

# Element Islamic Global Equity Sanlam Collective Investments Fund

## Minimum Disclosure Document

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INVESTMENT MANAGERS

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### Fund Objective

The objective of the portfolio will be to achieve long term capital appreciation without concentrating on income requirements and to create an internationally diversified equity portfolio for investors. The manager aims to do this by investing in a spread of equity securities across the globe, listed on exchanges that are full members of the World Federation of Exchanges.

### Fund Strategy

The portfolio will invest in international equity securities, listed property, money market instruments and assets in liquid form, that have been approved for investment by the Shari'ah Supervisory Board from time to time. The portfolio will be predominantly invested in international securities in developed countries. The investment policy will allow any other securities that are considered consistent with the portfolio's investment objective that the Act may from time to time allow, all to be acquired at fair market prices.

### Fund Information

Ticker	IGEA
Portfolio Manager	Terence Craig
ASISA Fund Classification	Global - Equity - General
Risk Profile	Aggressive
Benchmark	Dow Jones Islamic Market World Index (ZAR)
Fund Size	R 161,297,869
Portfolio Launch Date*	01/10/2012
Fee Class Launch Date*	02/10/2012
Minimum Lump Sum Investment	R 10,000
Minimum Monthly Investment	R 500
Income Declaration Date	June & December
Income Payment Date	1st business day of July & January
Portfolio Valuation Time	15:00
Transaction Cut Off Time	15:00
Daily Price Information	Local media & www.sanlamunitrusts.co.za
Repurchase Period	2-3 business days

### Fees (Incl. VAT)

	A-Class (%)
Maximum Initial Advice Fee	3.5
Maximum Annual Advice Fee	—
Manager Annual Fee	2.0
Total Expense Ratio	2.1
Transaction Cost	0.2
Total Investment Charges	2.3
Performance Fee	—
TER Measurement Period	01 January 2021 - 31 December 2023

Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product. 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 Cost (TC) is the percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impacts Financial Product 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.

Total Investment Charges (TER + TC) is the total percentage value of the Financial Product that was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product.

Performance fees are incentive fees earned by the manager for performance in excess of the benchmark. Performance fees form part of the cost structure of the fund and are included in the Total Expense Ratio. Please visit [www.sanlamunitrusts.co.za](http://www.sanlamunitrusts.co.za) for a detailed list of our funds that charge performance fees together with their calculation methodologies.

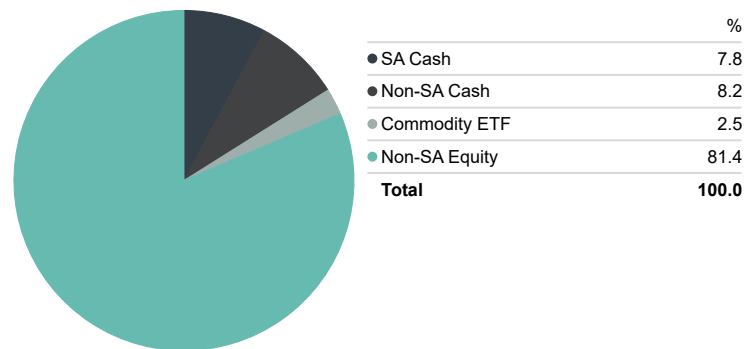
\*The Element Islamic Global Equity Sanlam Collective Investments Fund transitioned to Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd on 08 July 2017.

### Top Ten Holdings

	(%)
Shell Plc	5.3
Schneider Electric SE	4.7
DuPont de Nemours Inc	4.4
Exxon Mobil Corporation	3.8
Intel Corporation	3.8
Mondelez International Inc	3.6
Danaher Corporation	3.4
Trane Technologies Plc	3.3
Chevron Corporation	3.3
Cameco Corporation	3.3

### Asset Allocation

Portfolio Date: 31/12/2023



### Annualised Performance (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year	13.6	34.7
3 Years	10.4	15.5
5 Years	11.8	20.2
10 Years	9.5	16.8
Since Inception	11.8	19.2

### Cumulative Performance (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
1 Year	13.6	34.7
3 Years	34.4	53.9
5 Years	74.8	150.6
10 Years	147.8	371.5
Since Inception	253.1	634.4

### Highest and Lowest Annual Returns

Time Period: Since Inception to 31/12/2023

Highest Annual %	39.9
Lowest Annual %	-10.8

### Risk Statistics (3 Year Rolling)

Standard Deviation	11.4
Sharpe Ratio	0.4
Information Ratio	-0.4
Maximum Drawdown	-12.1

