

## NORTHSTAR BCI GLOBAL FLEXIBLE FUND (A)

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT | 31 MARCH 2024

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

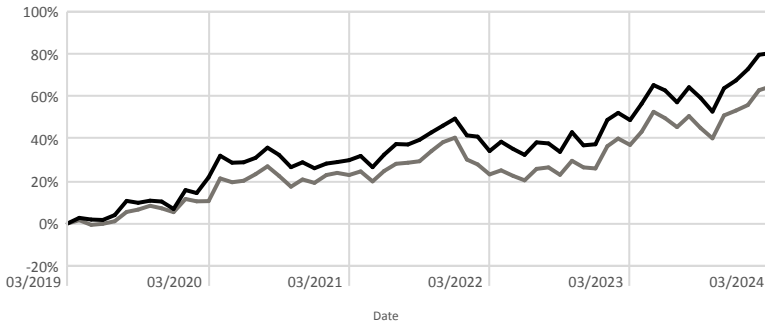
Northstar BCI Global Flexible Fund aims to provide investors with high long-term capital growth.

### INVESTMENT POLICY

The portfolio will have at least 80% exposure to markets outside of South Africa. The Manager shall have the maximum flexibility to vary assets between asset classes and countries reflect the changing economic and market conditions. The portfolio's investment universe consists of equity securities, preference shares, property shares and property related securities, notes, non-equity securities, bonds, inflation linked bonds, corporate bonds, debentures, other interest bearing instruments and securities as well as assets in liquid form. The portfolio may invest in participatory interests or any other form of participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar collective investment schemes. The portfolio may from time to time invest in listed and unlisted financial instruments. For the purpose of this portfolio, the manager shall reserve the right to close the portfolio to new investors in order to manage the portfolio in accordance with its mandate.

### PERFORMANCE (Net of Fees)

Performance: 5 years



— Northstar BCI Global Flexible Fund (A)  
— Fund Benchmark

Cumulative (%)	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Fund	21.26	38.91	80.26	-	124.99
Fund Benchmark	20.16	34.07	64.64	-	78.26

#### Annualised (%)

Fund	21.26	11.58	12.51	-	10.37
Fund Benchmark	20.16	10.27	10.49	-	7.29

Inception date: 12 Jan 2016

#### Risk Statistics

##### Fund / Fund Benchmark

Standard Deviation	1 Year	3 Years	Maximum Drawdown	1 Year	3 Years
Fund	13.56%	12.94%	Fund	-7.55%	-11.45%
Fund Benchmark	13.55%	12.60%	Fund Benchmark	-8.18%	-14.35%

#### Highest and Lowest: Calendar year performance since inception

Fund	High	21.90%	Fund Benchmark	High	21.69%
	Low	-8.07%		Low	-10.32%

### MONTHLY RETURNS (%)

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2024	3.1	3.9	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.69
2023	8.3	2.3	-2.3	5.2	5.6	-1.5	-3.5	4.6	-3.0	-4.1	7.2	2.2	21.90
2022	-5.3	-0.4	-4.8	3.2	-2.4	-2.1	4.5	-0.3	-2.9	6.9	-4.3	0.4	-8.07
2021	1.7	0.5	0.7	1.5	-4.0	4.6	3.8	-0.1	1.6	2.5	2.2	2.3	18.53
2020	8.4	-1.3	6.5	8.4	-2.5	0.1	1.7	3.7	-2.5	-4.4	1.9	-2.2	18.06
2019	-3.0	9.3	5.3	2.6	-0.8	-0.2	2.3	6.4	-0.8	1.0	-0.4	-3.2	19.24

Effective 25/08/2023: Northstar Sanlam Collective Investments Global Flexible Fund amalgamated with Northstar BCI Global Flexible Fund. Annualised return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

### FUND INFORMATION

Portfolio Manager:	Adrian Clayton & Mark Seymour
Launch date:	12 Jan 2016
Portfolio Value:	R 705 766 422
NAV Price (Fund Inception):	98.48 cents
NAV Price as at month end:	219.58 cents
JSE Code:	BFGFA
ISIN Number:	ZAE000210225
ASISA Category:	Global Multi Asset Flexible
Fund Benchmark:	ASISA Global Multi Asset Flexible category average
Minimum Investment Amount:	None
#Monthly Fixed Admin Fee:	Refer page 2 notes
Valuation:	Daily
Valuation time:	15:00
Transaction time:	14:00
Regulation 28:	No

