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The Horizon Medium Equity Portfolio is a medium risk balanced fund that aims to deliver superior real returns over the medium to longer term, with a strong focus on risk management through the combination of active and passive investment strategies.

This portfolio is managed on a multi-manager basis and includes international exposure. The strategic allocation to various asset classes is set out in the description of the strategic benchmark. Each manager appointed to manage assets 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 Sasfin Asset Consulting on behalf of their clients. The portfolio complies with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act, 1956 as amended.

## ABOUT SYGNIA

Sygnia is a financial services group specialising in the design and management of customised multi-manager product solutions for institutional clients in South Africa and globally. Sygnia Life is a registered life assurance company within the group.

## ABOUT SASFIN

Sasfin is a premier South African banking group, providing business banking, wealth management, capital, specialised services and treasury services. Sasfin Asset Consulting, a division of Sasfin, provides a comprehensive, independent and highly professional financial advisory service to institutional clients.

## FEES

Investment Managers: Up to 0.35%  
Platform: Up to 0.15%

The above fees exclude VAT, performance fees and fund expenses. The investment management fees consist of fees charged by the underlying investment managers and Sasfin Asset Managers. The indicative investment management fees are based on the respective strategic weightings of the underlying investment managers. The investment management fees will vary from time to time based on the actual manager weightings.

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
15.2%	11.4%	10.6%	10.4%

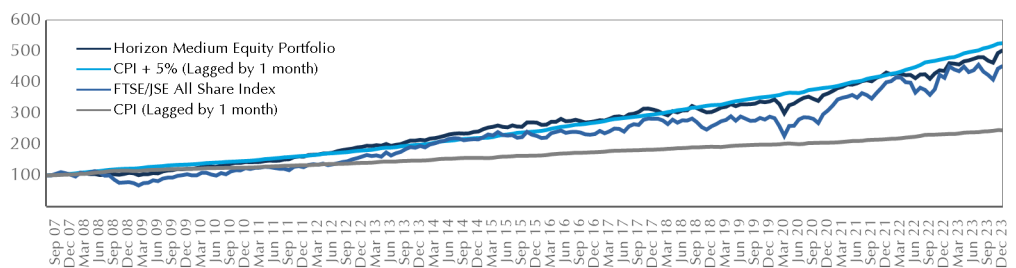
## PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

Inflation fears in the US appear to have peaked as policymakers at the Federal Reserve held interest rates steady at their meeting in early December, anticipating three interest rate cuts in the next twelve months. Investors cheered the news, at one point pushing markets 5% higher in December and adding to November's gain of 10%. The Dow Jones and Nasdaq indices reached all-time highs in the month, and the S&P 500 came within 0.5% of its all-time high. The MSCI World Index ended the year up 33.7% in ZAR terms. In emerging markets, China made negative headlines again, citing the adverse effects of excessive gaming on their youth as it imposed more restrictions on the gaming industry. Chinese companies such as Naspers-owned Tencent were down over 10% on the news, broadly dragging down emerging markets in the month. In its ongoing trade war with the US, China also banned the export of technologies for processing rare earth metals and minerals, a retaliation for US-led restrictions on the sale of advanced computer chips to Chinese companies. Emerging markets underperformed developed markets in 2024 but nevertheless ended the year up 18.5% in ZAR terms.

In South Africa, attention is on the 2024 national elections, a pivotal event for the ANC, whose share of the national vote might fall below 50% for the first time since it appeared on the ballot in 1994. Balancing the need for fiscal consolidation and the need to appease a disappointed electorate will significantly influence South Africa's 2024 economic outlook. While a much-needed resolution to the persistent load-shedding issue could provide a tailwind to growth in 2024 and ease pressure on the ANC, growth in gross domestic product is still expected to be a modest 1.1% in 2024. The possibility of a recession in the US in 2024 remains a significant concern, but we are optimistic it can be avoided. Escalating tensions in the Middle East and the enduring conflict in Ukraine will continue to negatively affect global energy markets, which in turn could lead to a resurgence of inflation and ruin the feel-good factor of the past two months. Central banks, including those in the UK, Europe and Canada, continue to actively combat inflation, which highlights a lack of global monetary-policy cohesion. Should global monetary policies align, 2024 could be a year of consolidation and increased growth expectations.

The FTSE/JSE CAPPED SWIX Index increased by 2.9%, Industrials were up by 0.5% and Financials jumped by 5.5%. The JSE All Bond Index improved by 1.5%, while the rand appreciated by 3.5% relative to the US dollar.

