# **Flagship IP Balanced Fund**

Minimum Disclosure Document - 30 September 2020

#### **FUND MANAGER**

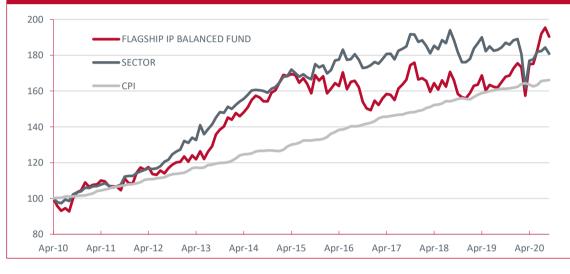
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# Launch date19 April 2010Fund sizeR201.0mNAV - A Class243.6cBenchmarkSector Average [Multi Asset - High Equity Index]Fund ClassificationMulti Asset - High Equity

# FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Flagship IP Balanced Fund is to seek steady growth of both capital and income through investments in a broad range of asset classes in a balanced manner. This Regulation 28 managed fund is classified as South African - Multi Asset - High Equity and aims to maximize returns over the medium to long term utilising flexible asset allocation strategies taking active decisions in accordance with current and projected economic and market conditions. The fund invests in equities, bonds, property and money market and is restricted to maximum limits in accordance with prudential regulations which, inter alia, provide that equity, held both locally and abroad, will not exceed 75% of the fund and offshore investment is restricted to 30% of the fund. Out-performance is targeted through aggressive asset allocation and focused stock selection based on in-house proprietary models and extensive internal and external research. The portfolio uses financial instruments only to the extent permitted by legislation.

## PERFORMANCE CHART



# PERFORMANCE AND RISK

Derfermence (not of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Inflation
Performance (net of fees)			
Since inception	90.4%	80.8%	65.3%
Since inception (annualised)	6.4%	5.8%	4.9%
10 Years (annualised)	6.6%	5.9%	5.1%
7 Years (annualised)	5.0%	3.2%	4.8%
5 Years (annualised)	3.7%	1.6%	4.6%
3 Years (annualised)	4.6%	-0.8%	3.9%
1 Year	15.4%	-1.9%	2.5%
Year-to-date	10.3%	-4.0%	2.3%
Risk Measures (since inception)			
Annualised monthly volatility	11.32	8.71	
Sharpe ratio	0.06	0.07	
Maximum drawdown	-20.5%	-24.2%	
Lowest actual annual return	+1.9%	19 April 2012 to 18 April 2	2013
Highest actual annual return	+22.4%	19 April 2013 to 18 April 2	2014

# No. of participatory interests 82 459 653 Minimum lump sum investment R 5 000 Base currency ZAR Mar'20 income decl. [CLASS A] 0.78cpu Sep'19 income decl. [CLASS A] 1.01cpu

# FUND EXPOSURES

Domestic Direct Equity	38.8%
Naspers	7.3%
Prosus	4.9%
Sibanye Stillwater	4.8%
GoldFields	2.9%
Transaction Capital	2.2%
Other domestic holdings	16.7%
International Direct Equity	12.0%
Tencent	4.4%
Amazon	2.3%
Microsoft	2.0%
Alibaba	1.2%
Other international holdings	2.1%
Capital Protected Exchange Traded Notes	18.4%
Eurostoxx Protected ETN	7.3%
Environmental World Index Autocall	6.1%
S&P500 Digital Plus ESP	4.9%
International Balanced Funds	4.0%
Flagship International Flexible	4.0%
Property	1.3%
Sirius Real Estate	1.3%
Other domestic property holdings	0.0%
Physical Commodities	9.3%
Gold	6.5%
Palladium	2.9%
Domestic Bonds	9.2%
Domestic Cash and Strategic Income	3.0%
International Cash	3.9%
TOTAL	100.0%

# ASSET ALLOCATION

EQUITY SECTORS	_	
EQUITIBLETONS	Equity Linked Notes	18%
	Precious Metals	14%
	Media	12%
	Technology	10%
	Consumer Discretionary	4%
	Global Equity Funds	3%
	General Mining	2%
	Energy	0%
	Other Sectors	11%
FUND ALLOCATION		
FOND ALLOCATION	Local net equity	42%
	International equity	23%
	Total Equity	65%
	Cash	15%
	Physical Commodities	9%
	International property	1%
	Local bonds	9%
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### ANNUAL FUND PERFORMANCE



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NAV 243.6c

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	2.41%	2.41%
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2010	2017	2010	2019	Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.75%	1.75%
Fund	-0.5%	11.1%	20.7%	10.5%	4.9%	-11.3%	11.6%	-6.3%	10.7%	VAT on fund management fee	0.26%	0.26%
Sector	6 20/	12 10/	18.8%	7.2%	7.5%	-0.1%	7.5%	-6.0%	6.9%	Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.40%	0.40%
Sector	0.270	13.170	10.0/0	1.2/0	1.370	-0.170	1.370	-0.070	0.970	Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.35%	0.32%
										Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	2.76%	2.73%

