# Fairtree Protea Equity Long Short SNN Retail Hedge Fund

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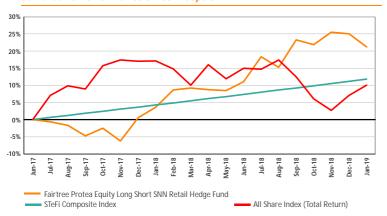
# **Fund Profile**

The fund is a South African long/short equity hedge fund with the objective of generating above-average returns by following a 'quantamental' investment approach, combining traditional fundamental analysis with quantitative investment techniques. The investment manager systematically identifies individual mispriced securities whilst ensuring sufficient diversification to guard against inappropriate risk concentration. The fund focuses on JSE-listed securities and has a net equity exposure of 35-70% at most times, with a maximum gross exposure of 200% (i.e. maximum 2x leverage).

# **Investment Strategy**

The portfolio is managed as a long/short hedge fund, predominantly focused on extracting alpha returns from the South African equity market. Its core strategy is to be long undervalued equities and short overvalued equities whilst ensuring that there is sufficient diversification to guard against inappropriate risk concentration. The equities are selected by following a "quantamental" investment approach, which combines a traditional fundamental understanding of the fair value of listed equity shares with analysis of the business's competitive environment, economic growth, broad economic themes and relative valuations.

## **Cumulative Performance Since Inception**



Fund Source: Sanne Fund Services SA (Pty) Ltd as at January 2019 Index Source: Bloomberg as at January 2019

# **Return Analysis**

	Fund	All Share Index	STeFi
1 Month	-3.08%	2.81%	0.60%
3 Months	-0.54%	3.77%	1.79%
6 Months	2.42%	-4.09%	3.59%
1 Year	17.01%	-6.06%	7.25%
3 Years	n/a	n/a	n/a
5 Years	n/a	n/a	n/a
Since Inception	21.22%	10.04%	11.87%

# **Risk Analysis**

	Fund	All Share Index	STeFi
Sharpe Ratio	0.50	-0.02	0.88
Sortino Ratio	1.16	-0.03	1.27
Standard Deviation	11.77%	12.69%	0.06%
Best Month	7.27%	7.03%	0.62%
Worst Month	-3.80%	-5.76%	0.00%
Best Rolling 12 Months	33.90%	15.02%	7.35%
Worst Rolling 12 Months	11.11%	-12.56%	7.25%
Largest Cumulative Drawdown	-6.24%	-12.56%	n/a
% Positive Months (Since Inception)	47.4%	52.6%	100.0%
Correlation (Monthly)	-0.27		
Value at Risk (VaR) 95%	5.18%		

The above benchmark(s) are for comparison purposes with the fund's performance. The fund does not follow the

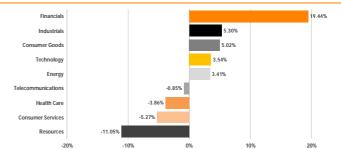
### **Fund Details**

Risk Profile:	High				
Portfolio Manager:	Jean Pierre Verster				
Fund size (in Millions):	R 53.2				
NAV Price (Inception):	R 1000				
NAV Price (as at month end):	1,245.04				
Number of Units:	41,726.53				
JSE Code:	FPROQ1				
ISIN Number:	ZAE000255543				
Inception Date:	1 July 2017				
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Fund Structure:	CIS Trust				
Fund Category:	Equity Long-Short				
Hurdle:	3 month JIBAR				
Minimum Investment:	R 50 000 Lump sum				
Fees					
Management Fee:	1% p.a (excl.VAT)				
Performance fee (uncapped):	20% of the total performance (after deductions of the annual base fee) above the high-water mark, subject to a hurdle rate of 3-month JIBAR (excl.VAT)				
Cost Ratios (incl. VAT)					
Total Expense Ratio (TER%):	7.11%				
Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):	0.73%				
* Total Investment Charges (TIC%):	7.84%				
Performance Fee (PF) Included in TER:	4.90%				
Income Distribution (Declaration):	Last day of December				
Distribution Total for the past 12 months:	0.00 cpu for December 2018				
Investment Manager contact details	Fairtree Asset Management (Pty) Ltd				
Telephone Number:	+27 86 176 0760				
Website:	www.fairtree.com				
*Total Investment Charges (TIC%) = TER (%) + TC (%)					

