Kagiso Equity Alpha Fund

as at 30 September 2015

Performance¹



	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance	Highest*	Lowest*
1 year	-6.2%	2.3%	-8.5%	4.1%	-3.9%
3 years	10.0%	12.7%	-2.7%	8.1%	-4.3%
5 years	10.2%	12.3%	-2.1%	8.1%	-4.3%
10 years	14.2%	12.4%	1.8%	10.9%	-9.0%
Since inception	18.7%	15.7%	3.0%	11.9%	-9.0%

* Highest and lowest monthly fund performance during specified period

Cumulative performance since inception



Risk statistics

	Fund	Benchmark		
Annualised deviation	14.2%	12.8%		
Sharpe ratio	0.8	0.6		
Maximum gain#	54.8%	40.3%		
Maximum drawdown#	-37.4%	-35.6%		
% Positive months 65.9% 63.8%				

nsecutive months of change in the same direction



* Please note that effective asset allocation exposure is net of derivative positions

Portfolio Manager	Gavin Wood	Risk profile	Medium - high	
Fund category	South African - Equity - General	TER ²	1.47%	
Fund objective	To provide strong capital growth and portfolio return that is in the top qua general equity funds.		Initial fee:0.Financial adviser fee:max 3.	.00% .00%
Benchmark	South African - Equity - General funds mean		Ongoing advice fee: max 1.00	% pa
Launch date	26 April 2004		Management fee: 1.25	% pa
Fund size	R393.3 million		Performance fee: 10% of fund's performance of benchmark over rolling	040
NAV	603.21 cents		month periods.	,
Distributions	30 June 2015 3.49 c 31 December 2014 2.90 c	•	Total fee (management fee plus perform fee) to be capped at 2% pa	nance

¹ Performance is quoted from Morningstar as at month-end for a lump sum investment using Class A Net Asset Value (NAV) prices with income distributions reinvested. NAV refers to the value of the fund's assets less the value of its liabilities, divided by the number of units in issue. Performance figures are quoted after the deduction of all costs incurred within the fund. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. All performances are annualised (ie the average annual return over the given time period). ² The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is calculated as a percentage of the average NV of the portfolio incurred as reges, levies and fees in the management of the portfolio for a rolling 12-month period to end September 2015. A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current disclosed TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TERs.

Client service 0800 864 418

Kagiso Equity Alpha Fund



The Kagiso Equity Alpha Fund aims to be fully invested in domestic and international equities and is positioned in our team's best ideas, which emanate from our bottom-up research process. This usually entails significant deviations from market cap-weighted benchmark positions. Active portfolio management is incorporated in search of an optimal risk/reward balance and consistent positive alpha.

This fund is suitable for investors who are in their wealth accumulation phase, seeking exposure to equity markets. A typical investor would be able to withstand short-term market fluctuations in pursuit of maximum capital growth over the long term.

Risk vs reward



Portfolio Manager



Gavin Wood BBusSc, CFA, FFA

Gavin is a founder of Kagiso Asset Management (2001) and has headed up the investment team since inception. He also serves as Executive Director. Previously he was an investment analyst with Coronation Fund Managers.

Our investment philosophy

At Kagiso Asset Management, we make investment decisions based on mispricings we observe in the market. Simply put, we buy investments that are priced well below their intrinsic values and avoid those that we believe are overpriced.

Opportunities arise when market prices deviate from intrinsic value

All investments represent a set of future cash flows, which can be valued with reasonable accuracy. Over time, this intrinsic value progresses at a fairly stable pace. Asset prices, however, fluctuate considerably through time. This is largely due to self-reinforcing cycles of enthusiasm or negativity, often fuelled by an excessive focus on near-term data and news flow.

Our aim is to identify and exploit mispricings in the markets. We therefore buy investments at prices well below our estimation of their intrinsic value and hold them, while they deliver strong cash returns and until they can be sold above this value. Once sold, we avoid such overvalued investments for as long as the market price is above the intrinsic value.