#### FUND COMMENTARY ~ SEPTEMBER 2020

A relatively poor month for the fund, down 2.6%, below both the JSE Allshare's -2.2% and the fund's benchmark of -1.9%. The primary culprit for the fund's negative performance was our overweight position in gold and gold shares, a sector that fell -11.0% over the month, but remains the domestic market's leading index performer year-to-date, up a staggering 81.6%! The fund remains heavily underweight SA Inc stocks, which had a very good month, with retailers up 10.7%, banks up 8.8%, and food producers up 6.5%. We continue to believe that the fund is appropriately positioned considering the longer term repercussions of the pandemic and weak domestic economy on the South African consumer. As required by legislation, we confirm that the fund has adhered to its policy objective and strategy.

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

#### International

The S&P 500 Index weakened in September but has still delivered a positive return year-to-date, despite Covid. By comparison, most other stock indices have delivered negative returns year-to-date.

The campaign trail in the US is starting to take centre stage and promises to be an 'entertaining' affair. The first of 3 presidential debates between Trump and Biden descended into (not unexpected) chaos, with the candidates interrupting each other frequently, including petty name calling. That Trump refused to condemn white supremacist groups – and the recent revelation that he only paid US\$750 in taxes in both 2016 and 2017 – may have put him on the back foot.

The clock is also ticking on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October deadline for a post-Brexit trade deal being negotiated between the UK and EU. Many political pundits are now placing a low probability on a deal being reached, mainly as a result of the UK signalling that it intends to renege on commitments made in its Brexit Withdrawal Treaty and, in so doing, undermining the goodwill of the EU. Predictably, this has been negative for the pound, which depreciated 3.45% against the US dollar during the month, and has also depreciated against the US dollar year-to-date.

We're noticing a worrying trend emerging, of people and parties wilfully ignoring terms of contracts entered into – with seeming impunity. This is evident both with the Brexit Withdrawal Treaty and LVMH's deal to acquire Tiffany. LVMH is alleged to have colluded with the French Foreign Ministry to ensure the completion of the transaction would only happen outside the deal's 'drop-dead' date.

Elsewhere, the relationship between China and the US continues to sour, although Trump has given his support to the sale of a minority stake in TikTok's global operations to Oracle, which will avoid the app being banned in the US. Japan has also elected a new prime minister to replace Shinzo Abe.

#### South Africa

South Africa's Covid alert level was reduced to level 1 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Perhaps now the long road to getting our economy growing again, and restoring investor confidence, can commence. The JSE ALSI is now only down 2.4% year-to-date, boosted by Naspers and rand-hedge stocks. Domestic focused companies have fared far worse with the JSE Financial Index, which includes the large banks, having fallen a massive 32.7%. Tentative steps towards tackling corruption are being made, although with every step we take forward, we seem to take one back.

#### **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 return of a portfolio.
- 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, www.flagshipsa.com. 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 Balanced Fund is to be a domestic, asset-allocation, prudential variable portfolio. The primary objective of the fund is to seek steady but stable growth of both capital and income through investments in a broad range of asset classes in a balanced manner. In order to achieve its objective, the investments normally to be included will comprise a combination of securities in the equity, bond, property and money markets. The portfolio will have an equity exposure (including international equity) between 0% and 75% at all times. Investments to be included in the Flagship IP Balanced Fund will comprise a combination of securities and assets in liquid form which are considered consistent with the portfolio's primary objective and that the Act or the Registrar may from time to time allow, all to be acquired at fair market value. The portfolio may also include participatory interests or any other form of participation in portfolios of collective investment policy shall preclude the manager from varying the ratio of the aforementioned securities relative to each other (except as required by the Act), or the assets themselves, to maximise capital growth and investment potential, should changing economic factors or market conditions so demand. Provided also that nothing contained in the investment policy shall preclude the Manager from retaining cash in the portfolio and / or placing cash on deposit in terms of the deed. Provided further that the Manager shall ensure that the portfolio includes securities and assets in liquid form, of at least the aggregate value required, from time to time, by the Act. The Manager will be permitted to invest on behalf of the portfolio in financial instruments as legislation permits. The portfolio will be managed so as to comply with prudential requires on a date determined by the manager. This will be done in order to be able to manage the fund in accordance with its mandate. The manager may, once a portfolio has been closed, open that portfolio again to new investors on

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

From 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020 2.41% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.32% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the administration of the fund. 0.32% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the fund. 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 managers seek to reduce risk by investing in a range of assets diversified across sectors and geographies, with the flexibility to vary exposures as market circumstances dictate.

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Potentially lo	wer reward				Potentially	higher reward
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- · 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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