### FEE STRUCTURE

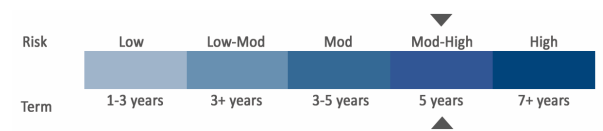
Annual Service Fee:	1.43% (Incl. VAT)
Performance Fee:	None
* Total Expense Ratio (TER):	Dec 23 : 1.31% (PY: 1.31%)
Performance fees incl in TER:	Dec 23 : 0.00% (PY: 0.00%)
Portfolio Transaction Cost:	Dec 23 : 0.06% (PY: 0.06%)
Total Investment Charge:	Dec 23 : 1.37% (PY: 1.37%)
	All percentages include VAT, where applicable

### Income Distribution (cpu)

Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23
-	-	0.10	-	0.05	-
Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
-	-	1.38	-	-	-

Date of Income Declaration: 30 June/31 December  
Date of Income Payment: 2nd working day of Jul/Jan

### RISK PROFILE



#### Moderate - High Risk

- This portfolio holds more equity exposure than a medium risk portfolio but less than a high-risk portfolio. In turn the expected volatility is higher than a medium risk portfolio, but less than a high-risk portfolio. The probability of losses is higher than that of a medium risk portfolio, but less than a high-risk portfolio and the expected potential long-term investment returns could therefore be higher than a medium risk portfolio.
- Where the asset allocation contained in this MDD reflects offshore exposure, the portfolio is exposed to currency risks.
- The portfolio is exposed to equity as well as default and interest rate risks.
- Therefore, it is suitable for medium to long-term investment horizons.

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### PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Effective Exposure (%)	As at 29 Feb 2024	Top Holdings (%)	As at 29 Feb 2024
Offshore Equity	69.82	Northstar Global Income A	9.8
Offshore Bonds	11.41	SPDR® Gold Shares	6.6
Offshore Cash	9.61	Visa Inc Class A	3.8
Offshore Property	1.37	Mastercard Inc Class A	3.7
Domestic Cash	0.19	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	2.8
Domestic Equity	0.05	Philip Morris International Inc	2.5
Other	7.55	L3Harris Technologies Inc	2.4
		Medtronic PLC	2.4
		Intertek Group PLC	2.3
		Elevance Health Inc	2.2

Derivative exposure included above (look-through on underlying funds included) 0.00%

### INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURES

#### Risks

Certain investments - including those involving futures, options, equity swaps, and other derivatives may give rise to substantial risk and might not be suitable for all investors. Where foreign securities are included in the portfolio there may be additional risks such as potential constraints on liquidity and repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risk, political risk, foreign exchange risk, tax risk, settlement risk as well as potential limitations on the availability of market information.

#### \* Total Expense Ratio (TER)

Please note: A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. The prior year ("PY") TER and Transaction cost calculations are based upon the portfolio's direct costs for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, whilst the underlying portfolios' ratio and cost calculations are based upon their most recent published figures, being 31 December 2023.

#### Effective Annual Cost:

Boutique Collective Investments adopted the ASISA Standard on Effective Annual Cost ("EAC"). The EAC measure allows you to compare charges on your investments as well as their impact on your investment returns prior to investing. For further information regarding the ASISA Standard on Effective Annual Cost and access to the EAC calculator please visit our website at [www.bcis.co.za](http://www.bcis.co.za). BCI calculates the EAC as per the ASISA standard for a period of 3 years up till the most recent TER reporting period.

#Monthly Fixed Admin Fee: R15 excl. VAT which will apply to all direct investor accounts with balances of less than R100 000 at month end, unless an investor transacts online, in which case no such fee will be levied.

#### Total Investment Charges

* Total Expense Ratio (TER)	Transactional Cost (TC)	Total Investment Charge (TER & TC)
1.31%	0.06%	1.37%
Of the value of the Fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Fund.	Of the value of the Fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Fund.	Of the value of the Fund was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Fund.

#### FAIS Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Please note that your financial advisor may be a related party to the co-naming partner and/or BCI. It is your financial advisor's responsibility to disclose all fees he/she receives from any related party. The portfolio's TER includes all fees paid by portfolio to BCI, the trustees, the auditors, banks, the co-naming partner, underlying portfolios, and any other investment consultants/managers as well as distribution fees and LISP rebates, if applicable. The portfolio's performance numbers are calculated net of the TER expenses. The investment manager earns a portion of the service charge and performance fees where applicable. In some instances portfolios invest in other portfolios which form part of the BCI Scheme. These investments will be detailed in this document, as applicable.