## CUMULATIVE RETURNS



## HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
<b>2019</b>	2.1%	2.5%	0.8%	2.6%	-1.9%	1.8%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%	2.0%	-0.7%	0.8%	<b>11.2%</b>
<b>2020</b>	1.8%	-4.4%	-8.9%	8.5%	1.7%	3.1%	2.4%	1.1%	-2.1%	-1.8%	5.4%	1.6%	<b>7.6%</b>
<b>2021</b>	2.2%	2.4%	1.1%	2.0%	-0.2%	1.1%	1.8%	0.7%	-0.9%	2.8%	1.3%	2.8%	<b>18.5%</b>
<b>2022</b>	-1.4%	0.6%	-0.3%	-1.0%	0.2%	-2.5%	2.9%	0.1%	-3.3%	4.2%	2.4%	-0.4%	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>2023</b>	5.7%	-0.3%	-0.6%	2.2%	0.6%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	-2.3%	-1.3%	6.7%	1.9%	<b>15.2%</b>

## FUND SUMMARY

Inception (back dated):	01-Aug-07	
Number of Months	197	
	<b>FUND</b>	<b>LMM</b>
Sharpe Ratio	0.02	-0.04
Sortino Ratio	0.03	-0.06

## RISK ANALYSIS

	<b>FUND</b>	<b>LMM</b>
% Positive Months	67.5%	65.5%
% Negative Months	32.5%	34.5%
Best Month	8.5%	9.7%
Worst Month	-8.9%	-10.5%
Avg Negative Return	-1.4%	-1.9%
Maximum Drawdown	-12.9%	-23.8%
Standard Deviation	7.5%	9.4%
Downside Deviation	5.0%	6.6%

## CORRELATIONS

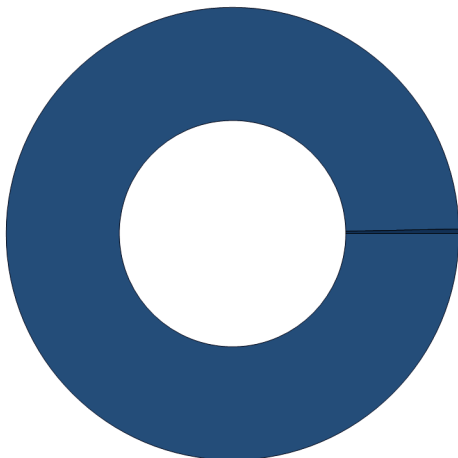
FTSE/JSE All Share Index	0.83	0.92
BESA All Bond Index	0.34	0.27

## MARKET STRESS MONTHS

	<b>FUND</b>	<b>ALSI</b>
September 2008	-1.2%	-13.2%
October 2008	-1.5%	-11.6%
February 2009	-5.7%	-9.9%
March 2020	-8.9%	-12.1%

Returns are gross of fees. 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.

## MANAGER ALLOCATION



Horizon Multi Managed Accumulation Fund - 99.7%  
Cash - 0.3%

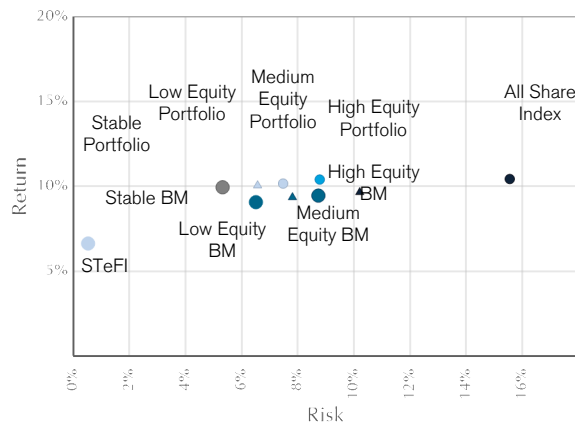
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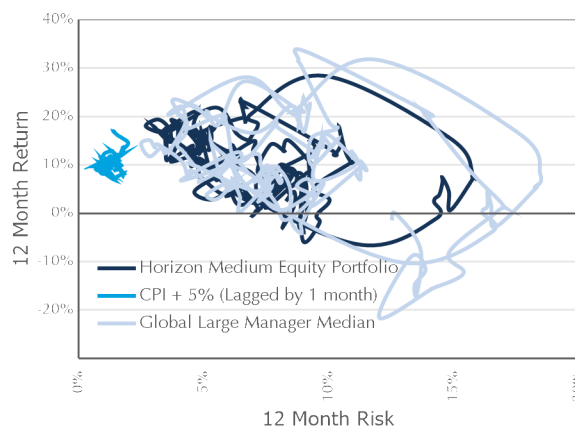
## PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

PERFORMANCE	FUND	CPI + 5%	DIFFERENCE
<b>Calendar Years</b>			
2018	-2.5%	10.2%	-12.7%
2019	11.2%	8.6%	2.7%
2020	7.6%	8.2%	-0.6%
2021	18.5%	10.5%	8.0%
2022	1.2%	12.4%	-11.2%
2023	15.2%	10.5%	4.7%
<b>Periodic Performance</b>			
1 month	1.9%	0.3%	1.5%
3 month	7.2%	2.6%	4.6%
6 month	5.8%	5.2%	0.6%
Year to date	15.2%	10.5%	4.7%
1 year	15.2%	10.5%	4.7%
2 year	8.0%	11.5%	-3.5%
3 year	11.4%	11.1%	0.2%
5 year	10.6%	10.0%	0.6%
10 year	8.9%	10.2%	-1.3%
Since Inception (back dated)	10.4%	10.6%	-0.3%

## RISK/RETURN COMPARISON



## 12 MONTHS RISK/RETURN SNAIL TRAIL



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