limited to, brochures, application forms and the annual report please contact Nedgroup Investments.

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