

Kruger Ci Balanced Fund

January 2024



INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of this fund is to provide investors with capital growth over the short to medium term. The fund may also generate stable income. The fund invests in a combination of equities, listed property, bonds and money market. The fund is aimed at investors who can tolerate higher risk, as explained only by volatility, as it may have a maximum of up to 75% exposure to equities. The fund may from time to time invest in listed and unlisted derivatives, in order to achieve the fund's investment objective. The fund adheres to the prudential investment guidelines set by Regulation 28.

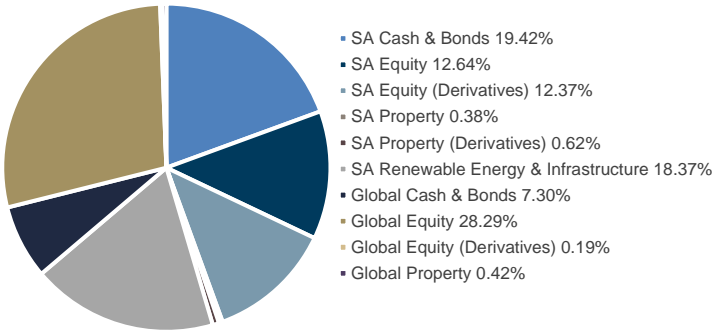
ABOUT THE FUND

Investment Manager	Hein Kruger Internasionale Fondsbestuur (Pty) Ltd
Regulation 28 Compliant	Yes
Benchmark	South African - Multi Asset - High Equity Category Average
Equity Exposure	Maximum effective exposure of 75%.
Foreign Exposure	Maximum effective exposure of 45%.
ASISA Classification	South African – Multi Asset – High Equity
Risk Profile	High
Transaction cut-off time	14:00
Valuation time	17:00

THE KRUGER INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Hein Kruger:	Chief Investment Officer
Mia Kruger:	Fund Manager
Charl Bester:	Investment Committee Member
Bernard Van Wyk:	Investment Committee Member
Anthonie Lombard:	Investment Committee Member

ASSET ALLOCATION



Latest available data

HISTORIC FUND PERFORMANCE (Annualised, net of fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Kruger Ci Balanced Fund (Class A)	6.34%	8.99%	9.61%	n/a
Benchmark	5.83%	9.45%	8.83%	n/a
Highest return over 12 rolling months				29.27%
Lowest return over 12 rolling months				-5.80%

FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

International:

Following the 'almost everything rally' that characterized the final quarter of 2023, performance across asset classes was mixed in January. Strong growth data, coupled with central bankers' pushback on the market's dovish outlook for rate cuts, created a less favourable environment for fixed income. However, segments of risk assets were buoyed by the economic data, fuelling hopes for a 'soft landing.'

Optimism was slightly tempered at the end of the month when the US Federal Reserve (the Fed) kept interest rates unchanged. A critical statement from the Fed said that the "Committee does not expect it will be appropriate to reduce the target interest rate range until it has gained confidence that inflation is moving sustainably towards 2 percent." This significantly reduces the chance of a rate cut in March but keeps the possibility of a cut in May on the table.

Developed market equities were up 1.2%, while emerging market equities struggled, experiencing a 4.6% decline. Chinese shares led the downturn, dropping 10.6% for the month, despite newly announced stimulus from the People's Bank of China (PBOC).

While equity markets reacted positively to hopes of a 'soft landing,' the lack of priced-in rate cuts led to a 1.9% decline in global government bonds. UK Gilts were the notable laggard due to sticky services inflation and still elevated wage growth, making imminent rate cuts from the Bank of England (BoE) appear unlikely.

Local:

South Africa's headline inflation index remained unchanged month-on-month, aided by a lower fuel price and subdued food inflation—a welcome relief after strong increases in October and November. This better-than-expected outcome pulled the year-on-year inflation rate down noticeably from 5.5% to 5.1% in December.

The lower inflation print prompted the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) to keep the repo rate unchanged at 8.25% during their January MPC meeting—a unanimous decision in line with market expectations. The SARB made only modest changes to their key inflation and growth forecasts, anticipating headline inflation to slow to 4.4% by year-end 2024, leading to an expected three 25bps interest rate cuts for 2024.

The rand started the year on the back foot, ending January 1.8% weaker against the US Dollar. This was primarily due to the strength in the US Dollar index, which gained 1.9% against its trading currencies. Nominal bond yields remained mostly unchanged, resulting in the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index gaining 0.7% for the month.

The local equity market followed emerging markets lower in January. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index lost 2.9% for the month mainly due to a drop in resource shares. Notably, the SARB released data during the month revealing that foreigners were again large sellers of South African equities in 2023, recording a net outflow of \$7.25 billion. This marks the tenth consecutive annual withdrawal of foreign portfolio investments, including equities and bonds, from South Africa—a cumulative sum of R1 trillion over this 10 and a half-year period at today's exchange rate.

