# Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund

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FUND MANAGER Niall Brown NAV 2,403.80

 Launch date
 04 May 2005

 Fund size
 R160m

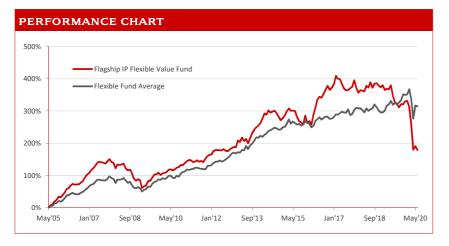
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 Sector
 South African - Multi Asset - Flexible

 Benchmark
 Multi-Asset Flexible Sector Average

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

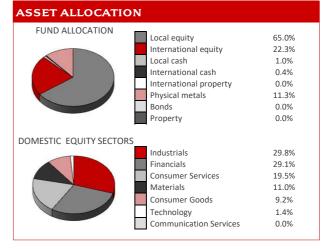
The Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund aims to outperform both the JSE All Share Index and competing funds over the medium to long term. We rely on fundamental research to identify investments which are trading at a discount to their intrinsic value and to determine which asset classes are the most attractive. The fund will typically have a very different equity profile from that of the All Share Index. Risk is reduced through the fund's value oriented approach.



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|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Dealing                        | Daily     |
| Income declaration - Mar '20   | 56.44cpu  |
| Base currency                  | ZAR       |
| Minimum investment             | R 100 000 |
| No. of participatory interests | 6 655 626 |

| UND EXPOSURES                 |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
|                               |        |
| Domestic Equity               | 65.0%  |
| Quantum Foods                 | 8.5%   |
| Stellar Capital               | 5.4%   |
| Workforce                     | 5.0%   |
| York Timbers                  | 4.7%   |
| Lewis Group                   | 4.4%   |
| Reinet Investments            | 4.1%   |
| EPE Capital                   | 3.8%   |
| Hulamin                       | 3.5%   |
| Zeder                         | 3.0%   |
| Caxton                        | 2.7%   |
| Other domestic holdings       | 19.9%  |
| Offshore Equity               | 22.3%  |
| Contrarius Global Equity Fund | 22.3%  |
| Bonds                         | 0.0%   |
| Domestic                      | 0.0%   |
| Offshore                      | 0.0%   |
| Property                      | 0.0%   |
| Domestic                      | 0.0%   |
| Cash and Strategic Income     | 1.4%   |
| Domestic                      | 1.0%   |
| Offshore                      | 0.4%   |
| Commodities                   | 11.3%  |
| Platinum                      | 6.5%   |
| Gold                          | 4.8%   |
| TOTAL                         | 100.0% |
|                               |        |

| Performance (net of fees)       | Fund   | Benchmark                | Inflation |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Since inception                 | 178.6% | 313.8%                   | 129.0%    |
| Since inception (annualised)    | 7.0%   | 9.9%                     | 5.7%      |
| 10 Years (annualised)           | 2.6%   | 7.9%                     | 5.1%      |
| 7 Years (annualised)            | -1.7%  | 4.9%                     | 5.0%      |
| 5 Years (annualised)            | -7.0%  | 1.5%                     | 4.8%      |
| 3 Years (annualised)            | -16.0% | 0.2%                     | 4.2%      |
| 1 Year                          | -37.5% | -3.5%                    | 3.7%      |
| Year-to-date                    | -35.4% | -7.0%                    | 2.0%      |
| Risk Measures (since inception) |        |                          |           |
| Annualised monthly volatility   | 12.8   | 9.8                      |           |
| Sharpe ratio                    | 0.06   | 0.12                     |           |
| Maximum drawdown                | -47.5% | -22.8%                   |           |
| Lowest actual annual return     | -28.0% | 4 May 2008 to 3 May 2009 |           |
| Highest actual annual return    | 75.4%  | 4 May 2005 to 3 May 2006 |           |



