



September/14

FINSOLNET CONSERVATIVE FUND

ABOUT THE PORTFOLIO

The Finsolnet Conservative Portfolio is a low risk balanced portfolio that aims to deliver superior real returns over the medium to longer term with a strong focus on active management of capital loss risk over the shorter term.

The portfolio is managed on a multi-manager basis and includes international exposure. The strategic allocation to various asset classes is set out below. Each manager appointed within a particular asset class has been selected on the basis of rigorous quantitative and qualitative analysis.

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	Large Manager Median (12 Months)
0.2%	13.6%	15.6%	14.7%

PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

Geopolitical tensions and the outlook for interest rates in the US loomed large through September, with emerging markets bearing the brunt of the uncertainty and speculation. Continuing tensions in the Ukraine, Middle East and Hong Kong, and the emotion-charged independence referendum in Scotland destabilised market confidence.

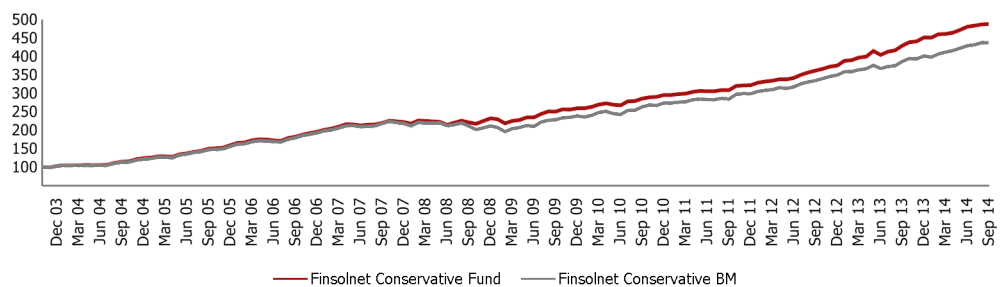
In the first half of September the risk on/off switch was largely in the hands of the ECB which, under pressure to restore growth in the eurozone, cut its refinancing rate to a new low of 0.05% and its deposit rate to -0.20%. ECB President Mario Draghi pledged to increase the ECB's balance sheet to the €2.7 trillion level. His main liquidity-injection strategy centres on buying asset-based securities and on driving a significant depreciation of the euro.

The second half of the month belonged to the US Federal Reserve and the concerns that interest rates might increase sooner than anticipated. The US dollar rallied against peer group currencies, while commodity prices retreated, despite assurances from the US Fed that they will use broad measures to assess the health of the job market. The strong US dollar weighed on the rand which fell to a low of R11.28/\$ by month end. Emerging markets currencies were further hit by the continuing flow of weak economic data from China and Europe. Oil also had a poor month with Brent crude falling below US\$100 a barrel for the first time since June 2013 amid a slowdown in exports to China and abundant supplies.

South African markets remained at the mercy of global events throughout September. The first half of the month saw the JSE hit a new high above 52 000 on the ECB's decision to cut interest rates, before retreating sharply on weak commodity prices and outflows from emerging markets. The economic indicators came in slightly better-than-expected after a bruising strike season. The Kagiso manufacturing PMI increased to 49.0, business sentiment improved and retail sales numbers strengthened. Unfortunately, the current account deficit deteriorated to 2.8% of GDP in the second quarter. Consumer prices increased by 6.4% year-on-year in August. The Reserve Bank kept its interest rate unchanged at 5.75%, but revised its growth forecasts down to 1.5% for 2014 and 2.8% for 2015.

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index shed 2.6%, with the Resources sector falling by 5.9%, Financials by 1.8% and Industrials by 1.3%. The bond market delivered a -1.6% return on foreign outflows, while the rand depreciated by 5.8% against the US dollar.

CUMULATIVE RETURNS



HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2010	0.0%	1.5%	2.4%	1.2%	-1.3%	-0.6%	4.0%	0.3%	2.4%	1.2%	0.4%	1.7%	13.8%
2011	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%	1.6%	0.9%	-0.3%	0.1%	1.1%	-0.1%	3.7%	0.5%	0.1%	8.9%
2012	2.1%	0.9%	0.7%	1.2%	-0.1%	1.2%	2.5%	1.8%	1.4%	1.4%	1.6%	0.8%	16.6%
2013	3.4%	0.5%	1.8%	0.6%	3.8%	-2.6%	2.2%	0.9%	3.0%	2.2%	0.5%	2.4%	20.2%
2014	-0.1%	2.1%	0.2%	0.7%	1.6%	1.8%	0.6%	0.7%	0.2%				8.0%

