

# QUARTERLY REPORT

RECM MONEY MARKET FUND - MARCH 2020

## PORTFOLIO AND PERFORMANCE DETAIL

### PERFORMANCE NET OF FEES AND EXPENSES

	Fund	Benchmark
3 Months	1.8%	1.6%
1 Year	7.7%	6.6%
3 Years	7.7%	6.7%
5 Years	7.5%	6.5%
Since Inception	6.7%	5.9%

- Returns in ZAR, on a lump sum investment, net of fees with net distributions reinvested. Source: RECM, Bloomberg.
- Annualised returns are the weighted average compound growth rate earned each year over the given time period.
- Individual Investor's performances may differ due to fees, actual investment date, dates of reinvestments and dividend withholding taxes.

<sup>1</sup> Highest/Lowest – reflects the Fund's highest and lowest 12 month performance reported during the given period.

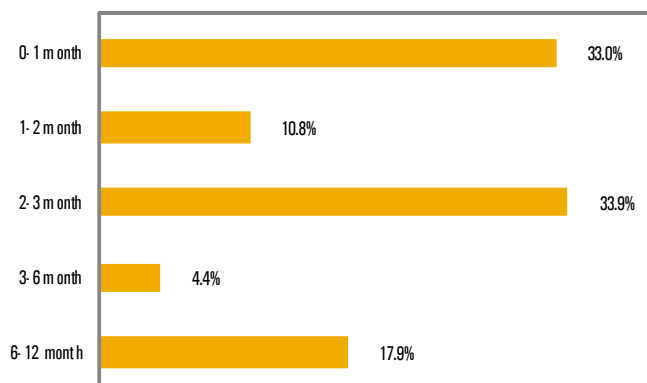
### CREDIT EXPOSURE (%)

	Mar 2020	Dec 2019
Banks	95.7	95.9
Government & Parastatals	3.4	4.1
Corporates	0.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### TOP COUNTERPARTIES (%)

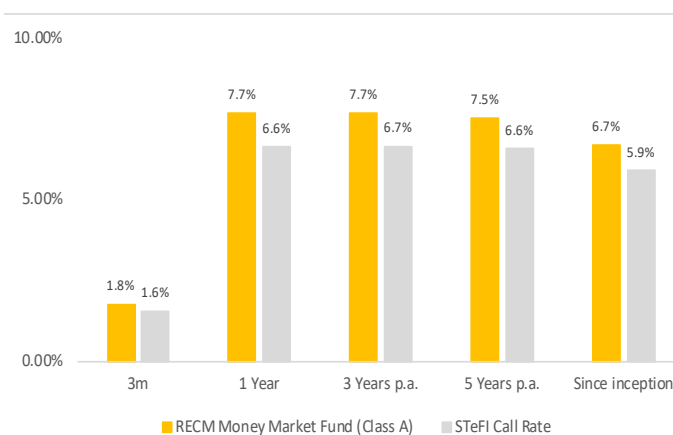
	Mar 2020	Dec 2019
Investec	30.3%	30.1%
Nedbank	22.9%	29.6%
ABSA	25.5%	19.2%
African Bank	9.0%	8.2%
China Construction Bank	5.1%	5.2%
National Treasury	3.4%	4.1%
Firstrand	2.9%	3.6%
Corporates	0.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### DURATION BREAKDOWN (%) - MARCH 2020



## PERFORMANCE NET OF FEES AND EXPENSES

### ILLUSTRATIVE RETURNS OF FUND VS STeFI CALL RATE



## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

The RECM Money Market Fund returned 1.8% for the quarter, outperforming its benchmark, the Short Term Fixed Interest (STeFI) Daily Call Rate, which returned 1.6%. The Fund's total return for the last year, net of fees, was 7.7% versus the STeFI call rate return of 6.6%. Since inception in 2010, the Fund continues to comfortably outperform the STeFI call rate with a return of 6.7% per annum versus the benchmark's annual return of 5.9% over the same period.

## PORTFOLIO STRATEGY & ACTIVITY

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) provided another 25bp cut in January in light of subdued inflationary numbers and low prospective economic growth. The SARB further slashed rates by a further 100 basis points on March 19th, following aggressive global monetary policy trends as a means to mitigate the dire impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on global growth expectations. After month-end, rates were cut by a further 100 bp on a special meeting on April 14, with another 50 bp expected in May in what are quite unprecedented circumstances.