### Distribution History (Cents Per Unit)

30/06/2023	1.00 cpu	31/12/2019	0.68 cpu	31/12/2017	0.00 cpu
31/12/2022	2.25 cpu	30/06/2019	2.09 cpu	31/03/2017	0.00 cpu
30/06/2022	0.94 cpu	31/12/2018	0.05 cpu	30/09/2016	0.00 cpu
30/06/2020	3.91 cpu	30/06/2018	0.00 cpu	30/06/2016	0.00 cpu

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### Risk Profile

#### Aggressive

You can afford to take on a higher level of risk (i.e., have a greater exposure to equities) because of your investment time horizon and/or your appetite for risk. You know that in taking the risk, you need to be patient if you want to achieve the results. So you are willing to invest for the long-term and are prepared to tolerate some volatility in the short term, in anticipation of the higher returns you expect to receive in five years or beyond.

### Glossary Terms

#### Annualised Returns

Annualised return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

#### Asset Allocation

Asset allocation is the percentage holding in different asset classes (i.e. equities, bonds, property, etc.). It is used to determine the level of diversification in a portfolio.

#### Cumulative Returns

Cumulative return is the total growth experienced over the period measured.

#### Distributions

The income that is generated from an investment and given to investors through monthly, quarterly, bi-annual or annual distribution pay-outs.

#### Diversification

This is a strategy designed to reduce risk within a portfolio by combining a variety of investments (or asset classes) such as equities, bonds, cash or property, which are unlikely to all move in the same direction at the same time. This is designed to reduce the risk (and protect against capital losses) within a portfolio. Diversification allows for more consistent performance under a wide range of economic conditions as it smoothes out the impact of negative market events. The positive performance of some investments or asset classes should neutralize the negative performance of others.

#### Financial Instruments

Derivatives also known as financial instruments (such as a future, option, or warrants) whose value derives from and is dependent on the change in value of an underlying asset (such as a commodity, currency, or security) to protect against risk (capital losses).

#### Fund Objective

The fund objective is the portfolio's core goal.

#### Fund Strategy

The fund strategy is the way that the fund is managed to achieve the fund objective.

#### Information Ratio

The Information Ratio measures the market risk-adjusted performance of an investment or portfolio. The greater a portfolio's Information Ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been compared to the market in general.

#### Collective Investment Schemes

Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) (also called unit trusts) are portfolios of assets such as equities, bonds, cash and listed property, in which investors can buy units. They allow private investors to pool their money together into a single fund, thus spreading their risk across a range of investments, getting the benefit of professional fund management, and reducing their costs.

#### Market Capitalization

Market capitalization is the total value of the issued shares of a publicly traded company; it is calculated by multiplying the share price by the number of shares in issue.

#### Maximum Drawdown

The maximum drawdown measures the highest peak to trough loss experienced by the fund.

#### Participatory Interests

When you buy a unit trust, your money is pooled with that of many other investors. The total value of the pool of invested money in a unit trust fund is split into equal portions called participatory interests or units. When you invest your money in a unit trust, you buy a portion of the participatory interests in the total unit trust portfolio. Participatory interests are therefore the number of units that you have in a particular unit trust portfolio.

#### Sharpe Ratio

The Sharpe Ratio measures total risk-adjusted performance of an investment or portfolio. It measures the amount of risk associated with the returns generated by the portfolio and indicates whether a portfolio's returns are due to excessive risk or not. The greater a portfolio's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been (i.e. a higher return with a contained risk profile, where the portfolio manager is not taking excessive risk to achieve those returns).

#### Standard Deviation

Standard deviation (also called monthly volatility) is a measure of how much returns on an investment change from month to month. It is typically used by investors to gauge the volatility expected of an investment.

### Portfolio Manager Comment

As at 31 December 2023

#### Quarterly Commentary

Element Islamic Global Equity SCI Fund ("Fund") realised a total return of 2.7% for the quarter to the end December 2023, which brings the one-year total performance of the Fund to +19.8% (after fees). Annualised performance for the Fund over the last three years is +11.6% p.a. (after fees) and the five-year performance was +12.2% p.a. (after fees), to end December 2023.

#### Element Islamic Global Equity SCI Fund: Benchmark is inappropriate & un-investable

The Element Islamic Global Equity Fund has underperformed its benchmark for almost all periods over the past decade, owing to its benchmark being completely inappropriate as a comparative measure in assessing the Fund's performance, a relative position which deteriorated further in 2023.

Element's Shari'ah Supervisory Board ("SSB") applies stricter Shari'ah law criteria, in its screening of investable Global shares, than those applied by the Dow Jones Islamic Global Index, the Fund's benchmark. This implies, that the Fund is not permitted to hold certain shares, despite these same shares being permitted and included in the Dow Jones Islamic Global Index.

