# QIR Quarterly investor report Q4

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# Momentum Enhanced Yield Fund

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## Managers corner

### Meet your managers

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Zisanda Gila joined Momentum Investments in November 2015 as a portfolio manager in the fixed-income team after being with Momentum Asset Management since July 2011 performing similar duties. Her career started as fixed income dealer at Metropolitan Asset Managers and later became an investment analyst.

Managed portfolio since 16 Nov 2016

### Managers view

#### Economic overview

The strength of the global economic upturn will be reliant on the success of vaccination campaigns and greater global co-operation to guarantee efficient distribution of vaccines worldwide but the road to recovery remains uneven and uncertain. Diversified economies that are less exposed to contact-intensive activity will likely fare better, while concentrated and services-related economies are likely to require further support. Continued fiscal stimulus and accommodative monetary policy are crucial, in our view, in keeping the world economy afloat and will lessen lasting economic damage from the crisis.

Meanwhile in South Africa (SA), muted confidence, a strained fiscus, ongoing electricity shortages and a flare up in infections will contain the anticipated recovery in growth in 2021. After contracting at an expected 8.1% in 2020, growth is likely to increase to a below-consensus 2% in 2021, before slowing to 1.6% in 2022. Efforts to arrest the increase in government’s debt burden through higher growth will likely be constrained and could lead to further negative rating actions later in 2021. While near term inflation pressures are likely tilted to the downside, we see inflation rising in the medium term from an expected average of 3.2% in 2020 to 3.9% in 2021 and 4.7% in 2022. We are projecting a shift higher in interest rates in the second half of 2021 given the SA Reserve Bank’s warning against the constraints of fiscal dominance and the dangers of running negative real interest rates for too long.

#### Market overview

In line with the market consensus, the SARB Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted 3:2 to leave the repo rate unchanged at 3.5% at the November meeting. Looking forward into the new year 2021, growth and inflation remain focal points for the direction of interest rates as the economy claws its way back to pre-pandemic growth levels. Inflation forecasts and expectations in the lower part of the SARB’s 3% - 6% target range provide room to flatten although MPC appears uncomfortable and mindful of a negative forward-looking repo rate. Forward rate agreements (FRAs) are pricing in full 25 bps rate cut in the January 2021 meeting with 1x4''s trading around 23bps below JIBAR. We expect steady interest rates going forward.

#### Portfolio overview

The fund invests in selected money market instruments issued by government, corporates and banks - both floating and fixed rates. It is positioned to withstand changes in interest rates with minimal impact on yield over time. These investments are held to maturity. In order to achieve this, our investment strategy incorporates our view of interest rates, inflation and monetary policy. We maintain this overall investment strategy and extract alpha from different sources and curves. Risk-adjusted returns remain our key focus.

The fund delivered excess return above its benchmark (STeFI Composite) for the fourth quarter of 2020.

### Portfolio positioning

**Duration** – the fund duration at quarter end was 0.36 years relative benchmark weighted duration of 0.45 years. We increase duration as market reprices to higher yields.

**Yield curve** – as year-end approached, money market rates normalised and negotiable certificate of deposit (NCD) spreads rebounded significantly across the curve from the multi-year lows. This rise in NCD spreads could have been prompted by year-end liquidity pressure as banks tried to fill their funding requirements. Also, the relative attractiveness of Treasury Bill yields compared to NCDs, potentially shifted investors’ appetite to Treasury Bills than NCDs resulting in the upward shift of the NCD curve. Backend of the curve remains elevated in the 3 to 5-year points and we remain curve point specific – trading where value can be extracted. The strategy of fixed rate notes investing paid off. As we mentioned previously, JIBAR rate did start to push up after dipping in October – closing the negative gap and ending the year trading 14 points above the repo rate.

**Credit** – 2020 has been characterised by low issuance brought by the COVID-19 shock with most auctions cancelled in the debt capital market (DCM). Issuance in the credit market has since picked up meaningfully from October. Spreads on high quality names like Mercedes Benz cleared 5bps through the bottom of price guidance while other issuers saw wider spreads even compared to pre-pandemic levels. There has been relatively greater demand for shorter-term paper in recent auctions which suggests relative investor preference for shorter-term paper, with most relative trading activity between 6- and 18-months to maturity possibly due to COVID-19 induced uncertainty.

The widening of corporate spreads and narrowing of bank NCD spreads resulted in a historically wide gap in spreads post the onset of COVID-19. However, corporate spreads appear to have peaked while NCD spreads appear to have bottomed; this could set tone for some compression in the gap between the two.

