

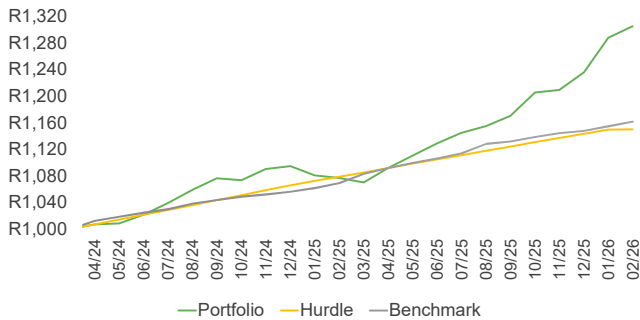
INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The portfolio's long-term investment objective is to deliver at least 5% return above the South African Consumer Price Index per annum, on a rolling three year basis. The returns will be obtained primarily through exploiting opportunities in equities listed on the JSE. The portfolio aims to exhibit stable returns with low correlation to the overall returns on the JSE, via management of investment risk and an emphasis on long term investment. The portfolio will attempt to capitalise on all investment opportunities across all sectors.

INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY

The portfolio has an aggressive risk/return profile and is suitable for investors seeking capital growth with low correlation to the South African capital market. The portfolio will have maximum flexibility to invest in a wide range of instruments, including listed and unlisted equities, scrip loans, options, warrants, convertible debt securities, preference shares, futures, ETFs and derivatives. The portfolio will take long and short positions and may also retain amounts in cash or cash equivalents, pending reinvestment, if this is considered appropriate, in order to maximise returns. The portfolio's investment strategies will be mainly focused on South African equities but may be supplemented by additional opportunities. The portfolio may also invest in participatory interests or any other form of participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes. The portfolio may make foreign investments.

GROWTH OF R1000 LUMP SUM



PERFORMANCE (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year	21.23%	8.65%
Since Inception	14.91%	8.13%

Source of performance returns:

eVestment as at 28 February 2026

RISK STATISTICS

Alpha	6.78%
Beta	-0.85
Sharpe ratio	1.63
Standard deviation (%)	4.22%
Maximum drawdown	-2.23%
Sortino ratio	3.41
Information ratio	1.50
Tracking error	4.51%

Source of risk statistics:

eVestment as at 28 February 2026

Risk statistics period

(04/2024 - 02/2026)

Conservative Moderate **Moderately Aggressive** Aggressive

ABOUT THE PORTFOLIO

Portfolio classification	Retail Investor Hedge Fund
ASISA classification	South African - Long Short Long Bias RIF
Legal structure	CIS trust structure
Scheme name	Novare CIS in Retail Investor Hedge Funds
Portfolio inception date	01 June 2016
Fee class inception date	01 November 2018
Investment Manager	Novare Investments (Pty) Limited
Benchmark	CPI + 5% net of fees
Portfolio size	R 125,599,829
NAV cents per participatory interest	19,068
Number of participatory interests	R 658,710
Minimum monthly investment	R 1,000
Minimum lump sum	R 50,000

INCOME DISTRIBUTION IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

Income declaration	Bi-annual (June - December)
Accounting period dates	01 July - 31 December, 01 January - 30 June
Date of distribution:	Amount (CPU):
31 December 2025	0.00
30 June 2025	16.86

TRANSACTIONS AND VALUATIONS

Redemption frequency:	Daily
Redemption notice period:	14h00 each business day
Portfolio valuation:	15h00 each business day
Pricing date:	15h00 each business day
Pricing frequency:	Daily

FEES

Fee class	B2
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The fee class is only available to Institutional Investors. Please contact Novare CIS for further details.