Owing to these share exclusions, it has meant the majority of the 10 largest shares by value (market capitalisation) and therefore, the majority of the shares with the top 10 largest % weights in the Fund's benchmark (Dow Jones Islamic Global Index), are excluded from being held by the Fund itself.

Specifically, the majority of the US Global Tech heavyweights, responsible for driving the global bull market in equities over the last decade, which form the majority of the "Magnificent Seven" shares, responsible for the strong US & Global Equity performance in 2023 YTD, have been and are prohibited from being held by the Fund, despite these shares being included in its Benchmark.

The strong performance from US Global Tech shares over the last decade, has resulted in their % weights in all Global indices/benchmarks (including all Islamic indices/benchmarks), increasing materially over the period, even more so over the last 5 years. The majority of these companies are the largest % weights in the Fund's Dow Jones Islamic Global Index benchmark. Therefore, it follows that the benchmark's strong performance over the last decade (including for 2023 YTD), is owing (almost entirely) to the strong performance of these companies, which the Fund has not been and is not permitted to hold.

For example, over the last >5 years, the Fund has not been permitted to hold (on average) between 7 and 8 of the top 10 shares (by % index weight) of the Dow Jones Islamic Global Index (its benchmark). Accordingly, the Fund's Dow Jones Islamic Global Index Total Return benchmark, has been and remains un-investable by the Fund, rendering it inappropriate and unsuitable as a benchmark for the Fund, by definition.

At 31 December 2023, the Fund was not permitted to hold Apple, Amazon, Alphabet, Meta & Eli Lilly, 5 of the top 10 shares, with a combined 25% weight, in its Index benchmark. As a result, relative performance comparisons between the Fund and its benchmark, are both irrelevant and meaningless and this has been the case for the majority of the last decade.

Element has been working with its SSB for some time, to determine an appropriate benchmark for the Fund. However, this is not as straightforward as one might expect, as the majority of Islamic Global Equity Benchmark Indices. include many of the US Global Tech shares, which the Fund is not permitted to hold.

Element will update investors, in all three of its Element/SCI Islamic Funds, as well as provide more information and data on performance comparisons that are relevant, once an appropriate and investable new benchmark has been determined for the Fund, in consultation with Element's SSB.

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### Additional Information

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The Sanlam Group is a full member of the Association for Savings and Investment SA. Collective investment schemes are generally medium- to long-term investments. Please note that past performances are not necessarily a guide to future performances, and that the value of investments / units / unit trusts may go down as well as up. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) Pty Ltd, a registered and approved Manager in Collective Investment Schemes in Securities. Additional information of the proposed investment, including brochures, application forms and annual or quarterly reports, can be obtained on request from the Manager, free of charge. Collective investments are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending.

Collective investments are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any deductible expenses such as audit fees, brokerage and service fees. Actual investment performance of the portfolio and the investor will differ depending on the initial fees applicable, the actual investment date, and the date of reinvestment of income as well as dividend withholding tax.

Forward pricing is used. The Manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. The performance of the portfolio depends on the underlying assets and variable market factors. Performance is based on NAV to NAV calculations with income reinvestments done on the ex-div date.

Lump sum investment performances are quoted. The portfolio may invest in participatory interests of other unit trust portfolios. These underlying funds levy their own fees, and may result in a higher fee structure for our portfolio. All the portfolio options presented are approved collective investment schemes in terms of Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No 45 of 2002 ("CISCA").

The Manager may borrow up to 10% the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. The fund may from time to time invest in foreign countries and therefore it may have risks regarding liquidity, the repatriation of funds, political and macroeconomic situations, foreign exchange, tax, settlement, and the availability of information.

The Manager has the right to close any portfolios to new investors to manage them more efficiently in accordance with their mandates. Management of the portfolio is outsourced to Element Investment Managers (Pty) Ltd, (FSP) Licence No. 663, an Authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002.

Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd retains full legal responsibility for the conamed portfolio. Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd is the appointed trustee of the Sanlam Collective Investments scheme.

Sources of Performance and Risk Data: Morningstar Direct, INET BFA and Bloomberg. The risk free asset assumed for the calculation of Sharpe ratios: STEFI Composite Index. The highest and lowest 12-month returns are based on a calendar year period over 10 years or since inception where the performance history does not exist for 10 years. Obtain a personalised cost estimate before investing by visiting [www.sanlamunittrustsmdd.co.za](http://www.sanlamunittrustsmdd.co.za) and using our Effective Annual Cost (EAC) calculator. Alternatively, contact us at 0860 100 266.