

GTC Fixed Income Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document



As of 31/10/2024

Investment mandate and objectives

The primary investment objective of the Fund is to generate real positive returns over time through the active management of a combination of money market, bond and income generating instruments. The strategy and investment mandate of the fund has a focus on income generation, with downside protection of capital.

Features: The fund will primarily invest in a range of fixed income securities including instruments guaranteed by the Republic of South Africa, gilts, semi-gilts, loan stock, preference shares, debentures, debenture stock, debenture bonds, unsecured notes, financially sound listed property investments, participatory interest in collective investment schemes and any other instruments guaranteed by the Republic of South Africa which are considered consistent with the fund's primary objective. Taquanta Asset Management is our preferred investment manager mandated to achieve the above investment objectives.

Performance (%)

	SI**	5 Yr*	3 Yr*	1 Yr	6 M
GTC Fixed Income A	6.91	7.03	8.01	9.23	4.54
GTC Fixed Income B	6.69	6.41	7.40	8.62	4.23
STEFI	5.11	5.28	6.11	7.60	3.77

*Annualised
AF Money Market Index was replaced by STEFI
Stated performance is after fees have been deducted
**Since Inception

Performance history (%)

	Highest Annual Return:	Lowest Annual Return:
GTC Fixed Income B	9.44	3.21

*Performance measured over rolling 12 months

Risk statistics: 5 years rolling

Time Period: 01/11/2019 to 31/10/2024	
Standard Deviation	0.59
Tracking Error	0.27

Risk profile of the fund

Low Risk

Fund facts:

Multi manager:	GTC
Fund classification:	SA - Multi Asset - Income
Trustee:	Rand Merchant Bank
Management company:	GTC Management Company
Benchmark:	STEFI
Inception Date:	08/02/2010
Fund size:	R 936 377 861
Fund Units:	876 970 463
NAV price:	1.0671
Class B NAV:	R 164 060 776
Latest Dividend Date:	01/09/2024
Dividend Distribution Frequency:	Quarterly
Value distributed:	2.2612

Investment managers:

Taquanta 100%

Total investment charges (%)

Total Investment Management Charges (TIC)	0.92
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.92
Performance Fee	0.00
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.00

Costs reflected are quarterly in arrears.

TER: Expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product. A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not be necessarily an accurate indication of future TERs.

TC: Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product returns. Costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product.

TIC: Should 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.

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Asset class exposure (%)

Local Bond	27.80
Local Cash	72.20

Top 10 local fixed income holdings

	Fund exposure (%)
FRBL 9.66300% 290726	5.09
NED 9.68300% 240428	4.90
NEDBANK CALL ACC	4.31
SBK 9.65300% 300726	3.91
ABS 9.68200% 050427	3.82
FRBL 9.26000% 020226	3.77
NED 9.46300% 120126	3.58
ABFN60 9.42200% 050426	3.26
ABS 9.542% 040729	3.26
ABS 9.84200% 020425	3.16
Total	39.06

updated quarterly

Quarterly commentary

Optimism around South Africa's Government of National Unity, along with easing global monetary policies boosted local bonds to deliver +10.5% for the quarter ahead of the +2.1% from local cash.

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) cut interest rates by 0.25% to +8.0% on the back of continued slowdown in local inflation. SA CPI came in at 4.4% while the unemployment rate increased to +33.5% at the end of the second quarter.

In September, the US Federal Reserve exceeded market expectations by cutting interest rates by +0.5% to +5.0%, instead of the anticipated +0.25%. Fed Chair Jerome Powell, stated that the central bank plans to continue decreasing rates over time, while emphasizing that the overall US economy remains strong. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank lowered its key deposit rate by +0.25% for the second time, in line with the market expectations. The Bank of England held its key rate steady at +5% during its September 2024 meeting.

China announced an unprecedented stimulus package in September pushing the MSCI Emerging Markets Equity index up +8.7%, ahead of the MSCI World Equity Index at +6.4% for the quarter in USD.

Overall, global investor sentiment was mixed over the quarter. While the short-term outlook is still unclear, the longer-term picture remains positive. GTC remains cautiously optimistic in our portfolio positioning as we navigate through this market cycle.

NAV changes per quarter

	31/10/2024	30/09/2024	31/08/2024
Fund Units:	876 970 463	888 562 549	878 430 894
Class B NAV:	R 164 060 776	R 180 664 136	R 180 869 740
Fund NAV:	R 936 377 861	R 941 489 463	R 945 233 418

Mandate compliance

The fund remains within the reporting regime as at the date of this report.

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The Risk profile of the portfolios ranges from low risk to high risk with a low risk potentially associated with lower rewards and a high risk with potentially higher rewards. This portfolio has a low risk profile. It is suitable for medium to long term investment horizons. It has a balanced exposure to various asset classes and has more equity exposure than a moderate risk portfolio but less than a high-risk portfolio. In turn the expected volatility is higher than a medium risk portfolio, but less than a high-risk portfolio. Where the asset allocation contained in this MDD reflects offshore exposure, the portfolio may be exposed to the following risks: potential constraints 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. The portfolio is exposed to equity as well as default and interest rate risks. The probability of losses is higher than that of a moderate risk portfolio, but less than a high-risk portfolio. The portfolio is subject to market or systematic risk which is the possibility of the portfolio experiencing losses due to factors that affect the overall performance of the financial markets..

Definition of the terms used to measure the risk in the portfolios a) Tracking Error: tracking error or active risk is a measure of the risk in an investment portfolio that is due to active management decisions made by the portfolio manager; it indicates how closely a portfolio follows the index to which it is benchmarked and b) Standard deviation: is a measure that is used to quantify the amount of variation or dispersion of a set of data values around the mean value. This measure is commonly known as volatility and referenced as an explicit measure of risk. One can also obtain additional information on GTC products on the website and all price related queries or information is readily available on request. Fund of funds are portfolios that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes that levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for the fund of funds. The daily cut off time is 14:00 for trades and the valuation point is 17:00. Prices are published on Finswitch by 10:00 daily. GTC Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd is registered as a Collective Investment Scheme Manager in terms of Section 5 of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act and is a member of ASISA.

MDD issue date: 16th working day of the month

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