Total investment charge of the fee class, annualised, for a rolling 3 year period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2025	
Underlying Portfolios TER %	0.10%
Service Fee (Included in TER) Incl. VAT	1.45%
Performance Fee (Included in TER) Incl. VAT	3.04%
Other Expenses (Included in TER) Incl. VAT	0.11%
Total Expense Ratio (TER) Incl. VAT	4.70%
Transaction Costs (TC) Incl. VAT	0.29%
Total Investment Charge (TIC) Incl. VAT	4.99%

EXPOSURE, LEVERAGE

Total exposure calculation method	Gross Exposure
Total exposure level (permitted)	200% of net asset value
Total exposure level (end of period)	137.57%
Total exposure level (highest during period)	138.75%

PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2026	4.20%	1.38%											5.64%
2025	-1.27%	-0.36%	-0.61%	2.02%	1.74%	1.62%	1.43%	0.88%	1.32%	3.02%	0.32%	2.17%	12.89%
2024				0.67%	0.18%	1.28%	1.73%	1.93%	1.64%	-0.29%	1.60%	0.37%	9.45%

ASSET ALLOCATION

	Local	Foreign	Total
Bonds	4.04%	0.65%	4.69%
Cash	15.62%	10.80%	26.42%
Commodities	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Equities	48.46%	20.37%	68.83%
Property	0.05%	0.00%	0.05%
Participatory interests (unclassi	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Other	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

UNDERLYING TOP 5 EFFECTIVE EXPOSURES

Novare Capital Preserver Fund of Funds
American Resources Corporation
FirstRand Limited
Absa Group Limited
Pepkor Holdings Limited

COUNTERPARTY EXPOSURE

Rand Merchant Bank	88.67%
Absa	56.82%

MARKET COMMENTARY

Global Overview (all returns in USD)

Globally, February reflected regional divergence, continued sensitivity to inflation data, and ongoing rotation within global asset classes. In the UK, inflation decelerated to 3% in January, with broad-based declines across most sectors, while Eurozone inflation came in slightly lower than expected at 1.7% year-on-year. The European Central Bank expects inflation to remain below target in 2026 and 2027 but kept interest rates unchanged during the month. European equity markets responded positively, with the FTSE All-Share Index rising 4.54% and the MSCI Europe ex UK Index gaining 3.05%, for the month.

In the United States, equity performance was weaker. The S&P 500 ended the month in negative territory, declining 0.76%, as persistent inflation concerns and uncertainty around the timing of rate cuts from the Federal Reserve capped gains. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite fell 3.33%, pressured by rising bond yields and rotation away from mega-cap US technology and AI-related stocks. Despite US weakness, global equities delivered positive returns overall. The MSCI ACWI Index advanced 1.31%, while developed markets, as measured by the MSCI World Index, rose 0.76%. Emerging markets continued to outperform both developed and global peers, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returning 5.50% for the month and 14.85% year-to-date, supported by improved risk appetite and selective regional strength. However, the MSCI China Index declined 5.76%, reflecting structural growth concerns, ongoing property market stresses and cautious policy support.

Global fixed income posted modest gains, with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index up 1.12% and 2.06% YTD as investors sought higher-quality assets amid geopolitical uncertainty and volatility linked to shifting interest rate expectations and AI-related equity repricing.

Domestic Overview (all returns in ZAR)

February 2026 was a solid but nuanced month for South African markets, as supportive local fiscal developments and improving economic data underpinned equities, bonds and the rand. Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana framed the 2026 National Budget as a turning point for public finances, with the debt-to-GDP ratio expected to peak at 78.9% before declining to 77.3% in 2026/27 after many years of steady increases. National Treasury projects GDP growth of 1.6% in 2026, up from an estimated 1.4% in 2025, with gradual acceleration to 2.8% by 2028. The budget avoided broad personal tax hikes and provided inflation relief through bracket adjustments, while increasing the Tax-Free Savings Account annual contribution limit from R36,000 to R46,000 to encourage savings and raising the VAT registration threshold from R1 million to R2.3 million to ease the burden on smaller businesses. A strong emphasis was also placed on infrastructure, with approximately R1.07 trillion allocated over the next three years (including R340 billion for 2025) for roads, ports and water projects to address bottlenecks and support growth.