The future is never certain

We recognise that there is considerable danger in operating with the comfort of a false sense of certainty and the accompanying behavioural reinforcement cycles that lead to a distorted evaluation of new information. As a result, we understand that despite our best efforts, we cannot possibly know all the facts.

This drives us to think more deeply, to work harder and to be more alert. We therefore view the future in terms of probabilities, we explore alternative scenarios, diversify our positions, hedge risk and seek out potential asymmetries.



Minimum investment Fund registration no

Lump sum: R5 000; Debit order: R500 ZAE000150835

Trustee Melinda Mostert Head: Standard Bank Trustee Services

Pricing: All funds are valued and priced at 15:00 each business day and at 17:00 on the last business day of the month. Forward pricing is used. The deadline for receiving instructions is 14:00 each business day to ensure same day value.

The Kagiso unit trust fund range is offered by Kagiso Collective Investments Limited (Kagiso), registration number 2010/009289/06. Kagiso is a member of the Association for Savings and Investment SA (ASISA) and is a registered management company in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No 45 of 2002. Kagiso is a subsidiary of Kagiso Asset Management (Pty) Limited [a licensed financial services provider (FSP No. 784)], the investment manager of the unit trust funds.

Unit trusts are generally medium to long-term investments. The value of units will fluctuate and past performance should not be used as a guide for future performance. Kagiso does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of the portfolio(s). Foreign securities may be included in the portfolio(s) and may result in potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds. In addition, macroeconomic, political, foreign exchange, tax and settlement risks may apply. However, our robust investment process takes these factors into account. Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing. Exchange rate movements, where applicable, may affect the value of underlying investments. Different classes of units may apply and are subject to different fees and charges. A schedule of the maximum fees, charges and commissions is available upon request. Commission and incentives may be paid, and if so, would be included in the overall costs. Kagiso may close a portfolio to new investors in order to manage it more effectively in accordance with its mandate.

This fact sheet in its entirety constitutes this fund's Minimum Disclosure Document, as required by the Financial Services Board. Please contact us on the details below should you require additional information on our range of funds.

Client service 0800 864 418



The fund returned a disappointing -8.1% for the quarter. The past year has proved to be a very challenging performance period relative to peers, and relative to major market indices as we continue to position the fund very differently in very expensive markets.

The fund has now delivered a return of 18.7% pa since inception over 10 years ago. This represents an outperformance of benchmark of 3.0% pa over that period.

Economic and market overview

Broad emerging market economic weakness is now evident, with China's unexpected slowdown feeding through to many other emerging market countries via reduced demand for the commodities that they export. Commodity prices were sharply lower over the quarter, contributing further to deflationary forces across the globe. Commodity producing country currencies, including the rand, were sharply lower.

Developed economies continue to show reasonable economic progress, with unemployment continuing to fall, but inflationary forces proving very elusive. The US, in particular, is growing well and showing labour market and housing market strength.

The large economy central banks continued to maintain accommodative policies, with near zero interest rates and ongoing quantitative easing in Europe and Japan. The US Fed postponed its expected September rate hike, ostensibly reacting to financial market weakness emanating from China's slowdown.

The South African economy continues to weaken due to the large commodity exposure, but also due to structural problems such as power constraints, labour market rigidities and socioeconomic disparities.

The SA market declined by 2.1% over the quarter, led by resources (-17.9%), as commodity prices fell sharply. Winners were particularly the large global companies, notably SABMiller (+25.8%), British American Tobacco (+17.6%), Steinhoff (+10.3%) and Richemont (+10.7%). SABMiller rose in the run up to the cash offer from AB Inbev, which was subsequently accepted in principle by the SABMiller board. The rand fell (-12.1%) over the quarter against the US dollar, assisting many of these global stocks.