Despite challenging market movements, the Kruger funds held up well and delivered the following returns during January 2024: The Kruger Ci Prudential Fund (0.5%); the Kruger Ci Balanced Fund (0.0%); the Kruger Ci Equity Fund (-0.5%); the Kruger Ci International Flexible Feeder Fund (1.1%); and the Kruger Ci International Equity Feeder Fund (1.2%).

This document is a Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD) which contains key information about this fund. This MDD will be updated on a monthly basis. Sources: Performance sourced from Morningstar and Analytics Consulting, for the periods ending at the month end date of this MDD, for a lump sum using NAV-NAV prices with income distributions reinvested and is quoted net of all fees. CPI for all urban areas sourced from Factset. Asset Allocation and Top 10 holdings data compiled by Global Investment Reporting SA ("GIRSA")

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Fund Size	R 1.70 billion
Fund Launch Date	14 March 2018
Class Launch Date	(A): 14 March 2018, (G): 2 September 2019
Opening Class NAV Price	(A): 100.00 cents per unit
Opening Class NAV Price	(G): 100.00 cents per unit
Frequency of pricing	Our daily NAV prices are published on our website and in the national newspaper

FUND FEES

Initial Fee	Class A: 0.00%, Class G: 0.00%
Initial Advisory Fee	Maximum 3.00% (Excl VAT)
Annual Service Fee	Class A: 1.25% (Excl VAT)
Annual Service Fee	Class G: 1.35% (Excl VAT)
Annual Advisory Fee	Maximum 1.00% (Excl VAT)

DISCLOSURES

FAIS Disclosure

The annual fees include a fee of up to 1.10% payable to Kruger International and Analytics Consulting and a fee of up to 0.15% (Class A) or 0.25% (Class G) payable to Ci Collective Investments. These fees are stated exclusive of VAT. Please note that in most cases where the financial services provider (FSP) is a related party to the fund manager, the FSP/distributor may earn additional fees other than those charged by the fund manager. A FX fee of up to 0.05% (incl. VAT) on any FX transactions may be payable to Kruger International in addition to the annual fees referred to above. Kruger International Mauritius (KIM) is the investment advisor on the International Equity Fund and International Flexible Fund. The fund may invest in the KIM funds. KIM and SIP may earn an annual investment advisory fee of up to 1.00% on all such investments. Kruger International does not charge an annual management fee on the value of investments that are placed in the KIM funds.

Characteristics

This is a multi-asset high equity fund which means that it may invest in a spectrum of equity, bond, property and money market and tends to have an increased probability of short term volatility and aims to maximise long term capital growth. The fund may have a maximum equity exposure of up to 75% and complies with the regulation governing retirement funds. This fund may invest up to 45% of the assets outside of South Africa.

Risk Reward Profile: High

Typically, the lower the risk, the lower the potential return and the higher the risk, the higher the potential return. There is no guarantee that returns will be higher when investing in a fund with a higher risk profile. The risk profile for this fund is rated as high, as it may only invest up to 75% in equity securities, both locally and abroad. The risk refers only to volatility.

RISK DEFINITIONS

Market Risk

Equity markets are volatile and the price of equities fluctuate based on a number of factors such as changes in the economic climate, general movements in interest rates and the political and social environment which will also affect the value of the securities held in the unit trust, thereby affecting the overall value of the unit trust.

Currency Risk / Foreign Exchange Risk

This risk is associated with investments that are denominated in foreign currencies. When the foreign currencies fluctuate against the South African Rand, the investments face currency gains or losses.

Concentration Risk

Unit Trusts pool the assets of many investors and use the proceeds to buy a portfolio of securities. There are regulations in place which limit the amount that a unit trust may invest in securities, thereby spreading the risk across securities, asset classes and companies.

Liquidity Risk

This relates to the ability of the unit trust to trade out of a security held in the fund at or near to its fair value. This may impact on liquidity and in the case of foreign securities, the repatriation of funds.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises where an issuer of a non-equity security or a swap is unable to make interest payments or repay capital, which could result in losses to the fund.

Total Return Swaps Risk

The fund may invest in total return swaps. Total return swaps are unlisted instruments issued by a bank to provide the return of a specific index. The value of the instrument is directly linked to the performance of the underlying equities in the index and will fluctuate in line with daily market movements. Some of the equity exposure in the fund could be derived through total return swaps instead of physically holding the underlying equities.

Inflation Risk

The risk of potential loss in the purchasing power of your investment due to a general increase of consumer prices.

Political Risk

The risk that investment returns could suffer as a result of a country's political changes or instability in the country. Instability could come from changes in the country's government, policy makers or military.

Tax Risk

This risk relates to any change to tax laws or to the interpretation of existing tax laws which has an impact on the manner in which unit trusts are taxed.

Compliance Risk

This refers to the risk of not complying with the legislation, regulations, prescribed investment limits and internal policies and procedures by the manager or the fund manager.

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