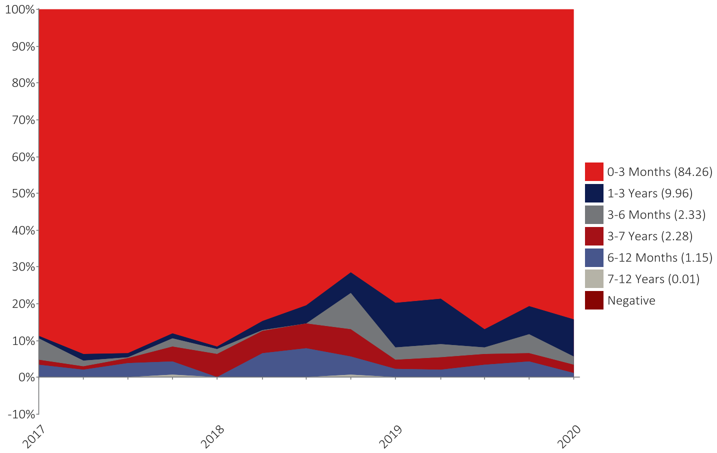
State-owned enterprises (SOEs) in general are struggling to raise funding in the local DCM, particularly those who aim to fund outright without government guarantees and the spreads remained elevated. Investors have also been looking to offload their SOE holdings on a risk-off sentiment. Average SOE spreads were broadly subdued, except for the floating-rate development finance institutions (DFI) spreads which widened slightly.

For liquidity purposes, the fund maintains enough buffer of tradeable holdings in bank assets which can be converted to cash quickly.

## Facts and figures

### Holdings

#### Maturity spread (%)

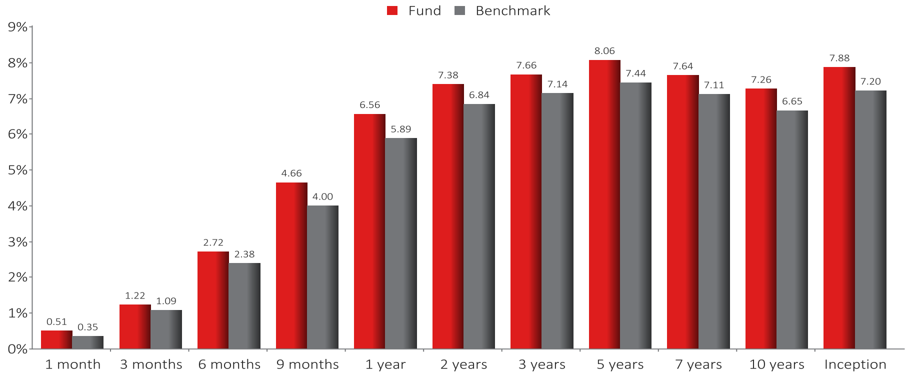



#### Q3 2020 to Q4 2020

| Sector (%) | Q4 | Q3 | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash/Money Market | 46.08 | 50.26 | -4.19 |
| Bonds - Fixed Rate | 9.52 | 8.20 | 1.32 |
| Bonds - Floating Rate | 44.40 | 41.54 | 2.87 |

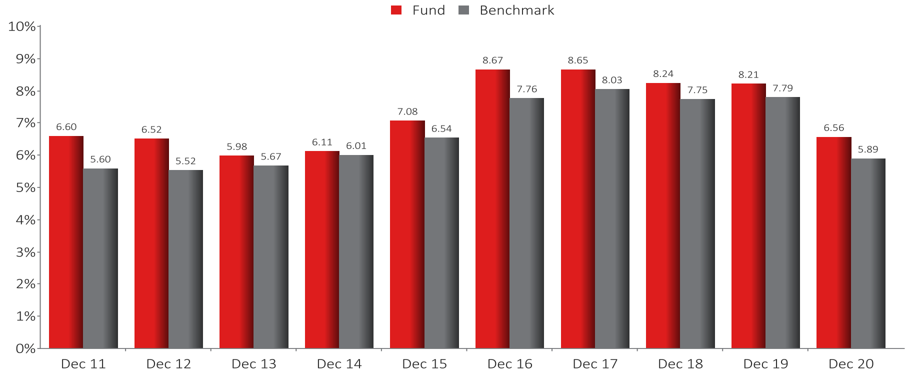
## Performance

### Returns (%)




Cumulative for all periods less than 1 year, annualised for all longer periods.

### One year returns (%)




Cumulative returns ending 31 December each year.