During the first quarter, we allocated more of our portfolio to long dated fixed interest instruments in the Fund. Furthermore, we increased our holding in Government Treasury Bills, as they provided excess return over Bank issued money market instruments of the same tenure.

The Fund has benefitted from the actions taken by fixing rates, but will gradually be introducing floating rate exposure to enhance our yield given duration constraints and limited rate cuts forecast by the forward market over the next twelve months.

# RECM MONEY MARKET FUND

Quarterly Commentary - Period ended 31 March 2020



## PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Portfolio Manager	Piet Viljoen, Alex Pestana	Min. Investment	R500 initial investment
ASISA Sector	South Africa Interest Bearing Money Market	Initial Fee	No initial fee
Fund Launch Date	15 February 2010	Annual Fee	0.15% (excl. VAT)
Inception Date (Class A)	1 October 2010	Intermediary Fee	0.0% (excl. VAT)
Total Fund Size	R590.7 million	Total Expense Ratio	0.2% for the 1 year period ending 31 December 2019
Fund Size (Class A)	R552.4 million	Income Distributions	Monthly distributions are paid
Benchmark (Bmk)	STeFI Call Rate	Value of Distributions	7.4 cents per participatory unit over the past 12 months

### Risks associated with investing in the Fund

All investments carry risk. Different investment strategies may carry different levels and kinds of risks depending on the assets held. You should consider the risks listed below in the context of your risk profile, which includes factors such as your investment timeframe, objectives and tolerance for performance volatility, income and age. We do not offer advice, nor does the Fund's investment strategy consider your individual circumstances and we cannot advise that the Fund is suitable for your circumstance.

The Manager does not guarantee the Fund's returns, its liquidity, and repayment of capital, interest nor a rate of return. Assets that are expected to provide the highest long-term returns often have the highest short-term risk. The Funds' investment strategy and the assets it invests in, will determine the Fund's sensitivity to these risk factors.

You should obtain financial advice to determine whether the Fund is suitable for your circumstances before investing in the Fund.

### Total Return

Investors' total returns are made up of interest received and any gain or loss made on any particular instrument; and that in most cases the return will merely have the effect of increasing or decreasing the daily yield, but in cases of abnormal losses it can have the effect of reducing the capital value of the portfolio.

### Yield Calculation

The Fund's yield quoted on an annual effective rate (NACA) basis. The NACA is the effective interest rate an investor can expect to earn over a 12 month period based on the nominal yield of the fund at a point in time. The nominal yield is simply the net interest accrual of all the instruments in the fund divided by the number of units in the fund (the fund NAV). The quoted NACA is always higher than the nominal yield because the calculation is based on an investor re-investing the monthly income distribution back into the fund at the nominal yield. (i.e. The NACA is the compounded annual 12-month rate).

### Interest Rate Risk

This is the possibility that fixed-rate debt instruments may decline in value as a result of a rise in interest rates.

### Credit Risk

Refers to the possibility that a fixed income instrument or money market issuer may not be able to make expected interest payments and/or principal repayment.

### Liquidity Risk

Refers to the possibility that an investor may not be able to invest or disinvest when they want to. This may occur during a period of adverse market trading conditions where the manager may not be able to buy or sell the Fund's investments because opportunities to do so are limited.

### Social/Political/Legislative Risk

Risks associated with the possibility of nationalisation, unfavourable government action or social changes resulting in a loss of value is called social or political risk which may affect the Fund.

### Inflation Risk

The Fund may invest in cash and other fixed income instruments that do not generate sufficient income and capital gains to outperform inflation.

### Key Person Risk

The Fund depends on the expertise of RECM and its investment team. The Fund could be negatively impacted if RECM does not retain key staff.

### Third Party Operational Risk

The Fund's operations depend on third parties. Investors in the Fund may suffer financial loss or disruption in the event of third party operational failure.

### Fees

An annual management fee of 0.15%, excluding VAT is levied monthly on the market value of the RECM Money Market Fund (Class A).

### \*\*Total Expense Ratio (TER) and Transaction Costs

The TER reflects the percentage of this Fund's Net Asset Value that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of this Fund, including the annual fee and the performance fee and intermediary fee if applicable. A Higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering this Fund and impacts this Fund's 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 financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. The TER and Transaction costs are a measure of the actual expenses incurred by this Fund over a 3 year period (annualised). If this Fund is between 1 and 3 years old, the TER and Transaction Costs are calculated using the actual expenses incurred since the inception of this Fund. The sum of the TER and Transactions Costs is shown as the Total Investment Charge; these costs all being VAT inclusive.

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