Market performance reflected this improved sentiment: the FTSE/JSE All Share Index rose 7.01% for the month, led by resources as the FTSE Africa Resources 10 Index gained 13.42%, while financials advanced 7.42% and industrials were broadly flat, falling 0.07%. In fixed income, the All Bond Index gained 1.74%, cash (STEFI) returned 0.51% for the month (1.07% year-to-date), and the South African rand strengthened by 1.28% against the US dollar, reflecting improving investor confidence in the country's fiscal consolidation path and medium-

DISCLOSURES

GENERAL

A collective investment scheme ("CIS") can be described as an investment vehicle that allows investors to pool their money into a portfolio, sharing in the risk and return of the portfolio in proportion to their participatory interest in the portfolio. Collective Investments (Unit Trusts) are generally medium to long-term investments, but a hedge fund may have short-term strategies and practices. The value of participatory interests (units) or the investment may go down as well as up. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Hedge funds trade at ruling prices and prices may fluctuate post-publication. Hedge funds can engage in scrip borrowing and scrip lending. The manager does not provide any guarantee, either with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. Any forecasts and/or commentary in this document are not guaranteed to occur. Different classes of participatory interests apply to these portfolios and are subject to different fees and charges. A schedule of fees and charges, with maximum commissions, is available on request from us or from your financial adviser. Hedge fund of funds invest into other portfolios of collective investment schemes, and the underlying portfolios may levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for the hedge fund of funds. Forward pricing is used. For portfolios that include derivatives, there is no assurance that a portfolio's use of a derivative strategy will succeed. A portfolio's management may employ a sophisticated risk management process, to oversee and manage derivative exposures within a portfolio, but the use of derivative instruments may involve risks different from, and, in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by the securities from which they are derived. Foreign securities within portfolios may have additional material risks, depending on the specific risks affecting that country, such as: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. Investors are reminded that an investment in a currency other than their own may expose them to a foreign exchange risk. Hedge funds are collective investment schemes with a strategy that allows for leveraging and short selling strategies. Hedge fund strategies can result in losses greater than the market value of the fund, but investors' losses are limited to the value of the investment or contractual commitments. Hedge funds can also invest in illiquid instruments. While CIS in hedge funds differ from CIS in securities (long-only portfolios) the two may appear similar, as both are structured in the same way and are subject to the same regulatory requirements. The ability of a portfolio to repurchase is dependent upon the liquidity of the securities and cash of the portfolio. A manager may, in exceptional circumstances, suspend repurchases for a period, subject to regulatory approval, to await liquidity and the manager must keep the investors informed about these circumstances. Further risks associated with hedge funds include: investment strategies may be inherently risky; leverage usually means higher volatility; short-selling can lead to significant losses; unlisted instruments might be valued incorrectly; fixed income instruments may be low-grade; exchange rates could turn against the fund; other complex investments might be misunderstood; the client may be caught in a liquidity squeeze; the prime broker or custodian may default; regulations could change; past performance might be theoretical; or the manager may be conflicted. For a detailed description of these risks, please refer to the HEDGE FUND RISK DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, available on our website www.novarecis.co.za.

ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE

The current annual management fee is 1.35% p.a. (Excl. VAT).

PERFORMANCE FEE

The portfolio charges a performance fee of 20.00% on Total Return, subject to the portfolio outperforming the hurdle rate (STEF1 Call Deposit (STFCAD)). The performance fee is payable Quarterly and calculated over Total Return. The PERFORMANCE FEE FAQ DOCUMENT is available on request from us, or is available on our website www.novarecis.co.za

TRANSACTIONS COSTS (TC)

TC is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the portfolio. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts 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.

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER)

TER is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as expenses to the administration (charges, levies and fees) of the portfolio. TER is calculated over a rolling three-year period (or since inception, where applicable) and annualised to the most recent calendar quarter. 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 TERs. Inclusive in the TER, the stated performance fee percentage of the net asset value of the class of portfolio was recovered (if applicable).

TOTAL INVESTMENT CHARGE (TIC)

TIC is the percentage of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the portfolio. It is the sum of the total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (TC), including VAT.

TRANSACTION CUT-OFF TIME

Transaction cut-off time: The daily cut-off for receipt of instructions is 14h00. No instruction will be processed unless all requirements have been met and supporting documentation has been provided. Instructions received before the cut-off will be processed the same day and will receive the same day's price. Instructions received after cut-off will be processed the next business day. Redemptions are paid out within five business days.

