

GTC Fixed Income Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document



As of 31/08/2020

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	7.35	8.34	8.24	7.35	3.17
GTC Fixed Income B	7.48	7.71	7.61	6.68	2.84
AF MM Index (STEFI)	6.02	5.91	6.02	5.71	2.53

*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: 01/09/2015 to 31/08/2020	
Standard Deviation	0.60
Tracking Error	0.59

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:	AF Money Market Index (Stefi)
Inception Date:	08/02/2010
Fund Size:	R 887 282 412
Fund Units:	833 242 790
NAV Price:	1.0632
Class B NAV:	R 215 300 746
Latest Dividend Date:	01/09/2020
Dividend Distribution Frequency:	Quarterly
Value Distributed:	1.7717

Investment managers:

Taquanta 100%

Total investment charges (%)

Total Investment Management Charges (TIC)	0.81
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.81
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 not 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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Quarterly commentary

Government bonds have enjoyed another good quarter, as the real yields offered are still attractive to more cautious investors and those still wary of relatively high-priced equities. The South African bond index rose 13.5%. There were two additional rate cuts by the South Africa Reserve Bank with the Repo rate ending at 3.75% down from 5.25% at the start of the quarter. It is hoped that this rate reduction will ease the interest burden on consumers and assist in stabilising the economy as the lockdown restrictions are eased. Many businesses are likely to experience difficult trading conditions as personal spending patterns have changed dramatically.

The South African GDP shrank by an annualised rate of -2% in the first quarter (better than the forecast of a 3.8% decline). Realistically the economy was not in good shape prior to the Covid-19 lockdown. Forecasts for GDP in 2020 are for a negative growth of -8%.

More alarming was Tito Mboweni's Supplementary Budget Review which forecast concerning numbers of a projected 81.8% debt to GDP ratio for this year growing to 87.4% by 2023/24. This might lead to a further ratings downgrade and hence a higher rate of interest which South Africa will have to pay on an ever-increasing debt burden. Not good news for consumers and taxpayers. The Rand took a sharp fall during the quarter to trade as low as R19/\$ but fared reasonably well by quarter end strengthening by 2.8% to R17.35/\$.

Mandate compliance

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

Top 10 fixed income holdings

	Fund exposure(%)
Standard Bank NCD 18/07/2022	6.14
Absa Bank Ltd NCD 04/07/2024	4.48
Nedbank Ltd FRN 4/30/2024	4.46
FirstRand Bank Ltd NCD 16/05/2024	4.44
Absa Bank Ltd NCD 02/04/2025	3.93
Nedbank Ltd NCD 04/07/2024	3.36
FirstRand Bank Ltd NCD 02/04/2024	2.80
FirstRand NCD 22/09/2021	2.76
Nedbank Ltd SD 08/11/2023	2.54
FirstRand Bank Ltd NCD 15/07/2022	2.35
	37.26

updated quarterly

NAV changes per quarter

	31/08/2020	31/07/2020	30/06/2020
Fund Units:	833 242 790	849 862 980	863 369 404
Class B NAV:	R 215 300 746	R 220 737 811	R 218 225 725
Fund NAV:	R 887 282 412	R 901 140 075	R 911 350 073

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The Risk profile of the portfolios ranges from low risk to high risk with a low risk portfolio potentially associated with lower rewards and a high risk portfolio with potentially higher rewards. This portfolio has a low risk profile. It is suitable for low to medium term investment horizons. It has an exposure to a combination of money market, bonds and income generating instruments. 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