

WEBSITE MONTHLY REPORTS
SALA PENSION FUND

FINANCIAL POSITION AND PERFORMANCE

As a result of the movements in the financial markets the SALA Fund's total assets is R10 699 846 796 as at the end of March 2013. For the month of March the Active Members' portion of the total Fund returned 1.98%, DC Members returned 1.93% whilst the Pensioners Members' portion returned 1.35% p.a. Over the past 5 years to 31 March 2013 the total Fund returned 11.54% p.a.

FINANCIAL MARKET OVERVIEW

The domestic economic backdrop has recently been overshadowed by slowing demand and deteriorating trade data. The Reserve Bank's Quarterly Bulletin for the final quarter of last year indicated that the growth in household expenditure continued to moderate. This was collaborated by retail sales growth which slowed to 1.9% on a year on year basis in January. The Quarterly Bulletin also indicated an unsustainably large current account deficit of 6.5% of GDP which was a slight improvement from the previous quarter's downwardly revised 6.8%.

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index benefitted from a strong rise in industrial and financial share prices to gain 1.2% for the month. The resources sector struggled and lost 2.8% during this time. It was especially the platinum producers that got hit hard as their share prices declined by 5.7%. Strike action continued to effect mines. During the month, Exxaro experienced a prolong strike that threatened the supply of coal. The listed property sector set forth its strong performance and gained 3.3% despite bond yields, off which property is priced, being under pressure.

The Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee left interest rates unchanged at their last meeting, but their rhetoric was somewhat more dovish than what the market was expecting following disappointing inflation figures which showed that CPI for February accelerated to 5.9% from 5.4% the previous month. The All Bond Index came under pressure from the weaker currency and disappointing inflation figures, but foreign buying helped it to close 0.2% higher for the month. The rand depreciated on the news of the weak current account deficit and renewed strike action, but the slightly better than expected trade data at month-end helped it to recover to R9.23 against the dollar. During the month, the rand touched a 4 year low of R9.36 against the greenback.

Global Equity (US\$)	Level	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	12 Months
S&P 500	1,569.2	3.6%	10.0%	8.9%	10.0%	11.4%
Nasdaq	3,267.5	3.4%	8.2%	4.9%	8.2%	5.7%
MSCI Global Equity	1,434.5	2.1%	7.2%	9.4%	7.2%	9.3%
MSCI Emerging Mkt	1,034.9	-1.9%	-1.9%	3.2%	-1.9%	-0.6%
Global Bond (US\$)						
Global Bonds	511.2	-0.3%	-2.8%	-4.6%	-2.8%	-0.6%
Commodity Prices						
Brent Oil (USD/Barrel)	110.0	-1.9%	-1.0%	-2.9%	-1.0%	-11.1%
Platinum (USD/oz)	1,570.5	-0.8%	2.0%	-5.5%	2.0%	-4.2%
Gold (USD/oz)	1,596.4	1.0%	-4.6%	-9.9%	-4.6%	-4.3%
South African Mkt (Rand)						
Africa All Share	4,928.6	1.2%	2.5%	13.1%	2.5%	22.5%
Africa Top 40	4,363.8	0.9%	2.2%	13.4%	2.2%	22.7%
Africa Resource 20	2,578.8	-2.8%	-5.6%	1.1%	-5.6%	0.7%
Africa Financial 15	5,133.1	2.8%	5.4%	17.2%	5.4%	28.1%
Africa Industrial 25	7,357.6	3.0%	6.6%	20.7%	6.6%	39.6%
Africa Mid Cap	10,242.7	2.5%	2.7%	10.6%	2.7%	20.3%
Africa Small Cap	12,481.4	3.3%	8.1%	16.8%	8.1%	26.3%
All Bond Index	438.1	0.2%	1.0%	3.6%	1.0%	14.4%
Stefi Composite	283.2	0.4%	1.2%	2.6%	1.2%	5.4%
Africa SA Listed Property - (SAPY)	1,405.2	3.3%	9.1%	12.1%	9.1%	37.3%
MSCI Global Equity (R)		4.4%	17.8%	21.6%	17.8%	31.8%
Global Bonds (R)		2.0%	6.9%	6.1%	2.0%	19.7%
Rand Dollar Exchange Rate	9.23	2.3%	10.0%	11.2%	10.0%	20.5%