BORROWING HEDGE FUNDS

A retail investor hedge fund can borrow up to 10.0% of the value of the portfolio, for redemptions of participatory interests.

COMMODITIES

For hedge funds that include commodity securities the extent of exposure to physical delivery is 0%.

PRICES

The latest prices and TER are made available on our website www.novarecis.co.za.

PERFORMANCE RETURNS

The performance is calculated for the fee class, not the portfolio. Lump-sum performance returns are being quoted. Income distributions, prior to the deduction of applicable taxes, are included in the performance calculations. NAV to NAV figures have been used for the performance calculations, as calculated by the Manager at the valuation point defined in the deed, over all reporting periods. Investment performance calculations are available for verification upon request by any person. Reinvestment of income is calculated on the actual amount distributed per participatory interest, using the ex-dividend date NAV price of the applicable class of the portfolio, irrespective of the actual reinvestment date. The individual investor performance may differ, as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. The rate of return is calculated on a total return basis and the following elements may involve a reduction of the investor's capital: interest rates, economic outlook, inflation, deflation, economic and political shocks or changes in economic policy. Annualised returns are period returns re-scaled to a period of one year. This allows investors to compare returns of different assets that they have owned for different lengths of time. All period returns greater than one year have been annualised. Returns for periods less than one year have not been annualised. A cumulative return is the aggregate amount an investment has gained or lost over time, independent of the period of time involved. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIO

The portfolio was established as a collective investment scheme trust arrangement on 27 November 2015, with the conversion process being completed on 01 June 2016. The portfolio will not change its investment strategy or investment policy without prior approval from the Financial Sector Conduct Authority and investors. The ballot procedure, as prescribed in CISCA and the Deed, will be followed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information on the portfolio, refer to the following documents, available on our website www.novarecis.co.za, from your financial adviser, or on request from the Manager, free of charge.

- Application forms
- Annual report
- Daily Prices
- Fee schedule
- Performance fee FAQ (if applicable)
- Quarterly General Investor Report (available one month after quarter-end)

DISCLOSURES CONTINUED

LEVERAGE

The use of leverage in the portfolio will be limited by means of the commitment approach with Gross Exposure limited to 200% of NAV. The portfolios achieve leverage through the use of derivatives and short selling of physical stock.

METHODOLOGY FOR CONDUCTING STRESS TESTING

Daily stress-testing is conducted by varying input parameters for pricing purposes. These calculations are performed on the latest portfolio. Hypothetical market environments are simulated where asset prices exhibit extreme moves. The results are imported into a proprietary data warehouse from where reports are monitored by our risk management team independently of the investment team. The results are then communicated to the investment team, executive management and compliance. The methodology for conducting stress-testing is to changes the underlying price or yield of every security in the portfolio and re-values each one from first principles, according to the size of the user-defined stress.

RE-HYPOTHECATIONS OF ASSETS

The practice by prime brokers of using, for their own purpose, assets that have been posted as collateral by the investment manager is restricted. The prime brokers do not re-hypothecate or take part in any form of re-pledging of securities forming any part of the collateral.

CHANGES TO LIQUIDITY RISK PROFILE

The liquidity risk profile remains unchanged and redemption requirements have been met within the prescribed time frame.

COMPLAINTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The complaints policy and procedure as well as the conflicts of interest management policy are available on our website www.novarecis.co.za. Associates of the manager may be invested within certain portfolios, and the details thereof are available from the manager.

CLOSURE OF THE PORTFOLIO

The manager has the right to close certain portfolios to new investors in order to manage it more efficiently and in accordance with their mandates.

COUNTERPARTY EXPOSURE CALCULATION METHOD

A portion of the capital is held with respective prime brokers and accurately reflects the economic loss that the hedge fund is exposed to if the counterparty defaults on its obligations. It is calculated as any initial or variation margin posted to, and held by, a counterparty; the verifiable market value of the derivative, including any excess collateral and net exposure to a counterparty generated through a securities lending or repurchase agreement; and counterparty exposures created through the reinvestment of collateral.

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