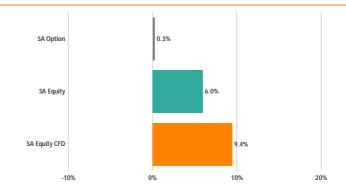
## **Portfolio Objective**

The long-term investment objective of the portfolio is to achieve consistent absolute returns by investing according to a long/short equity investment strategy.

# **Sector Allocation**



### **Asset Allocation**



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### Increase in NAV Attributable to Investors

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	2017							-0.62%	-1.02%	-3.21%	2.37%	-3.80%	7.27%	0.58%
_	2018	3.00%	4.92%	0.46%	-0.42%	-0.23%	2.43%	6.52%	-2.59%	6.92%	-1.13%	3.01%	-0.38%	24.35%
	2019	-3.08%												-3.08%

\*The inception date for the portfolio is 1 July 2017. The portfolio has been transitioned under CISCA regulations on 1 July 2017 and has since been managed as a regulated product. The annualized total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period, since date of the launch of the fund. Actual annual figures are available from the manager on request. The highest and lowest 1 year returns represent the highest and lowest actual returns achieved during a 12 month rolling period year since the original launch date of the portfolio. The performance figures given show the yield on a Net Asset value (\*NAV\*) basis. The yield figure is not a forecast. Performance is not guaranteed and investors should not accept it as representing expected future performance. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, time of entry/actual investment date, date of reinvestment, and dividends withholding tax. Performance is calculated for a lump sum investment on a Net Asset Value basis. The performance figures are reported net of fees with income reinvested. Jean Pierre Verster took over as portfolio manager since inception of the fund.

### **Risk Profile**

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### **Portfolio Valuation & Transaction Cut-Off**

Portfolios are valued monthly. The cut off time for processing investment subscription is 10:00am on the last day of the month prior to enable processing for investment on the first day of the next month.

### **Total Expense Ratio**

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 TER's. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the financial product and impacts financial product returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. The TER is reported excluding performance fees for the first six months of the portfolio. The Manager has applied its mind hereto and is of the view that any reporting of TER with performance fee at this stage may be inaccurate and potentially misleading to investors.

### **Market Commentary**

We had a disappointing start to the year, with our Longs, Shorts, Special Situations and Options all contributing negatively to performance for January.

Long positions in the Banking sector did particularly well, although we cut our exposure significantly near the end of the month. Our holdings in companies exposed to the South African consumer detracted from performance. On the final day of the month, we materially increased our Long exposure to select dual-listed companies, on the back of the Rand's strength.

Short positions in the Retail sector contributed positively, as the sector came under pressure due to disappointing trading updates released during the month. Shorts in the Healthcare and Commodity sectors moved against us, but we have maintained our Short positions in these sectors. Our 'quantamental' process assists greatly in the continuous assessment of whether our bearish thesis regarding each of our Shorts is still valid or if we need to change our view. Past experience has shown that we have a tendency to be early, with many historical positions having moved against us before working out to our benefit. Prudent risk management and position sizing is of prime importance in this regard.

Special Situations positions made a small loss. We look forward to a well-publicised unbundling transaction happening during February which could generate gains for us.

We currently hold Option structures on 4 different underlying shares, which contributed a small loss for the month as these structures were marked-to-market.

In order to generate superior long-term returns for investors, we need to make superior investment decisions, and we believe that our 'Man + Machine' approach will set us apart in this regard.

Please Note: The above commentary is based on reasonable assumptions and is not guaranteed to occur.

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