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|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--|
|                | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019   |  |
| Fund           | 9.7%  | 17.9% | 8.6%  | 8.5%  | 26.0% | 6.7%  | -4.6% | 30.9% | -5.4% | 5.1%  | -10.0% |  |
| Sector         | 17.1% | 14.9% | 5.9%  | 18.6% | 19.5% | 10.5% | 7.7%  | 2.0%  | 9.2%  | -3.7% | 8.5%   |  |
|                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |  |

| FEES                                |        |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                     | 1 Year | 3 Year |
| Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)     | 1.68%  | 1.68%  |
| Fund management fee (excl. VAT)     | 1.25%  | 1.25%  |
| VAT on fund management fee          | 0.19%  | 0.19%  |
| Fund expenses (incl. VAT)           | 0.24%  | 0.24%  |
| Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)       | 0.19%  | 0.29%  |
| Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT) | 1.87%  | 1.96%  |

# FUND COMMENTARY - APRIL 2020

ANNUAL FUND DERFORMANCE

At present there is scant evidence to suggest that our government has any real desire to create a business friendly environment post the pandemic. In fact, comments emanating from a number of sources in the ANC hierarchy suggest the opposite. So it will be a huge challenge for well-run South African financial and industrial companies to revert to previous levels of profitability in the next two or three years. Having said that, a rally in domestic stocks as lockdown regulations ease is probable but will be difficult to sustain. Given the above, it makes sense to maintain a full offshore equity weighting and we expect this component of the fund to perform strongly as value shares stage a comeback.

During the month we added to the gold ETF position and since month-end have sold out of the fund's second biggest holding, Stellar Capital, at a 6% premium to the month-end price. We plan to reinvest the proceeds in more gold ETF's as well as selected domestic industrial shares with strong balance sheets and trading at depressed valuations. As required by legislation, we confirm that the fund has adhered to its policy objective and strategy.

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

#### International

In May, most markets firmed with a number of countries announcing measures to ease their lockdowns. In addition, many pharmaceutical companies also appear to be making progress with respect to a COVID vaccine.

The devastation wreaked by COVID on the global economy cannot be discounted, with information from many of the pandemic hotspots suggesting that the extent of the Covid-related devastation is disproportionate to the impact on world economies - with the mortality rate being far lower than originally thought due to the number of asymptomatic cases.

The already strained relationship between the US and China continued to deteriorate. This was not helped by the Chinese government passing a controversial security law for Hong Kong which its critics say curbs freedom of speech in the territory and allows the Chinese security agencies to set up offices there. In response, the US is threatening to withdraw Hong Kong's special trade status and the UK government has promised an easier route to British citizenship for applicable Hong Kong residents.

Finally, the death of an unarmed black man, George Floyd, who died of asphyxiation at the hands of a white police officer in Minneapolis, has resulted in widespread, mostly violent, protests in the US which have continued into June.

During the month of May, South Africa concluded both Stage 4 and 5 lockdown stages with Stage 3 scheduled to begin on the 1st of June. Whilst many are keenly anticipating a return to some semblance of normality, the situation is looking precarious in the Western Cape where the number of infections continues to exceed those in the rest of the country by a substantial margin. May also saw a sharp strengthening of the rand, despite the government's muddled response to the COVID crisis, which we believe will act as a further setback to a recovery in the local