Commodity companies were particularly weak, with sharp price falls in iron ore and platinum producers. Certain industrial companies, such as Massmart (-26.7%), Nampak (-23.6%) and Mr Price (-23.0%) also sharply reversed from very elevated levels, given the sluggish economy.

The SARB kept rates on hold at 6% for the time being, given the very weak economy, benign inflation outlook and accommodative global conditions, but remains on a gradual "policy normalization" path. The weakening currency and its implications for inflation are a particular cause for concern, however.

Fund performance and positioning

Weak resources stocks and MTN were the key detractors for this quarter. Lonmin, African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American and Impala Platinum were the worst performers. Mondi was again a key performance contributor, along with Pick n Pay, Capital and Counties, the palladium ETF and Advtech.

The fund's offshore assets performed well for the quarter, particularly our German residential property names such as Deutsche Wohnen, Buwog and Vonovia.

Standard Bank is one of our larger holdings and is a leading pan-African bank, with an extensive presence in 20 countries across sub-Saharan Africa. Strong growth in sub-Saharan Africa over the last decade has increased the number of bankable businesses and households, as well as levels of household income. Despite the weak commodity environment, this momentum is likely to continue and with less developed financial markets in the rest of Africa, there is far higher growth potential than in South Africa.

Continued -

Key indicators				
Equity markets (total return)	Quarterly change			
MSCI World Equity (US Dollar return)	-8.9%			
MSCI Emerging Market Equity (US Dollar return)	-18.5%			
FTSE/JSE All Share Index	-2.1%			
FTSE/JSE Resources Index	-16.7%			
FTSE/JSE Financials Index	-2.9%			
FTSE/JSE Industrials Index	1.6%			
Commodities and currency	Quarterly change			
Platinum (\$/oz)	-15.9%			
Gold (\$/oz)	-4.9%			
Brent Crude (\$/barrel)	-23.4%			
Rand/US Dollar (USD)	13.6%			



Continued -

Over the past few years, the group has embarked on a comprehensive programme to develop a robust new IT architecture. This has depressed recent earnings and has prepared the group for better service to clients in the years ahead. We believe with the African growth potential and the IT project coming to an end, the group is well positioned to deliver superior ROEs and growth rates in earnings into the future and that this performance will be sustained over the longer term.

We remain positioned with a contrarian orientation, aiming to exploit the extreme valuation differentials on offer as a result of global monetary authorities' unconventional interventions in capital markets. Our view is that extremely low bond yields globally are causing global investors to over-price companies with stable cashflows (perceived as bond substitutes) and under-price companies with naturally variable or cyclical cashflows, when these cashflows are low.

We also hold a relatively high midcap exposure in undervalued industrial companies that seem to have escaped the strong rerating that has occurred in many of the larger industrial SA companies with strong global investor shareholdings – possibly due to their size causing them not to make the radar screens of large active global investors and the benchmarks of global passive investors.

Platinum group metal prices have significantly surprised us over the last quarter, falling substantially and placing the bulk of SA platinum miners in a negative cashflow situation. This particularly threatens miners, such as Lonmin, that have no alternative sources of cash from low cost operations and which do not have ready access to financing at this time. Consolidation within the industry, project deferrals and capacity closures have begun as a result. We continue to find significant value in the platinum miners as their share prices reflect a lower trajectory of spot metal prices than we believe is realistic, given prospective fundamental market deficits that we expect. Our analysis suggests that platinum group metal demand will continue to grow from autocatalyst fabrication, jewellery (especially in China and India) and other industrial applications. Recycling supply should peak in the next 3 years and mining supply, which is heavily concentrated in SA, remains extremely constrained by underinvestment by mining companies who need to preserve cash at a time when large parts of the industry are currently making a loss.

The fund retains a high allocation to foreign equities and listed property stocks, where we find opportunity in certain large technology stocks, healthcare companies, property and casualty insurers and specific listed property exposures.

Portfolio Manager Gavin Wood