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FINSOLNET MONEY MARKET FUND

ABOUT THE PORTFOLIO

The Finsolnet Money Market Portfolio is a low risk portfolio that aims to deliver returns in excess of the STeFI consistently over time. The portfolio aims to exploit multiple sources of low risk excess returns within the money market arena.

The portfolio is managed on a multi-manager basis. The underlying managers have been selected, mandated, monitored and reviewed by Amadwala Asset Consulting on behalf of their clients.

The portfolio complies with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act, 1956 as amended. The portfolio is offered on a pooled and unitised basis on the Sygnia Life license.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Month	12 Months	Since Inception
0.5%	6.3%	8.3%

PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index gained 3.0% in December, the BESA All Bond Index 1.1% and the MSCI World Index 4.1%, aided by the 2.0% depreciation of the rand relative to the US dollar. The gold price fell by 3.8% over the month. Global stock markets ended 2013 at new highs as the US Federal Reserve's tapering announcement was heavily sweetened by the promise of lower interest rates for longer, while a weary US Senate signed off on a budget deal without protracted negotiations. Emerging markets came under pressure as both Turkey and Egypt contributed to the political noise. The rand bore the brunt of the sell-off despite credit rating agencies re-affirming South Africa's rating.

The US Fed announced it would cut its monetary easing programme in January 2014 to US\$75 billion a month, while undertaking to maintain interest rates at record lows well beyond when unemployment reduces to 6.5% and bond purchases end. The US Fed is expected to reduce its bond purchases in US\$10 billion increments over the next seven meetings. After an initial negative reaction, markets picked up again as investors digested the news and judged it to be less impactful than expected. The gold price tumbled in response, bringing to a close the worst year for the metal in 32 years, with the price down 28% in 2013, and 37% below a record high of US\$1 920 achieved in 2011. The oil price ended the year at US\$112 a barrel, supported by escalating unrest in South Sudan and Libya.

The rand lost 23.2% against the US dollar and 30.4% against the euro over 2013. General negative sentiment towards emerging markets was compounded by domestic strikes in the mining and manufacturing sectors. December brought further bad news in the form of a widening current account deficit figure for the third quarter.

After all the numbers have been tallied, the 2013 winner is Japan. The Nikkei 225 index rallied 56.7% over 2013, its biggest annual gain since 1972. Shares were bolstered by a weaker yen and hopes for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's monetary policies. China has the honour of having the worst-performing stock market of the major economies, with the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index down 7.6% from a year earlier as disillusioned investors moved their assets into cash and property. The S&P 500 was up 29.6% in 2013, its best performance since 1997, the FTSE100 14.4%, Germany's DAX 22.8%, Australia's S&P/ASX 200 14.8% and South Africa's ALSI 21.4%.

PERFORMANCE

PERIOD	FUND	BM	DIFFERENCE
1 month	0.5%	0.4%	0.1%
3 month	1.6%	1.3%	0.3%
6 month	3.2%	2.6%	0.6%
Year to date	6.3%	5.2%	1.1%
1 year	6.3%	5.2%	1.1%
2 year	6.4%	5.4%	1.0%
3 year	6.3%	5.5%	0.8%
5 year	7.2%	6.5%	0.7%

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2009	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	9.6%
2010	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	7.7%
2011	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	6.1%
2012	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	6.4%
2013	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	6.3%

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