

# Satrix Equally Weighted Top 40 Index Fund

A1 Class | 31 March 2025

## INVESTMENT POLICY SUMMARY

This is a pure equity fund which tracks the performance of the FTSE/JSE Equally Weighted Top 40 index. The appeal for an investor is the alternate weighting methodology to the traditional FTSE/JSE Top 40, which is a market cap weighted index. We believe that the benchmark choice and resulting returns form the most important elements of an equity strategy - by investing in a passive vehicle the returns to investment strategies are known. By applying a full replication strategy, the fund will mirror the composition of the chosen benchmark. We believe that the benchmark choice and resulting returns form the most important elements of an equity strategy - by investing in a passive vehicle the returns to investment strategies are known. By applying a full replication strategy, the fund will mirror the composition of the chosen benchmark. This fund is rebalanced quarterly.

### WHY CHOOSE THIS FUND?

- This fund is ideal for the investor who seeks general equity market performance through a well-diversified equity portfolio at low costs.
- The FTSE/JSE Top 40 Equally Weighted Index represents the 40 largest, most liquid shares listed on the JSE.
- The equal weighting methodology offers a more balanced exposure to all companies.
- This is a passive, 100% equity investment with no stock picking or asset allocation calls.
- This fund could also serve as the core component of the equity portion of a client's portfolio.

FUND INFORMATION	
<b>ASISA Fund Classification</b>	SA - Equity - Large Cap
Risk profile	Aggressive
Benchmark	FTSE/JSE Equally Weighted Top 40 Index
Portfolio launch date	Oct 2010
Fee class launch date	Oct 2010
Minimum investment	Manual: Lump sum: R10 000 I Monthly: R500 SatrixNOW.co.za: No minimum
Portfolio size	R275.2 million
Last two distributions	30 Jun 2024: 34.45 cps 31 Dec 2024: 26.99 cps
Income decl. dates	30 Jun I 31 Dec
Income price dates	1st working day in July and January
Valuation time of fund	17:00
Transaction cut off time	Manual: 15:00 SatrixNOW.co.za: 13:30
Daily Price Information	www.satrix.co.za
Repurchase period	T+3

TOP 10 HOLDINGS	
Securities	% of Portfolio
Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd	2.96
Sibanye Still Water Limited	2.89
Anglogold Ashanti Plc	2.85
Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	2.71
Gold Fields Ltd	2.69
Mtn Group Ltd	2.66
Remgro Ltd	2.66
Vodacom Group Limited	2.66
Anglo American Platinum Limited	2.64
Pepkor Holdings Limited	2.56
as at 31 Mar 2025	

PERFORMANCE (ANNUALISED)				
A1-Class	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)		
1 year	15.87	16.84		
3 year	6.11	6.84		
5 year	20.00	20.98		
10 year	6.22	7.14		

Annualized return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

ACTUAL HIGHEST AND LOWEST ANNUAL RETURNS*		
Highest Annual %	60.85	
Lowest Annual %	(23.14)	

FEES (INCL. VAT)	
	A1-Class (%)
Advice initial fee (max.)	N/A
Manager initial fee	N/A
Advice annual fee (max.)	1.15
Manager annual fee	0.52
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.59
Transaction Cost (TC)	0.18

Advice fee | Any advice fee is negotiable between the client and their financial advisor. An annual advice fee negotiated is paid via a repurchase of units from the investor. The portfolio manager may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. This fund is also available via certain LISPS (Linked Investment Service Providers), which levy their own fees.

Total Expense Ratio (TER) | The Management Fee is expressed as an annual percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS This Fee is net of any scrip lending income and Management Fee waiver,

The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the charges incurred by the portfolio, for the payment of services rendered in the administration of the CIS. The TER is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 3 years on an annualised basis. The Transaction Cost (TC) is the cost incurred by the portfolio in the buying and selling of underlying assets. This is expressed as a percentage of the daily NAV of the CIS and calculated over a period of 3 years on an annualised basis.

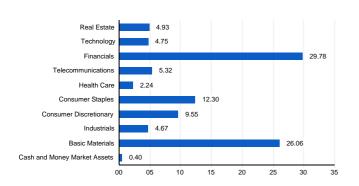
The current TER/TC cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER and TC. A higher TER and TC does not imply a poor return nor does a low TER and TC imply a good return. Obtain the costs of an investment prior to investing by using the EAC calculator provided at satrix.co.za.



