

**Fund Facts**

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| Portfolio Manager | Liliane Barnard                          |
| Date of Inception | 1 April 2004                             |
| Benchmark         | FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property Index (SAPY) |
| Investment Term   | More than 3 years recommended            |
| Risk Rating       | ● ● ● ● ●                                |

**Top Holdings**

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| Growthpoint Properties Ltd |
| Nepi Rockcastle Plc        |
| Redefine Properties        |
| Resilient REIT             |
| Vukile Property Fund       |

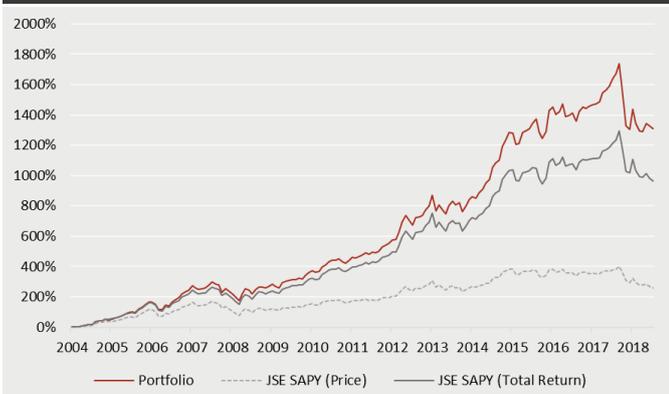
**Performance (Gross of Fees)**

| Short Term Performance | Portfolio | Benchmark | Alpha |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 1 month                | -1.1%     | -1.7%     | 0.5%  |
| 3 months               | 1.4%      | -2.2%     | 3.6%  |
| 6 months               | -8.2%     | -11.6%    | 3.4%  |

| Annualized Returns | Portfolio | Benchmark | Alpha |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 1 Year             | -18.7%    | -18.7%    | 0.0%  |
| 3 Years            | -0.7%     | -2.6%     | 1.9%  |
| 5 Years            | 8.7%      | 5.8%      | 2.9%  |
| 10 Years           | 16.0%     | 14.0%     | 2.0%  |
| Since Inception    | 19.9%     | 17.6%     | 2.3%  |

| Risk Metrics (over 5 years) | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Standard Deviation          | 14.4%     | 13.50%    |
| Downside Deviation          | 12.1%     | 10.55%    |
| Sharpe Ratio                | 0.19      | -0.01     |

**Cumulative Performance Since Inception**



**Investment Objective and Strategy**

The fund aims to maximise income returns and long term capital growth by investing in stocks in the Real Estate sector on the JSE. Through active management and stock selection, the fund aims to provide superior returns to the FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property Index.

**Market and Portfolio Commentary**

Markets were weak across all asset classes in October, with equities experiencing a sharp correction amidst a global sell-off. The All Share index declined 5.8%, with bonds and property both losing 1.7%. South Africa's new finance minister, Tito Mboweni, delivered his maiden Medium-Term Budget Policy Statement in a tough economic environment and highlighted the challenges faced by the government. A decrease in growth assumptions and a wider than anticipated budget deficit over the medium term were negatively received by the market, with bond yields rising and the currency weakening following the statement. Positively, the expenditure ceiling has been maintained despite the constrained revenue stream (given low growth) as treasury attempts to reprioritise spending within the budget to drive growth and employment. The disappointing MTBPS could see Moody's downgrade SA's credit rating outlook to negative. A downgrade of the rating by Moody's (the last of the three ratings agencies to maintain SA's investment grade rating) would put significant selling pressure on SA bonds and the rand, the possibility of which is already priced into bond yields.

The October reporting season kicked off with Equites, who delivered a solid 11.7% growth in DPS for their interim results to August 2018. The fund is expecting to hit the upper quartile of its distribution guidance (10% - 12%) for the full year ending February. The strong results were achieved through 7.8% like-for-like income growth over the period, combined with a decreasing finance cost, reduced gearing, filling of vacant space, and the completion of some acquisitions and developments over the period. The company is built on solid fundamentals, with a 99% industrial portfolio leased to 93% A-grade tenants, and a weighted average lease term of 8.3 years. Equites continues to be one of our top picks, and has performed admirably over the period.

Octodec delivered their annual results for the FY18 year, keeping distributions flat at 203 cents per share. Like-for-like growth in rental income for the year was below inflation at 2.6%, putting pressure on distribution growth. Sharon's Place, one of Octodec's flagship developments in the Pretoria (Tshwane) CBD was completed during the period and will be fully let going into the FY19 financial year, but dragged on earnings over the period due to the property not being fully income-producing during the let-up stage. Octodec's results highlight the challenging conditions faced by the sector, with economic and political uncertainty weighing on consumer confidence and economic growth. Octodec is fully invested in the Gauteng region, with 67% of their portfolio in Tshwane, and 33% in Johannesburg.

The Western Cape appears to be faring somewhat better, as Spear's interim results to August show. The company achieved growth in distributions of 9.3%, and is guiding to full year growth of between 9% - 11%. 98% of the portfolio is invested in the Western Cape. Over the period the company recycled capital from mature or low-growth assets into those which they believe offer better opportunities, and grew the average property value in the process. 12% of the portfolio revenue is derived from the hospitality sector, which has struggled over the period due to the severe drought in Cape Town as well as some refurbishment projects underway. Spear REIT listed in November 2016, and has performed well over the past two years.

The sector is currently trading at a forward yield of 9.4%, with South African companies offering a forward yield of over 10% and inflation-linked distribution growth over the next 3 years.

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