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31 August 2026 — Marlin Bluestar Balanced

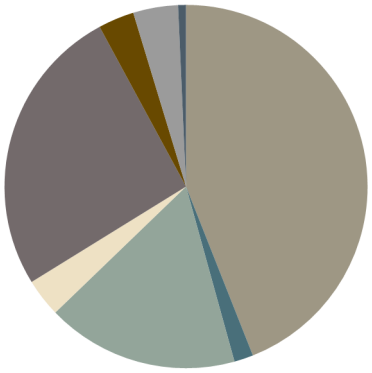
Fund Details

Fund Category	SA Multi Asset High Equity
Benchmark	CPI+5%
Risk Profile	Moderate Aggressive
Investment period	5 years
Launch Date	01 March 2016
Fund Size	R 481 million
Platform	Glacier

Fund Objective

The wrap fund aims to provide a high level of capital growth over the long term. Investors in this fund are prepared to tolerate high fluctuations in the value of their investment over the short term. The fund will be diversified across all major asset classes with a bias towards equities (maximum of 75%). Investors in this fund should have a minimum investment horizon of 5 years. The fund is compliant with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act, 1956.

Asset Allocation



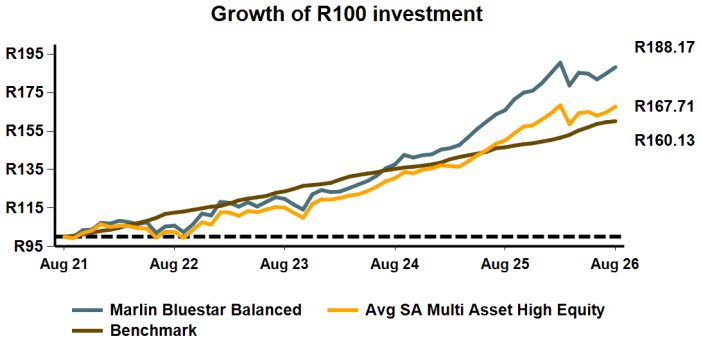
Equity, 44.0%
Property, 1.7%
Bonds, 17.1%
Cash, 3.4%
International Equity, 25.9%
International Bonds, 3.2%
International Cash, 4.0%
International Property, 0.7%

Investor Profile

This fund is suitable for investors looking for:

- High level of capital growth
- Able to tolerate high levels of volatility
- A minimum investment horizon of 5 years

Cumulative performance - 5 years *



Performance (%)	Fund*	Fund Benchmark	Avg SA Multi Asset High Equity
1 Month	1.77	0.33	1.85
3 Months	1.80	2.05	1.66
6 Months	-1.23	5.66	-0.40
1 Year	13.44	9.26	11.71
2 Years (annualised)	16.93	8.78	13.36
3 Years (annualised)	16.26	8.99	13.31
5 Years (annualised)	13.48	9.87	10.90
10 Years (annualised)	10.31	9.63	8.44
YTD	4.58	7.10	4.17
Since Launch	10.39	9.71	8.61

Risk statistics (5 years)	Fund*
Returns (annualised)	13.48%
Standard deviation (annualised)	8.31%
% Positive months	71.67%
Maximum drawdown	-6.23%
Sharpe ratio	0.78

Manager Selection (%)

Truffle SCI Flexible Fund	14.00	Amplify SCI Equity Fund (Oyster Catcher)	8.50
Prescient Balanced Fund	13.00	Fairtree SA Equity Prescient Fund	8.50
Amplify SCI Flexible Equity Fund (Abax)	12.00	Coronation Global Optimum Growth Fund	5.00
Denker SCI Balanced Fund	10.00	Denker SCI Global Equity Feeder Fund	5.00
PSG Flexible Fund	10.00	Prescient Flexible Bond Fund	4.00
Satrix Balanced Index Fund	10.00		

Monthly Fund Performance* (%)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund 2026	2.92	2.88	-6.23	3.70	-0.22	-1.65	1.71	1.77					4.58
Fund 2025	1.72	0.53	1.08	2.85	2.87	2.39	2.28	1.36	3.36	2.02	0.60	2.25	25.92
Fund 2024	-0.83	0.18	1.41	1.50	1.44	2.09	2.99	1.45	3.61	-0.95	0.86	0.30	14.88

Fees (% incl. VAT)	
Annual wrap fee	0.23
Underlying Manager TER	0.80
Underlying Manager TIC (TIC = TC + TER)	1.04

* The investor is liable for CGT on any transactions in the units of the underlying unit trusts within the wrap funds. Compulsory investments are not subject to CGT. Performance is calculated using net returns (after fees) of the underlying unit trusts, and quoted excluding wrap fund fees. Performance quoted is pre-tax. Fund performance numbers shown are for a notional portfolio and do not reflect the actual performance of the client invested in the wrap fund due to timing differences of investments or disinvestments of the client. Benchmark returns for CPI are based on actual published returns and an estimated one month return for the month of the report date. ASISA Benchmark returns are the ASISA returns available as at the time of reporting.

