

# FACTSHEET (R USD)

31 August 2023



## Investment Focus

The objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in listed African equities which will benefit from various socio-economic structural changes unfolding in Africa. These include the demographic wave driven by a growing African middle class and the digital revolution unfolding throughout the continent.

The capital allocation of the Fund follows a robust 'Quantamental' approach combining crucial top down risk management, quantitative stock filtering process and solid bottom-up analysis. This disciplined framework guides the decision making process throughout the investment cycle, starting from mega trend identification till execution.

While it is not intended that the investment policy will be dictated by a benchmark, performance achieved will be measured against the MSCI Emerging Frontier Markets Africa Index for comparison purposes. The composition of the Fund will therefore not match or reflect that of its benchmark.

Class	Currency	Inception	Price
I	USD	05 Aug 2020	9.6244
I	EUR	05 Aug 2020	8.8753
I	MUR	05 Aug 2020	440.1549
R	USD	11 Dec 2020	8.3035
R	EUR	19 Feb 2021	7.1775
R	MUR	16 Oct 2020	421.1647

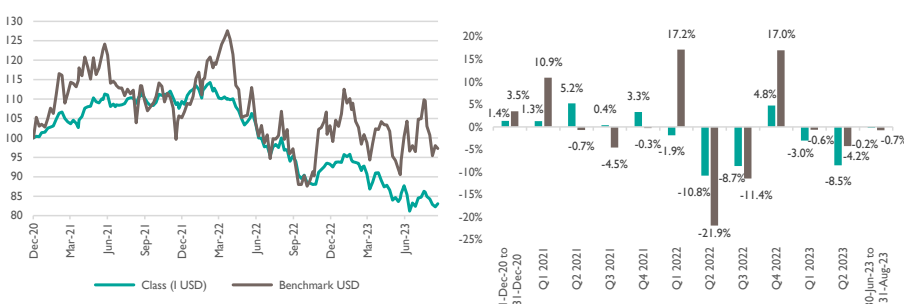
## Fund Facts

ISIN	-
Bloomberg Ticker	-
Investment Manager	AXYS Investment Partners
Benchmark	MSCI EFM Africa Index
Management Fee - R	2.0%
Management Fee - I	1.5%
Entry Fee	Up to a maximum of 2%
Exit Fee	Up to a maximum of 2%
Minimum Investment	R: USD1,000 or equiv. I: USD100,000 or equiv.
Liquidity	Weekly
Sub/Red Cut-off	Friday 11:00am MRU Time

## Key Figures - as of end of month

Asset Under Management (USD)	762,265
Number of Holdings (ex. Cash)	24
Market Cap (M USD weighted)	6,828
Price/Book (trail. weighted)	3.1x
Price/Earnings (trail. weighted)	15.6x
Dividend Yield (trail. %)	4.60%
Active Share	>90%
Beta	0.3
Volatility	10.4%
Tracking Error	5.4%
Risk Adjusted Return	-0.6
Information Ratio	-1.0
Largest Upside (weekly)	3.55%
Largest Drawdown (weekly)	-4.98%
No of upside returns (weekly)	70
No of downside returns (weekly)	70

## Fund Performance



## Performance as at 31 August 2023

	1 Month	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception
Class I USD	-3.41%	-1.51%	-11.20%	-12.02%	-3.76%
Benchmark	-11.26%	7.39%	-5.56%	1.31%	11.43%
Class R USD	-3.45%	-1.63%	-11.50%	-12.46%	-16.97%
Benchmark	-11.26%	7.39%	-5.56%	1.31%	-2.74%
Class I EUR	-2.04%	-2.91%	-12.33%	-18.43%	5.29%
Benchmark	-9.89%	5.39%	-6.67%	-6.03%	22.07%
Class R EUR	-2.08%	-3.03%	-12.63%	-18.84%	-13.02%
Benchmark	-9.89%	5.39%	-6.67%	-6.03%	-6.28%
Class I MUR	-4.09%	-1.65%	-8.36%	-9.69%	10.94%
Benchmark	-11.89%	7.23%	-2.18%	3.99%	28.40%
Class R MUR	-4.13%	-1.78%	-8.66%	-10.14%	4.27%
Benchmark	-11.89%	7.23%	-2.18%	3.99%	26.82%

## Market Review

### Northern Africa

**Morocco** – Over the month the MASI Free Float Index TR (USD) decreased by 4.12% dragged by Materials and Cons. Staples. Unemployment rate was down to 12.4% in Q2'23 compared to 12.9% in Q1'23. In July, CPI was down to 4.9% YoY (0.3% MoM), compared to 5.5% (-0.9% MoM) a month earlier. M3 Money supply was down to 7.1% in July compared to 7.6%. **Egypt** – Over the month the EGX 30 Index TR (USD) was up 7.40% driven by Financials and Materials. S&P Global Egypt PMI was at 49.2 in July, compared to 49.1 in August. Core CPI was down to 40.7% YoY in July compared to 41.0% in June. Production index reached 103.21 in June 2023, dropping from 104.71 in May. **Tunisia** – Over the month the TUNINDEX Index TR (USD) was down 1.35% dragged by Financials and Cons. Staples. In July, CPI slowed to 9.1% YoY compared to 9.3% a month earlier.