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FUND SUMMARY

Inception (back dated):	01-Nov-03	
Inception (actual):	12-Nov-09	
Number of Months	59	
	FUND	LMM
Sharpe Ratio	0.80	0.68
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RISK ANALYSIS

	FUND	LMM
% Positive Months	75.6%	70.2%
% Negative Months	24.4%	29.8%
Best Month	5.2%	7.3%
Worst Month	-4.8%	-7.7%
Avg Negative Return	-0.9%	-1.7%
Maximum Drawdown	-5.9%	-23.8%
Standard Deviation	6.0%	9.6%
Downside Deviation	3.8%	6.5%

CORRELATIONS

	FUND	LMM
FTSE/JSE All Share Index	0.80	0.93
BESA All Bond Index	0.41	0.21

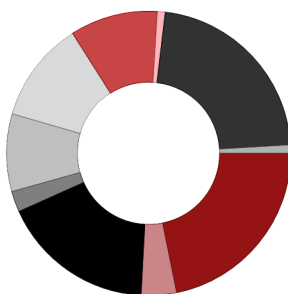
LMM = Global Large Manager Median

MARKET STRESS MONTHS

	FUND	ALSI
July 2008	2.7%	-8.7%
September 2008	-2.0%	-13.2%
October 2008	-1.7%	-11.6%
February 2009	-4.8%	-9.9%

Proforma performance numbers for periods prior to inception of the portfolio are based on actual performance of the underlying building blocks used in the portfolio. These risk and return numbers are shown to aid in the understanding of potential future performance and risk characteristics of the product.

ASSET ALLOCATION



- Domestic Equities - 21.8%
- Domestic Property - 4.0%
- Domestic Bonds - 17.4%
- Domestics ILB - 2.4%
- Domestic Cash Plus - 8.8%
- Domestic Money Market - 11.5%
- Domestic Alternatives - 10.0%
- Commodities - 0.9%
- International - 22.2%
- Africa - 1.0%

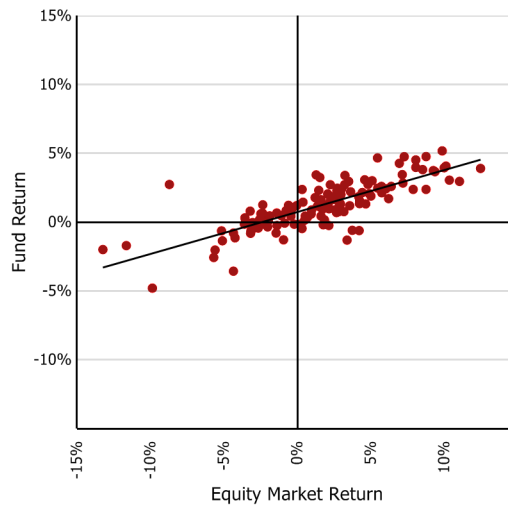
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

PERFORMANCE	FUND	BM	DIFFERENCE
Calendar Years			
2008	4.6%	-2.9%	7.5%
2009	11.7%	12.8%	-1.1%
2010	13.8%	14.7%	-0.9%
2011	8.9%	9.0%	-0.1%
2012	16.6%	17.1%	-0.5%
2013	20.2%	14.7%	5.5%

Periodic Performance

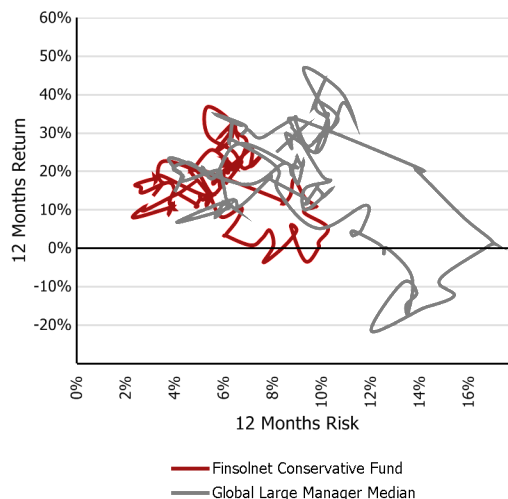
	FUND	BM	DIFFERENCE
1 month	0.2%	-0.1%	0.3%
3 month	1.5%	1.8%	-0.3%
6 month	5.8%	6.0%	-0.2%
Year to date	8.0%	8.8%	-0.8%
1 year	13.6%	13.0%	0.7%
2 year	16.1%	14.2%	1.9%
3 year	16.5%	15.3%	1.1%
5 year	14.2%	13.8%	0.4%

FUND SENSITIVITY TO EQUITY MARKET



This scatterplot indicates the extent to which fund returns are correlated with those of the equity market.

12 MONTHS RISK/RETURN SNAIL TRAIL



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