

Stellenbosch University Retirement Fund (SURF)

SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio Factsheet March 2025

Period ending: 31 March 2025

Portfolio size (R'million): 670.38

Portfolio Objective:

Primary Objective The primary investment objective of the SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio is to deliver a real return of 3% p.a. net of fees over three year measurement periods.

Secondary Objective The secondary investment objective of the SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio is to avoid a capital loss over any 12-month period.

Risk Profile: Moderate Conservative

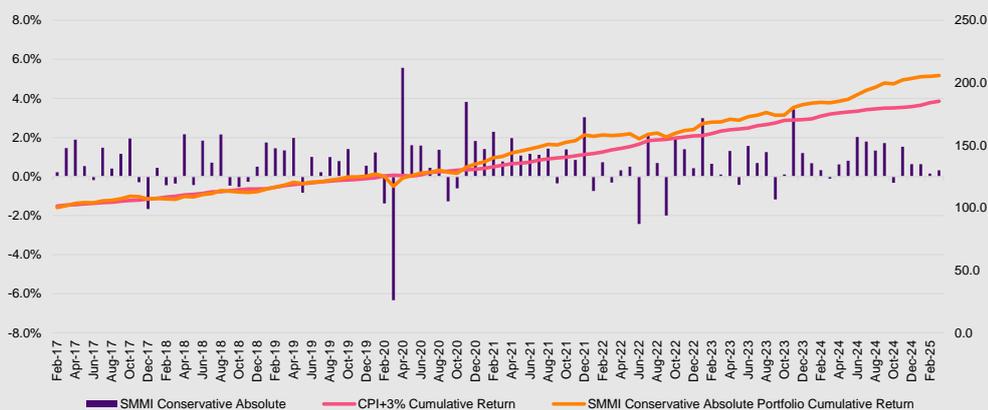
Performance per annum

The table below shows the performance of the SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio, net of fees, over various measured periods ended 31 March 2025, compared to the inflation target.

	SMMI Conservative Absolute Return	CPI +3% p.a.
3 months	1.1%	2.3%
6 months	3.0%	3.1%
1 year	11.8%	5.8%
3 years	9.2%	8.2%
5 years	11.9%	8.0%
8 years, 2 months	9.2%	7.8%

Cumulative Performance

The chart below shows the monthly performance of the SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio (net of fees). It also shows the cumulative net performance of the SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio relative to the CPI + 3.0% p.a. investment objective on the right-hand axis.



Risk Statistics

The table below sets out some key risk statistics for the SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio relative to the inflation investment objective for the period since inception (February 2017) to 31 March 2025.

Portfolio	Return achieved	Active return ¹	Standard deviation ²	Downside risk ³	Tracking error ⁴	Sortino ratio ⁵	Information ratio ⁶	Beta ⁷	Drawdown ⁸	Active Drawdown ⁹
SMMI Conservative Absolute Return (8 years, 2 months)	9.2%	1.4%	4.9%	5.5%	5.3%	1.7	0.3	-0.9	-7.6%	-10.0%
Inflation Benchmark (CPI +3%) (8 years, 2 months)	7.8%		1.3%			7.1				

Notes

- Active return is a measure of the actual return realised in excess of the benchmark return.
- Variation of return (standard deviation) is a measure of how widely the return is dispersed – the lower this measure, the less risk. This measure has been annualised.
- Downside risk measures the dispersion of return below a minimum return (zero) – the lower this measure, the less risk of realising a negative return.
- The "tracking error" measures how much the return of the actual portfolio differs from the benchmark.
- Sortino ratio measures the excess return above a minimum accepted return (taken to be zero) divided by the downside risk – it therefore measures the extra return generated per unit of risk of realising a return below zero.
- The "information ratio" measures the extent to which the actual portfolio has outperformed the benchmark divided by the "tracking error" – it is therefore a measure of the extra return generated per unit of relative risk. An information ratio net of fees of 0.25 and higher is regarded as good.
- Beta is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a portfolio relative to the benchmark.
- The drawdown is the peak-to-trough decline of returns over a specific period.
- Active drawdown is the peak-to-trough decline of the active returns (relative to the benchmark) over a specific period.

Risk and Return Analysis

The chart below compares the risk (as measured by the standard deviation) and return characteristics of the portfolios and benchmarks over the period since inception ended 31 March 2025. The SMMI Absolute Return Aggregate is a 50:50 split between the SMMI Conservative and Aggressive Absolute Return portfolios.



Manager Allocation

The chart below shows the manager allocation and asset classes (shown in brackets) of the SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio as at 31 March 2025.

Manager	Exposure
SMM Bond (Prescient Bond Quant Plus)	10.3%
Amplify SCI Strategic Income (Terebinth)	8.7%
Laurium BCI Strategic Income	7.7%
Prescient Flexible Income	7.4%
Granate BCI Multi Income	7.2%
Matrix SCI Enhanced Income	7.0%
SIM Flexible Income	4.9%
SMM Flexible Equity (Truffle)	4.5%
Amplify SCI Moderate Retail Fund of Hedge	4.3%
PSG Flexible Equity	4.1%
Bateleur Flexible	4.0%
Amplify SCI Global Equity FF (Sarofim)	3.4%
BCI Income Plus (Fairtree)	3.3%
Ninety One Global Managed Income Feeder	3.1%
Amplify SCI SA Flexible Equity (Fairtree)	3.0%
Thyme Wealth IP Multi-Asset Income	2.7%
Amplify SCI Flexible Equity (Abax)	2.5%
Aylett Flexible	2.5%
Granate BCI Flexible	2.0%
Ninety One Global Franchise Feeder	2.0%
Greenpoint Spec Lend	1.2%
Satrix Global Aggregate Bond Feeder ETF	1.2%
FNB Sett Acc USFCAR - Payables	0.9%
Chrysalis Mezzanine Credit	0.8%
Sanlam Investors Legacy SME Debt	0.6%
Tamela Mezz Debt 2	0.5%
STD Sett Acc GRFCSH	0.3%
SI:MM Cash	-0.1%

Asset Allocation

The chart below shows the actual asset allocation of the SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio as at the previous and current quarter.



Total Investment Cost (TIC)

The estimated TIC for the SMMI Conservative Absolute Return Portfolio is 0.98% p.a. for the one year ended 31 December 2024

The TIC is an annualised value (typically measured over a rolling one year period or since inception, and expressed as %) and expenses included in the TIC are:

1. Annual asset management fees;
2. Asset manager performance fees (if any);
3. Bank charges;
4. Audit fees;
5. Taxes (eg VAT);
6. Custodian and trustee fees;
7. Costs related to scrip lending (if any).
8. Transaction cost (if any).

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