#### Investment Manager

Northstar Asset Management (Pty) Ltd is an authorised Financial Service Provider FSP 601.

- Additional information, including application forms, annual or quarterly reports can be obtained from BCI, free of charge or can be accessed on our website [www.bcis.co.za](http://www.bcis.co.za).
- Valuation takes place daily and prices can be viewed on our website ([www.bcis.co.za](http://www.bcis.co.za)) or in the daily newspaper.
- Actual annual performance figures are available to existing investors on request.
- Upon request the Manager will provide the investor with portfolio quarterly investment holdings reports.

#### Management Company Information

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### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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The Northstar Global Flexible \$ fund had another solid performance over the quarter under review.

It returned 5.82% versus the average of peers at 3.8%. Over the past year, the fund has gained 13.09% in dollars and the average peer 10.51%. Since its inception, it has returned 6.81% annualized versus 3.3% for its sector and it is ranked in the seventh percentile. Most pleasing is the funds' consistency, it has remained in the top third of its peer group over every significant period since its inception. The peer group is the EAA USD Flexible Allocation sector.

### MARKET OUTLOOK AND PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

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Despite this pleasing performance against flexible peers, our investment team has not found the markets easy to navigate. In fact, the equity component of the fund underperformed the MSCI World index over 12 months (MSCI World 25.6% versus equities in the fund 20.15%). Fortunately, for the past quarter, our equity returns are like the equity benchmark, at 8.29% versus the MSCI World at 8.97% and in March, the fund's stocks outperformed the MSCI World index.

But rampant Tech (+12.4%) and Energy (+10%), both of which we have underweight to no exposure, as well as Communication services (+13%), where we are only slightly overweight, made beating the index difficult. In addition, our large overweight sector bests, in Healthcare (13.5% positive active bet) and Staples (7.6% positive active bet) underperformed the market for the quarter under review.

We contextualize the difficulty in beating the market in 2023 and early 2024 as follows. This is not the first time our equity portfolio has struggled against the index, the same happened in 2021 and for the same reason – momentum is the single largest factor driving the index – the momentum factor returned 20.1% in Q1 2024 and 36% over 12 months against Quality at 11.6% in 2024 and 33.6% over 12 months. Value as a factor has gained 7.5% this year and returned 18.8% over 12 months. The Northstar philosophy is to own quality stocks at a reasonable price, the process folds quality and valuation into a compelling case of long-term outperformance. We will struggle in a raging momentum environment!

That said, our benchmark is 60% MSCI World and 40% GLAG. Over the quarter, we outperformed this passive comparison by almost 1%, but we acknowledge that over 12 months, we are lagging the benchmark, simply due to the equity component. Our fixed income team delivered attribution of 3.6% over the past year – good selection accounted for 0.4% of this, the rest came from being underweight fixed income (average weighting of 18.7% in the fund against the benchmark of 40%). For the quarter, bond exposure had been cut to 14% and attribution was 2.2% of which 0.5% came from selection. A 9.4% exposure to gold over the year also helped performance.

We have become increasingly defensively positioned in the fund. This is not a gut feel approach, but instead rather mechanically derived. We use our buy list's discount to intrinsic value as a driver of equity exposure, when the buy list operates at a large discount (we increase equity exposure as our stocks are cheap), conversely, when the discount narrows, it implies that stocks are expensive, and we reduce risk asset exposure. The discount narrowed to the lower end of its historical range late last year and particularly in 2024, on this basis, equity exposure has been reduced.

Whilst our process is bottom-up and focused on that level, we do think that various macro indicators are worth noting. These, coincidentally corroborate our defensive positioning and include: Heightened geopolitical uncertainty both in the Middle East and in various countries facing national elections in 2024 – including the USA; High levels of confidence from market participants that a recession is a low probability outcome in the USA, despite such consensus being a contra cyclical indicator and the yield curve remaining inverted and finally; sticky inflation where base effects and energy prices are acting against softer readings.

We believe that the fund is extremely well positioned considering the present investment environment, its risk asset exposure is undervalued relative to the broader index and should outperform over time and its defensive positioning allows the management team to capitalize on any market correction, should this take place.