**Fund:** Momentum Enhanced Yield Fund Class A (Inception 17 March 2008)

**Benchmark:** STeFI + 0.5% p.a.

**Performance:** All portfolio performance is calculated for a portfolio/portfolio class. Individual investor returns may differ as a result of fees, actual date(s) of investment, date(s) of reinvestment of income and withholding tax. All portfolio performance shown is net of the Total Investment Charges (TIC) but excludes any initial or ongoing advisory fees that may, if applicable, be charged separately. Annualised returns, also known as Compound Annualised Growth Rates (CAGR), are calculated from cumulative returns; they provide an indication of the average annual return achieved from an investment that was held for the stated time period. Actual annual figures are available from the Manager on request. All portfolio performance figures quoted (tables and charts where present) are as at 31/12/2020, based on a lump sum investment, using NAV-NAV prices with income distributions reinvested on the ex-dividend date. CPI/Inflation figures, where present, are lagged by one month. Cash figures, where present, are STeFI Composite Index returns. All figures quoted in ZAR. Source: Morningstar and/or Momentum.

## Information

Momentum Enhanced Yield Fund R 6.89 billion

| Class | Status | Direct Retail | Cost Ratios as at 30 September 2020 | | | | | FYE | Price, Participatory Interests and AUM | | | MDD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | TER (%) | TC (%) | TIC (%) | From | 1Y TER (%) | TER (%) | NAV Price (cpu) | Units in issue | Size (Rands) | |
| A | Open | Yes | 0.59 | 0.00 | 0.59 | 1 Oct 2017 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 89.22 | 813,868,888 | 726,111,290 | |
| B1 | Open | No | 0.70 | 0.00 | 0.70 | 1 Oct 2017 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 89.21 | 157,963,226 | 140,920,069 | |
| B2 | Open | No | 0.24 | 0.00 | 0.24 | 1 Oct 2017 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 89.24 | 844,916,261 | 754,042,867 | |
| B3 | Open | No | 0.59 | 0.00 | 0.59 | 1 Oct 2017 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 89.22 | 84,233,054 | 75,150,916 | |
| B4 | Open | No | 0.24 | 0.00 | 0.24 | 1 Oct 2017 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 89.25 | 121,285,409 | 108,246,064 | |
| B5 | Open | No | 0.47 | 0.00 | 0.47 | 1 Oct 2017 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 89.22 | 3,337,045,598 | 2,977,423,292 | |
| B6 | Open | No | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 1 Oct 2017 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 89.26 | 253,931,327 | 226,671,655 | |
| B7 | Open | No | 0.30 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 1 Oct 2017 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 89.21 | 1,618,713,462 | 1,444,089,425 | |
| B8 | Open | No | 1.33 | 0.00 | 1.33 | 1 Oct 2017 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 89.17 | 11,273 | 10,051 | |
| E | Open | No | 0.30 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 5 Jan 2018 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 89.22 | 181,635,704 | 162,053,628 | |

Class, Status, Direct Retail: A portfolio may have multiple classes, each of which may be open or closed to new investment, not all classes of a portfolio are available for direct retail investment as the different classes may be designed for/accessible to different investor types.

Cost Ratios: The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. A current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. The disclosed TERs are shown as an annual percentage based on data for the period from the date shown to 30 September 2020. The Transaction Costs Ratio (TC) is the percentage of the net asset value of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impact Financial Product returns. The TC 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. The disclosed TC is shown as an annual percentage based on data for the period from the date shown to 30 September 2020. The Total Investment Charges (TIC) is the sum of the TER of the relevant class and the TC of the Financial Product and is shown as a percentage depicting the annual costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product. Cost ratios are calculated using historical actual and/or estimated data and are provided solely as an indication/guide as to the annual expenses/costs that could be incurred. These ratios do not represent any current/actual charges or fees.

FYE: The disclosed Financial year end TERs (total expense ratios) are shown as an annual percentage based on data for the 1 year period to 30 June 2020.

Price, Participatory Interests and AUM: Data as at 31 December 2020

MDD: CIS regulations require a minimum disclosure document (MDD) to be compiled for all CIS portfolios, which must be viewed by an investor at point of sale. A link to the MDD that corresponds to the date of this QIR has been provided in the table above (for the relevant class of the portfolio) and we recommend that you review the MDD for further details on this portfolio.

## Important information

### Disclosures

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Permanent capital loss for investors is unlikely but possible if an issuer of one of the instruments held in the fund defaults. Significant widening in credit spreads on instruments held in the fund can result in temporary short term capital volatility but not permanent capital loss.

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