

**What is the fund's objective?**

The objective of the STANLIB S&P500 Index Feeder ETF is to track the S&P500 index ("the Index") as closely as possible, in South African Rand.

**What does the fund invest in?**

The fund is a feeder fund and as such it invests in the iShares Core S&P500 UCITS ETF. This underlying fund tracks the S&P500 Index and aims to replicate the performance of the Index. The S&P500 Index gives the performance of the top 500 leading US listed companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization. The Index is rebalanced quarterly.

The fund may also hold a small portion in cash instruments and listed derivatives to effect efficient portfolio management.

**What possible risks are associated with this fund?**

Risks include general market conditions and market volatility, company specific risk, country specific risk, exchange rate risk, economic and political risk.

Risk Rating				
Conservative	Moderately conservative	Moderate	Moderately aggressive	Aggressive

**Who should consider investing in this fund?**

- Investors who seek broad exposure to US equities in South African Rand
- Individual investors who seek US equity exposure without foreign exchange tax clearance
- Investors who seek a low cost US equity fund
- Investors who seek a simple and transparent investment process that invests in liquid, listed securities
- Investors who seek equity market exposure that blends well with other investment strategies to reduce total costs and diversify risk
- Investors who are willing to take a longer term view as this fund is aggressively risk profiled and investors should expect some volatility in the shorter term

**What is the suggested investment period?**

Five years or longer.

**What are the costs to invest in this fund?**

Portfolio charges including VAT:

	Class A
Manager annual fee	0.20%
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Transaction Costs (TC)</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Total Exchange Ratio and Transaction Costs will be published when the fund has reached one year post launch and the TER will include the TER of the underlying fund. The TER of the underlying fund (iShares Core S&P500 UCITS ETF) was 7bps as at June 2018.

**General fund information**

	<b>Class A</b>
<b>Launch date:</b>	7 March 2018
<b>Portfolio Manager(s)</b>	Ryan Basdeo
<b>Portfolio Size (NAV)</b>	R 16.1 million
<b>ISIN Code:</b>	ZAE000255055
<b>JSE Code:</b>	ETF500
<b>Sector classification:</b>	Regional Equity - General
<b>Portfolio benchmark:</b>	S&P500 Index (net)
<b>Distribution status:</b>	The underlying fund does not distribute income
<b>Securities lending ratio:</b>	0%

**Performance (%)**

Performance and tracking error data will be available when the fund has a 12 month track record.

**Income distribution**

	Declared in 2018 YTD	Declared in 2017
Class A	0.00 cpu	N/A

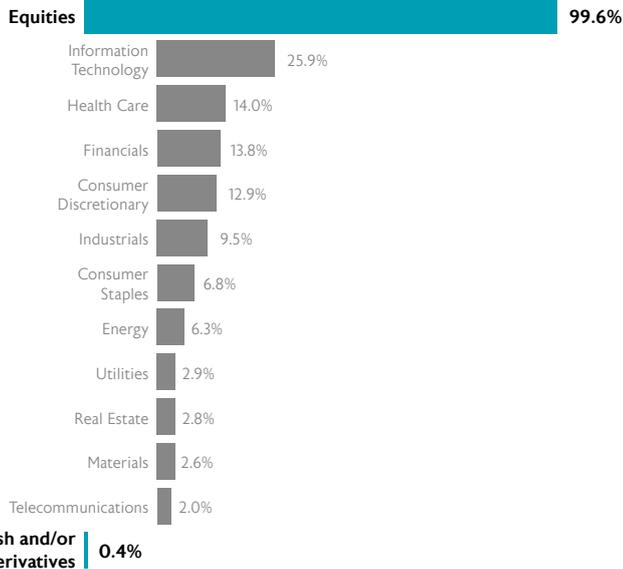
**Who are the fund managers?**

The fund is run by the STANLIB Index Investments team which specialises in the manufacture of index and factor products for individual and institutional investors. Investors who seek a simple, transparent and low-cost investment solution can invest in index products that meet their financial goals.



**Ryan Basdeo**  
 Portfolio Manager  
 BCom(Taxation), Registered Security Trader  
 Industry experience: 11 years

**Sector allocation**



**Top 10 holdings (% of underlying fund)**

	Fund weight
Apple Inc	3.94
Microsoft Corp	3.28
Amazon Com Inc	2.96
Facebook Class A Inc	2.02
Berkshire Hathaway Inc Class B	1.55
JPMorgan Chase & Co	1.53
Exxon Mobil Corp	1.52
Alphabet Inc Class C	1.47
Alphabet Inc Class A	1.46
Johnson & Johnson	1.41

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**Fund review**

The fund performed in line with the feeder fund since the inception date of 07 March 2018. Overall, the S&P500 declined during the period. The often quoted “FANG” stocks plus Apple and Microsoft accounted for over half of the second quarter total returns for S&P 500 index. The feeder fund has delivered a return of 13.99% in US dollars terms for the 12 months ended 30 June 2018.

**Market overview**

This year started off on a very positive mood driven by synchronised global growth forecasts and benefits of US tax cuts. However, during the middle of Q1, higher US wage numbers had triggered fears of inflation and faster than anticipated interest rate increases. The concerns about the path of US interest rates combined with US-China trade wars, fuelled an increase in global volatility leading to an equity sell off. Some markets bounced back slightly in Q2. This quarter, the MSCI World Index returned 1.7%; S&P 500 Index 3% whilst the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returned -8%.

**Looking ahead**

It can be argued that some desynchronisation of global growth was to be expected in 2018/2019 as business cycles are seldom perfectly correlated across countries and regions for an extended period. Furthermore, it is not a surprise that the major central banks have become increasingly anxious to try and normalise monetary policy. However, the escalation of the “global trade war” in an environment of growing risk aversion appears to be exacerbating the pace of desynchronization, undermining business confidence in key economic regions, most notably the European Union and the more vulnerable emerging economies. Global leaders and policymakers’ decisions will remain key drivers in ensuring geopolitical and protectionist threats, do not undermine economic growth in the longer run. Additionally, there is a strong and positive correlation between United States business confidence and economic growth, hence high levels of confidence should lead to a noticeable improvement in GDP growth, whilst we are seeing some private sector fixed spending improvements on the back of tax cuts. The fund remains positioned to deliver returns that are aligned to the S&P 500 Index.

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