#### **Risk Considerations and Important Information**

- Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (unit trusts) are generally medium to long term investments.
- The value of participatory interests (units) may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. The manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the
- Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices and can engage in scrip lending subject to the limits and conditions imposed by the Act.
- The manager may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the collective investment scheme portfolio to ensure liquidity.
- Unit trust prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (brokerage, Uncertificated Securities Tax, VAT, auditor's fees, bank charges, trustee and custodian fees and the annual management fee) from the portfolio, divided by the number of units in issue
- A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request. Commission and incentives may be paid, and if so, are included in the overall costs.
- The unit trust portfolios are priced daily at 15h00 (quarter end 17h00), using forward pricing. Dealing cut-off time is 14h30 daily.
- Units will be repurchased by the manager at the ruling price calculated in accordance with the requirements of the Act and the relevant deeds and paid to the investor only. Subject to occurrences beyond the control of Flagship Asset Management (FAM), transaction requests received by FAM before 14h30 will be actioned at that day's price. Monies from the repurchase of units will not be paid to third party bank accounts.
- FAM reserves the right to repurchase unit balances with a market value less than the minimum monthly investment amount and close the investment account. Investors will be notified beforehand should this be contemplated.
- Portfolio performance is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis and does not take any initial fees into account. Figures quoted are from Reuters and Moneymate for a lump sum using NAV-NAV prices with income distributions reinvested. Income is reinvested on the ex-dividend date. Actual investment performance will differ based on the initial fees applicable, the actual investment date and the date of reinvestment of income. Investment performance calculations are available for verification up request.
- Income distributions for the fund occur bi-annually on 31 March and 30 September
- Annualised returns are period returns re-scaled to a period of 1 year. This allows investors to compare returns of different assets that they have owned for different lengths of time. Actual annual figures are available to investors upon request
- SARS requires us to pay over Dividend Withholding Tax (DWT) on your behalf where applicable. We will deduct this tax before we pay any dividends to you or reinvest into your account. Unless we receive information from you indicating otherwise, we will be obliged to withhold the default DWT of 20%.
- The EAC is a standard industry measure which has been introduced to allow you to compare the charges you incur and their impact on the investment returns over specific periods. Please visit http://www.ipmc.co.za/effectiveannual-cost to address the EAC illustrator. You can request an EAC calculation from clientservices@ipmc.co.za or call us on 021 673-1340
- Fund prices are published daily and available in newspapers countrywide, as well as on our website, <a href="www.flagshipsa.com">www.flagshipsa.com</a>. Also available on our website is additional information on the unit trust portfolio, including our Application Form. FAM reserves the right to only process instructions that are submitted on FAM standard transaction forms.
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- The Manager retains full legal responsibility of the Fund, regardless of co-naming arrangements.
- Additional information including the annual report of the Manager and detailed holdings of the portfolio as at the last quarter end are available, free of charge, from info@flagshipsa.com.
- A statement of changes in the composition of the portfolio during the reporting period is available on request.
- Complaints should be in writing and clearly marked for the attention of the Compliance Officer and should be mailed to Private Bag X21, Constantia, 7848.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund is an asset allocation portfolio. The manager, in selecting securities for the portfolio, will seek to follow an investment policy which will secure for investors an optimum overall return, that is to say the steady growth of income and the preservation of capital in real terms. In order to achieve these main objectives the investments to be acquired for the Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund, shall comprise a mix of securities, which may include ordinary shares, preference shares, debentures, fixed interest instruments, gills and money market instruments as defined in the Act and the Deed, all to be acquired at a fair market value. The portfolio may also include participatory interests or any other form of participation in territories other than in South Africa, participatory interests or any other form of participation in these schemes will be included in the portfolio only where the regulatory environment is to the satisfaction of the manager and trustee and is of sufficient standard to provide investor protection at least equivalent to that in South Africa. The portfolio is permitted to invest in financial instruments in line with the conditions by the Registrar from time to time.

### Performance Fees

Performance Fee benchmark: Median of the Domestic Asset Allocation Flexible Unit Trust Sector

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1.25% per annum Fee at Benchmark: 1.25% per annum Fee Hurdle:

10% Minimum Fee: 1.25% per annum Maximum Fee:

0.1% for each 1% outperformance of portfolio benchmark on a high water mark basis Sharing Ratio:

Method of Calculating: If the fund underperforms the Fee Hurdle, then only the bas: The Performance Fee Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document may be found on www.ipmc.co.za If the fund underperforms the Fee Hurdle, then only the base fee is accrued until the high water mark is again reached.

#### **TER and Transaction Costs**

From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020, 1.68% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.29% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore 1.96% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the fund. Inclusive in the TER of 1.68%, a performance fee of 0% of the Net Asset Value of the class of Financial Product was recovered. 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 the fund and impacts fund 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 fund, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

#### **Fund Risk Profile**

The fund is likely to have a very different equity profile to that of the All Share Index. Risk is reduced through the fund's value-orientated approach and a larger-than-average number of holdings.



- Shares are potentially volatile investments and there is a risk of capital loss over the short term
- Foreign securities may have additional material risks, depending on the specific risks affecting that country, such as: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information.
- Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down

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