### Western Africa

**Nigeria** – Over the month the Nigerian Stock Exchange All Share Index TR (USD) was up 3.11% driven by Cons. Staples and Utilities. July PMI was at 51.7 compared to 53.2 in June. CPI was up 24.1% YoY in July, compared to 22.8% in June, lower than market expectations. M2 Money supply was up 34.4% YoY, compared to 31.6% in June. Q2'23 GDP was up 2.51% YoY compared to 2.31% in the previous quarter, lower than market expectations of 2.80%. **BRVM** – Over the month the BRVM Composite Index TR (USD) was down 1.08% dragged by Utilities and Energy. July CPI was up 5.7% YoY, compared to 7.5% a month earlier. **Ghana** – Over the month, the GGSECI Index TR (USD) was up 4.54% driven by Comm. Services and Financials. Annual inflation accelerated to 43.1% YoY in July as compared to 42.5% YoY in June. PPI hits 32.7% YoY in July as compared to 29.9% YoY in June.

### Eastern Africa

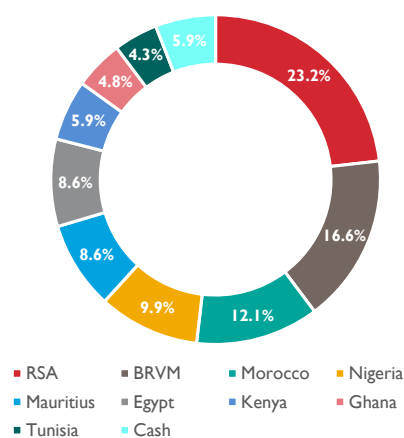
**Kenya** – Over the month, the NSE All-Share TR (USD) was down 7.82% dragged by Comm. Services and Financials. CPI reached 6.7% YoY (-0.1% MoM) compared to 7.3% a month earlier, lower than market expectations of 7.2%. The benchmark rate was maintained unchanged at 10.5%. Overseas remittances were up 18% YoY in July, compared to 6% YoY in June. July PMI was at 45.5, compared to 47.8 in June. **Mauritius** – Over the month, the SEMDEX TR (USD) was up 4.29% driven by Cons. Discretionary and Financials. Annual inflation decreased to 5.9% YoY in July and stood at 7.9% YoY in June. PPI fell to 5.1% YoY in July as compared to 8.1% YoY in June. Tourist arrivals at 704,298 from Jan-July 23, representing 92% of 2019 levels during the same period.

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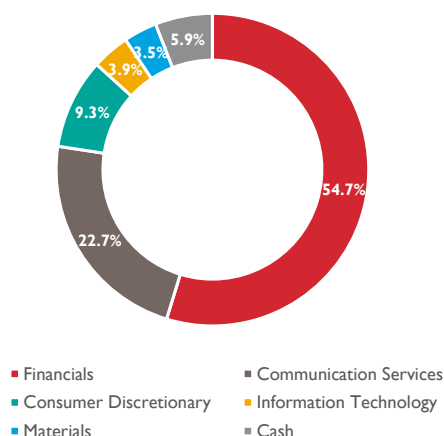
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## Geographic Split



## Sector Split



## Top 5 Positions

Sonatel	5.7%
SGBC	5.6%
SIBC	5.3%
Naspers	4.7%
Prosus	4.7%

## Top 3 Contributors (bps)

Commercial Intl Bank Egypt	52
MTN Nigeria	24
MCB Group	11

## Top 3 Detractors (bps)

MTN Group Ltd	-89
Naspers	-74
Prosus	-67

## Market Cap Breakdown (USD)

Above 1B	59.4%
500M — 1B	9.3%
100M — 500M	23.8%
Below 100M	7.6%

## Market Review Continued

### Southern Africa

**South Africa** – In August, The FTSE JSE All-Share Index (TR USD) was down 10.15%, dragged by the Materials and Financials. Producer Inflation decelerated to 2.7% YoY (0.2% MoM) in July lower than market expectations. This was driven by the 'coke, petroleum, chemical, rubber, and plastic products' category. Consumer inflation fell to 4.7% YoY in July, its lowest since July 2021, compared to 5.4% in June. Unemployment rate dropped from 32.9% in Q1 to 32.6% in Q2.

### Portfolio Positioning

#### Northern Africa

**Morocco** – Stock selection was mixed over the month: HPS +1.43% contributed positively by 7bps while Disway -4.78% and BCP -2.33% contributed negatively by 19bps and 9bps to the portfolio. **Egypt** – Stock selection was positive over the month: COMI +12.98% and Telecom Egypt +0.47% contributed positively by 52bps and 2bps to the performance. **Tunisia** – BIAT was down 3.34% over the month, contributing -15bps.

#### Western Africa

**Nigeria** – Stock selection was mixed over the month: MTN Nigeria +5.84% contributed positively by 24bps while Zenith Bank -3.92% and Airtel Africa -3.71% contributed negatively by -14bps and -8bps respectively. **BRVM and Gabon** – Stock selection was mixed over the month: SIBC +2.09% was the region's top performer contributing 11bps while Sonatel -5.21% and SGBC -0.91% contributed negatively by -31bps and -5bps. **Ghana** – Stock selection was mixed over the month: Perseus Mining +2.14% contributed positively by 3bps while Calbank -4.85%, contributed negatively by 16bps to the overall portfolio performance.

#### Eastern Africa

**Kenya** – Stock selection was negative over the month: Safaricom -10.74% contributed by -34bps and Equity Bank -7.18% contributed by -24bps to the portfolio performance. **Mauritius** – Stock selection was positive over the month: MCB Group +2.61% and SBMH +1.16% contributed 11bps and 5bps respectively to the overall portfolio.

#### Southern Africa

**South Africa** – Stock selection was negative for the month: MTN Group -18.96%, Naspers -13.64%, Nedbank -13.37%, Prosus -12.58%, Glencore -7.75% and FirstRand -4.88% contributed negatively 89bps, 74bps, 58bps, 67bps, 16bps and 23bps respectively to the portfolio performance.

Note: Performance is reported in USD Total Return terms.

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