



The investment returns of the risk-based peer groups for balanced portfolios are as follows:

**Table 1: Peer group investment returns to September 2017**

Peer group	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Year to date
Guaranteed funds	1.8%	6.8%	10.1%	13.0%	5.3%
ASISA Multi Asset Low Equity	2.3%	8.0%	7.5%	6.9%	6.3%
ASISA Multi Asset Medium Equity	4.9%	6.1%	6.3%	9.4%	7.5%
ASISA Multi Asset High Equity	5.0%	6.0%	6.4%	10.1%	7.6%

High equity funds performed better in the last quarter than in the previous quarters.

The top and bottom quartiles of large balanced investment portfolios are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Top and bottom quartiles of global balanced funds to September 2017**

	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	Year to date
<b>Top quartile</b>	Investec	Investec	Investec	Investec	Investec
	ABSA	Prudential	Allan Gray	Allan Gray	Coronation
	Coronation	OMIG	Prudential	Prudential	OMIG
<b>Bottom quartile</b>	Allan Gray	Momentum	ABSA	ABSA	Momentum
	Stanlib	Stanlib	Stanlib	Stanlib	Stanlib
	Oasis	Oasis	Oasis	Oasis	Oasis

Investment managers who use a growth philosophy appears to perform better at present. Investec leads the top quartile of the top ten investments managers of global balanced portfolios. ABSA is a new entrant for the most recent quarter. Other investment managers in the top quartile are Allan Gray, Coronation, OMIG and Prudential. As in the past, Oasis and Stanlib are lagging their peers.

Finally, we believe that financial markets should still be approached cautiously. There are some political developments and governance concerns that could affect markets going forward. The key to understanding these unfolding events would be the exchange rate of the rand. The rand started 2017 at R13.6887 to the US dollar, strengthening to below R12 and subsequently weakening to below the level where it started the year. As the old adage goes: Money votes with its feet!

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