

## OUR INDEXATION CAPABILITIES

A part of the FirstRand Group

### FULLY INVESTED

#### WHO WE ARE

Ashburton Investments is FirstRand group's trusted investment manager fully invested in the outcomes of our clients. Our innovative solutions use both active and passive investment strategies to meet our clients' varying needs.

Our indexation business has a highly experienced team with a proven track record dating back to 2008. The team is skilled in structuring indexation products that have the best tracking efficiency along with low transaction costs.

With the backing of one of the largest financial services companies in Africa, we have access to the latest technology and a wide range of investment capabilities and services to bring you the best solutions in the market.

We offer index tracking as well as index-based investment solutions.

## WE ARE A CLIENT CENTRIC BUSINESS



#### WHAT SETS US APART

We have pioneered many first to market exchange traded products that remain unique.

Our Quantitative Solutions team works alongside the Indexation team to provide research, quantitative data analysis, and product design to ensure our solutions and funds are best of breed in the market.

The South African Listed Tracker Awards (SALTA) recognises ETF issuers for exceptional products provided to the South African market. We are proud to have been recognised as having the best tracking efficiency in the local equity market.

#### **RESPONSIBLE INVESTING**

At Ashburton Investments, we are committed to socially responsible investing, transformation and empowerment, development of staff and skills transfer and sharing.

We utilise proxy voting as a mechanism to support strong governance processes of the companies we are invested in on behalf of our clients, and we publicly disclose proxy vote results. As a sizeable asset manager, we are able to influence corporate behaviour, and this is a responsibility we consider core to our investment governance processes.

We participate in the Association for Savings and Investment South Africa (ASISA) Responsible Investing sub-committee and endorse the Codes for Responsible Investing South Africa (CRISA). We are also a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI).



#### WHY CHOOSE US



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#### OUR TEAM



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#### USING INDEXATION ALONGSIDE ACTIVE

When constructing a portfolio, the debate should not be an active versus passive one but rather how one can combine active and passive to generate optimised client outcomes.

Index investing has evolved globally since inception more than 50 years ago. The growth in indexation indicates the significant shift in investor behavior and risk appetite, and the overall impact of passive strategies. As an asset manager, we believe that exploring the best aspects of both passive and active investing make for a sound portfolio construction approach.

The benefits of index investing include:

- Predictable benchmark returns
- Lower costs and better performance
- Access to a diversified basket of stocks



Collaborative approach to meet your investment objectives

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#### OUR FUNDS AND PRODUCTS

Three ways in which we can deliver or your investment requirements:

TRADITIONAL INDEX TRACKING

We use our broad skill set to track indices across multiple asset classes

MULTI ASSET SOLUTIONS

These solutions are actively managed, using predominantly index building blocks CUSTOMISATION

We collaborate with you to customise solutions according to your needs, including factor, thematic and ESG indices

#### OUR FUNDS AND PRODUCTS

#### TRADITIONAL INDEX TRACKING

#### Successful track record

If you are looking for efficient investment building blocks, you can choose from a range of index-tracking exchange traded funds (ETFs) which we manage on behalf of FNB CIS Manco. These ETFs have market exposure ranging across traditional market cap, fixed income, global equities, and global bonds. They come with low transaction costs, minimum tracking errors and deliver on their objectives of matching the specified index.

We track a range of indices on both an off the shelf and customised basis, including factor-based indices and global indices across multiple jurisdictions, in a variety of different vehicles, including segregated mandates as well as on balance sheet.

#### EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS\*

Product	Benchmark
FNB Top 40 ETF	FTSE/JSE Top40 Index
FNB Midcap ETF	FTSE/JSE Mid Cap Index
FNB Inflation ETF	FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Government Index (IGOV)
FNB Global 1200 Equity Fund of Funds ETF	S&P Global 1200 Index
FNB World Government Bond ETF	FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI)

\*All ETF related data, including minimum disclosure documents (fund fact sheets), is accessible via the FNB website.

#### TRACKER UNIT TRUST

Product	Benchmark
Ashburton GOVI Tracker A	JSE Government Bond Index (GOVI)

#### MULTI ASSET SOLUTIONS

We can create solutions with an active asset allocation strategy using a diversified range of core local and offshore passive investments, to bring together the benefits of an actively managed fund with the cost benefits and transparency of passive underlying building blocks.

An off the shelf solution of this nature is the FNB Core Balanced Fund which we manage on behalf of FNB CIS Manco. It is a cost-effective balanced fund providing diversification with exposure to various asset classes for long term capital growth. Our aim is to provide sustained real returns in the lowest cost balanced fund in the market.

#### MULTI ASSET SOLUTIONS\*

Product	Benchmark
FNB Core Balanced Fund	CPI + 5% over a rolling 7+ years investment period

\*The FNB Core Balanced Fund data, including minimum disclosure documents (fund fact sheets), is accessible via the FNB website.

We also offer this capability in a segregated portfolio because we understand that clients have varying investment needs. We partner with our clients to build solutions that meet their specific requirements and deliver sustainable returns using both active and passive investing.

#### USING INDEXATION IN A MULTI ASSET SOLUTION

- Low cost benefit complemented by efficient portfolio management
  - Helps improve efficiency and achieve benchmark returns

Use of internal ETFs to avoid impact of double counting fees and they have a proven track record

Direct investment to underlying assets - when efficient to do so

Core investment liquidity - allows for quick and efficient changes in asset allocations



#### CUSTOMISATION

If you have a unique investment need and require a more tailored solution, we collaborate with you to customise solutions according to your requirements, including factor, thematic and ESG indices. We focus on understanding the broader context of your investment objectives and needs and draw on our breadth of traditional and alternative capabilities to give you the best available solutions for your needs.

#### FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD PARTNER WITH US

**Excellence in tracking** – we have a deep understanding of risk mitigation to minimise transaction leakage

**Quantitative solutions** – we have a strong research and analytics team for better optimisation of asset allocation and customised solutions

**Client centric approach** – we work with our clients to meet their investment objectives

**Strength of the team** – we have a highly experienced team with representation on industry bodies

Access to more – we can blend passive, active and alternatives in our solutions



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