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# ASSET ALLOCATION



## PORTFOLIO QUARTERLY COMMENTARY - 31 MAR 2025

US President Donald Trump's trade war plans introduced significant volatility into the market in the first quarter of 2025. All the gains from the S&P 500 Index since the US elections in November 2024 were completely wiped out by the beginning of March this year, as the index fell back below the 5 800 level. The volatility was also driven by a slowdown in US GDP growth, with the fourth quarter expanding by 2.5% compared to 2.7% in the previous period. The European market experienced record-breaking inflows into its capital markets, and the Euro Stoxx 50 Index finally broke even at its 5 400 level, last seen in the year 2000 - ending a 25-year streak. Further east, China had a spectacular quarter, outperforming both the US and the rest of the developed markets, thanks to DeepSeek's Al breakthrough in January and improved sentiment towards the country's tech stocks.

For the first quarter of the year, the MSCI World Index was down 4.3% in rand terms, while the MSCI USA and S&P 500 indices declined by 7% and 6.8%, respectively. The Nasdaq 100 Index ended the period down 10.5%. In contrast, the MSCI China Index rose 12.1% for the quarter, while the MSCI India Index fell 5.4%. As a result, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index remained relatively flat, closing the quarter up a modest 0.3%. Global bonds were also flat for the quarter (0.04%). Meanwhile, the MSCI Europe Index gained 7.7%, and the MSCI United Kingdom Index was up 6.9%.

Oil prices rose earlier in the quarter to US\$82 per barrel, following a US sanctions statement on Russia and Iran. However, later in the quarter, prices declined as investors awaited the OPEC+ meeting, scheduled for the first week of April. Brent crude oil ended the quarter at US\$74.77 per barrel, marking a 0.2% increase from the start of the quarter. Gold continued its upward trajectory from 2024, breaching multiple all-time highs. The precious metal closed the quarter at US\$3 120.5 per ounce, up 18.9% from the beginning of the year.

In local markets, the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) gained 5.9% in the first quarter, while the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index (Top 40) rose 8.5%. The local market's outperformance was largely driven by Resources, which surged 33.7% during the quarter, and Industrials, which climbed 3.8%. Financials, however, ended the quarter down 1.7%. The South African 10-year Government Bond Yield closed the quarter at 10.6%, having started at 9%. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) finished slightly positive at 0.7%. The cash benchmark, the Alexander Forbes Short-Term Fixed-Interest Composite Index (STeFI), delivered a positive money market return of 1.9%, while the FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property Index (SAPY) declined by 3.5% over the quarter.

The rand appreciated by 2.5% against the US dollar, closing the quarter at R18.39 to the greenback, R23.74 to the British pound, and R19.87 to the euro.

# **Portfolio Performance and Changes**

In the first quarter of 2025, the FTSE/JSE Equally Weighted Top 40 Index (EWT40) was up 6.54%, underperforming the FTSE/JSE Top 40 Index, which was up 8.49%.

Miners were the largest contributors to the positive performance. AngloGold Ashanti (ANG) (+66.7%), Gold Fields (GFI) (+67.2%), DRDGOLD (DRD) (+73.9%) and Harmony Gold (HAR) (+76.8%) all posted significant double-digit performance for the first three months of the year.

Retailers took a knock during the quarter with Mr Price (MRP) (-24.9%), Pepkor (PPH) (-10.1%) and Woolworths (WHL) (-16.5%) all in negative territory.

Banks had a similar trajectory over the quarter as Investec plc (INP) (-10.1%), Investec Ltd (INL) (-8.9%), FirstRand (FSR) (-5.4%), Nedbank (NED) (-8.6%) and Absa (ABG) (-6.7%) all had negative returns.

At the March 2025 FTSE/JSE index review, Anglo American Plat Ltd (AMS) was added to the index, while Exxaro Resources (EXX) was deleted from the index. The one-way turnover was 8.34%.

# RISK PROFILE (AGGRESSIVE)

This is an aggressively managed, high-risk portfolio that aims to deliver capital growth over the long term. It is designed to track the benchmark and is a pure equity fund. There will be capital volatility in the short- to medium-term, although higher returns should be expected over longer-term periods.

## CONTACT DETAILS

#### Manager

Satrix Managers (RF) Pty Ltd (Reg. No. 2004/009205/07). 4th Floor, Building 2, 11 Alice Lane, Sandown, 2146.

### **Investment Manager**

The management of investments are outsourced to Satrix, a division of Sanlam Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, FSP 579, an authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002.

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This Fund qualifies as a tax free investment according to section 12T of the Income Tax Act, with effect from 1 March 2015. South African individuals qualify for the associated tax benefits namely no tax on dividends, income or capital gains whilst still enjoying all the benefits of a unit trust. Note contributions to tax free investments are limited to R36 000 per tax year, with a lifetime limit of R500 000. Amounts invested in excess of these permissible thresholds are subject to tax penalties.

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