

ASISA FUND CLASSIFICATION STANDARD EXEMPTION – 25 FEBRUARY 2022

On 23 February 2022 during the Budget Speech, the Minister of Finance announced an increase in the offshore allocation limits for institutional investors. The increased limits became effective on the same day. To align the limits applicable to South African portfolios as set out in the ASISA Fund Classification Standard, the ASISA Investments Board Committee accepted the recommendation of the ASISA Fund Classification Standing Committee to grant an exemption to members to afford the Committee time to review the Standard and prepare proposals for amendment.

Members are exempted from the foreign exposure limits referred to in paragraph 4.1 of the Fund Classification subject to the revised offshore allocation limits.

The definition for South African portfolios will thus now read:

South African Portfolios: These are collective investment portfolios that invest at least 55% of their assets in South African investment markets.

This exemption is effective immediately and is subject to supplemental deeds allowing for such a change.