# Flagship IP Global Icon Feeder Fund

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#### **FUND MANAGERS**

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# NAV 1,033.2C

Launch date Fund type Fund size NAV - A Class Benchmark

06 August 2020 Global equity feeder fund R7.5m 1,033.2c MSCI All Country World Index (MSCI ACWI), in rands (net total return USD index, converted into ZAR)

# **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The fund invests directly into the Flagship Global Icon Fund IC Limited, registered in Guernsey. That fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in high-quality companies that the Fund Manager believes will generate superior returns over the long-term. Such companies typically have a franchise in the form of a hard-to-replicate intangible asset (such as a brand, culture or intellectual property) that leads to an enduring competitive advantage and a dominant market position.

#### **PERFORMANCE CHART**

To comply with regulatory requirements, performance is not provided until the fund has been operational for a period of at least six months.

# **PERFORMANCE AND RISK**

Annualised Performance (for periods > 1 year) Since inception	Fund	Benchmark	USD Cash
10 Years			
7 Years	To comply with re	equlatory requirements,	performance is not
5 Years		fund has been operation	
3 Years	provided until the	lation a period of at	
2 Years		least six months.	
1 Year			
Year-to-date			

No. of participatory interests	726 545
Minimum lump sum investment	R 5 000
Base currency	ZAR
Income declaration - Mar '20	N/A
Income declaration - Sep '20	0.00C
Dealing	Daily

# **FUND EXPOSURES**

Equity	<b>87.4</b> %
Zalando SE	6.8%
Netease Inc	5.3%
Microsoft Corp	4.7%
Alibaba	4.5%
Taiwan Semiconductor	4.4%
PagSeguro Digital Ltd	4.4%
Global Payments	3.9%
HDFC Bank Ltd	3.6%
TCS Group Holdings	3.6%
Capri Holdings	3.5%
Other equity holdings	42.8%
Commodities	4.9%
Gold	4.9%
Cash	7.7%
USD	6.2%
ZAR	0.2%
Other	1.3%
TOTAL	100.0%

FLAGSHIP ASSET MANAGEMENT

# **EFFECTIVE EQUITY EXPOSURE**

GICS SECTOR	<ul> <li>Information Technology</li> <li>Consumer Discretionary</li> <li>Communication Services</li> <li>Financials</li> <li>Materials</li> <li>Industrials</li> <li>Consumer Staples</li> <li>Energy</li> </ul>	32% 24% 23% 13% 6% 3% 0% 0%
GEOGRAPHY	<ul> <li>United States &amp; Canada</li> <li>Western Europe</li> <li>China</li> <li>Rest of World</li> <li>Other Asia Pacific</li> <li>Latam</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>Japan</li> </ul>	26% 19% 19% 12% 8% 5% 6% 4%

# ANNUAL FUND PERFORMANCE

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# FEES

intil the fund has been operational for a	Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	1.45%
	Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	0.35%
	VAT on fund management fee	0.05%
	Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	1.05%
	Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.00%
	Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	1.45%
	Note that as the fund has been operational for less than 1 year, the TER pr	ovided is an estimate

### FUND COMMENTARY ~ DECEMBER 2020

The Global Icon Feeder Fund returned 2.1% in Rands for the month, outperforming its MSCI ACWI (in ZAR) benchmark which delivered a return of -0.6%. Icon's largest contributors were Capri Holdings (owner of Michael Kors), Pagseguro and Zalando. Icon's largest detractor was Alibaba which continued its poor run of performance with further anti-trust concerns emerging. The Global Icon feeder fund has had a strong performance since its inception date of 6 August 2020, returning +3.3% in rands, comfortably ahead of its benchmark return of -3.0%.

As required by legislation, we confirm that the fund has adhered to its policy objective and strategy.

# MARKET COMMENTARY

#### International

Markets continued their inexorable rally in December. Not many people would have predicted that the S&P 500 would finish the year up 18.5% in dollars when the world entered its lockdown in March. This result seems even more absurd if one considers that many countries are entering secondary lockdowns, with even stricter restrictions being imposed than during the initial phases.

It is not just the S&P 500 that has had a good year. Almost all asset classes have performed excellently. Emerging markets, which have long lagged developed markets, delivered a return of 16.8%. Gold, a safe-haven asset, which normally exhibits a negative correlation to equity markets, is up 25.1%.

In fact, the only asset classes which didn't perform well were oil (down 21.5% and the FTSE 100 (down 8.9% in dollars). The poor performance of oil can be attributed to the reduction in demand for oil due to the global travel restrictions, while the poor performance of the UK's FTSE 100 can be ascribed to Brexit-related uncertainty. The trade deal announced with the EU on Christmas Eve has eliminated some of this uncertainty so the UK may be the market to watch in 2021.

While we believe markets may have rallied too hard, we consider this is a

rational response given where global interest rates currently are. Much of the moves we have seen can be explained by the acronym "TINA" or "There Is No Alternative". For this reason we remain bearish on bonds. We also believe that it is at moments such as these – when markets as a whole appear overvalued – that active management proves its mettle because managers are able to gain exposure to pockets of the market that offer value whilst avoiding those pockets that don't.

#### South Africa

South Africa has staged a miraculous come-back. The Rand's remarkable 23.6% recovery from its April lows illustrates that it's a fool's errand to call the direction of the Rand. The JSE was up 2% in dollars for the year – mainly due to rand-hedge and resource stocks – while "domestic" SA continues to perform poorly. We remain bearish on the longer-term trajectory for South Africa due to the erosion of the country's competitiveness and its weak fundamentals.

COVID and government bungling continue to have an impact on our everyday lives. Whilst we are sure the current slate of lockdown restrictions were implemented with the best intentions, the failure of government to secure a stable supply of vaccines will be a further impediment to South Africa's recovery.

### **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
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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 Global Icon Feeder Fund is in the Global - Equity - General sector and invests directly into the Flagship Global Icon Fund IC Limited, registered in Guernsey. That fund seeks to provide longterm capital appreciation by investing in high-quality companies that the Fund Manager believes will generate superior returns over the long-term. Such companies typically have a franchise in the form of a hard-to-replicate intangible asset (such as a brand, culture or intellectual property) that leads to an enduring competitive advantage and a dominant market position. The fund will, at all times, be fully invested in the master fund and, as such, does not allow for any asset allocation flexibility and will not invest in any financial instruments to implement specific investment views.

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

From 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020 1.45% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.00% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 1.45% 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. Note that as the fund has been operational for less than 1 year, the TER provided is an estimate.

# 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.

LOWER RISK	[				H	IGHER RISK
Potentially lov	wer reward				Potentially	nigher reward
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- 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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