



**Local Equity**Fund Factsheet | March 31st 2017

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The fund aims to provide capital growth and create wealth over the long term by investing mainly in listed local equities. The fund is high risk and targets investors with a high risk appetite and a long term investment horizon.

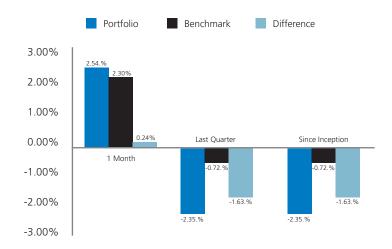
#### STRATEGY

The BIFM Local Equity Fund is a fund that invests predominantly in listed local equities, with leeway to invest in offshore equities and convertible bonds up to a limit of 20% and 10% respectively.

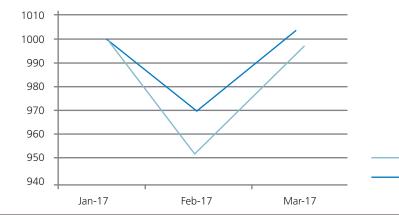
#### WHY CHOOSE THIS FUND?

The fund is appropriate for investors with an appetite for high risk and tolerance for periods of high volatility who wish to generate capital growth over the long term period.

#### **PERFORMANCE**



#### **CUMULATIVE RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION**



#### **QUICK FACTS**

## Risk Profile Low Low - Med Med Med-high High •

#### **Fund Information**

Portfolio Manager: Bifm Investments Team
Launch Date: February 2017
Minimum Investment: P 1000 lump sum
P 200 debit order
Fund Size: BWP9,770,054.80

#### Fees

Initial Fund Fee: 5 %
Annual Management Fee: 2 %
Fees are shown excluding VAT

#### **Income Distribution**

Income Distribution Dates: Semi-Annual Jun, Dec

#### Bifm Investments Team

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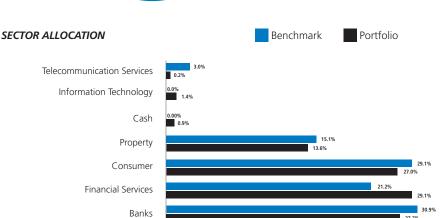
Portfolio Benchmark





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# ASSET CLASS EXPOSURE Local Equities Offshore Equities Cash



#### PERFORMANCE FOR Q1 2017

The Bifm Local Equity Fund returned -2.35% for its first quarter, underperforming the official benchmark DCI return of -1.87% by 0.48%. The fund also underperformed the DCI total return of -0.72% by 1.63%. The underperformance of the fund was driven by some of our active positions on counters within the retail and financial services sector. Sefalana and Letshego, which are some of the funds high conviction holdings and material overweight positions, declined by 17.7% and 6.1% respectively over the quarter, and this detracted from the performance of the fund relative to the benchmark. On a positive note, Barclays, which represents 14.4% of the portfolio, appreciated by 13.1% over the quarter; advancing the funds relative performance.

#### **QUARTERLY COMMENTARY**

The reporting season of the first quarter presented a mix bag, with most local companies publishing flat to declining earnings year on year. The common theme amongst listed entities was that the subdued economic environment and consumer spending was a key challenge to doing business in the country. Following the depressed global diamond market in 2015, the economy recovered at a sluggish pace in 2016, and this has inspired local companies to aggressively seek opportunities regionally, in order to diversify their income as well as insulate them to some degree from the impact of a lackluster local economy. We see select value opportunities in those companies with a regional focus. We also see opportunities within emerging market equities, particularly in industries that the local stock market does not give us exposure to, such as consumer electronics and internet services.

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#### **TOTAL EXPENDITURE RATIO (T.E.R.) -1.67%**

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