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Manager Comment

The US labour market showed signs of recovery in August, with job growth strengthening after a subdued performance in the prior month. In China, economic momentum continued to weaken, with an increasingly uneven recovery marked by resilient external demand but sluggish domestic activity. Eurozone inflation picked up in August 2026, although underlying inflationary pressures appeared to moderate despite the higher headline reading. In the UK, the services sector delivered an unexpected improvement during the month. Japan's foreign exchange reserves recorded their steepest decline since official records began in 2000. Locally, South Africa's annual consumer inflation rate eased in July, offering some relief from cost pressures facing consumers.

Global equity market returns moved further into double-digit territory, with the MSCI World Index ending August at 13.4% year-to-date (YTD), while recording a single-digit monthly gain of 2.58% month-on-month (m/m), in US dollars. Market leadership rotated from the momentum-driven trading environment that has dominated performance over the past few months towards a more fundamentally driven market. August started with positive rhetoric from US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Qatari officials about the possibility of an imminent agreement to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, which drove the price of Brent crude below US$80/bbl. The MSCI EM Index ended the month in positive territory, rising 3.40% m/m from July's 3.03% m/m gain, and 24.35% YTD, in US dollars. The FTSE 100 ended August in positive territory at 0.69% m/m, although this was lower than July's 3.69% m/m gain in pound sterling. The S&P 500 gained 2.72% m/m in August, following July's gain of 0.06% m/m, in US dollars. Global bonds gained 0.40% m/m in August after declining 0.21% m/m in July, in US dollars. After outperforming with a 2.67% m/m gain in July, global property ended August in negative territory, down 3.06% m/m, in US dollars. The Euro Stoxx 50 Index's gains continued into August, rising 1.04% m/m from July's 0.58% m/m gain, in euros. The Dow Jones Index ended August positively at 1.47% m/m, following July's 0.38% m/m gain, in US dollars. The Nikkei Index's July gains continued into August, ending the month up 3.08% m/m in yen terms.

The JSE was the best-performing major equity market in August, with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index ending the month up 4.65% m/m in rand terms. This marked a second consecutive positive month, bringing the index back into positive territory YTD. As was the case for most of 2025 and the beginning of 2026, returns on the local bourse were largely driven by precious metals miners, with Resources gaining 24.46% m/m and 11.61% YTD, while the rest of the market struggled. Local property ended the month in negative territory, declining 3.81% m/m in rand terms, while Financials also underperformed, falling 1.22% m/m compared with the previous month's 2.30% m/m gain. The Industrials sector was also in negative territory in August, declining 4.92% after recording a positive return of 4.27% m/m in July. Cash continued its positive returns from July into August, rising 0.58% m/m in rand terms and 3.20% m/m in US dollars. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index ended the month positively, gaining 0.69% m/m in rand terms and 3.31% m/m in US dollars. Local bonds gained across the short, medium and long end of the curve, with bonds of 1–3 years gaining 0.74% m/m, bonds of 3–7 years gaining 0.55% m/m, bonds of 7–12 years gaining 0.84% m/m, and bonds of 12 years and above gaining 0.68% m/m. The rand strengthened 2.60% m/m against the US dollar, 1.63% m/m against the euro and 1.84% m/m against the pound sterling.

Portfolio Manager

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About the Portfolio Manager

Niël has over 10 years of experience in the financial industry across the UK and SA. Having graduated in 2007 from Stellenbosch University with an honours degree in Financial Analysis, he took up a role with PwC UK (London) in 2008 as a member of their Anti-Money Laundering team. In 2009 he returned to South Africa where he joined up with State Street Southern Africa, serving as a Portfolio Administrator. Having always had the ambition of entering the asset management industry he eventually teamed up with Autus Fund Managers, a small Cape Town based boutique fund manager, in 2010. He gained a wealth of experience in managing various direct equity and multi-asset portfolios. He is a CFA charter holder having obtained the designation in 2014.

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