Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund

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NAV 3,896.1c

Launch date 04 May 2005

Fund size R257m **NAV - A Class** 3,896.1c

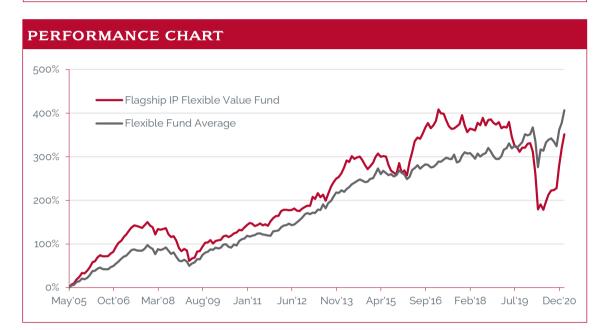
South African - Multi Asset - Flexible **Benchmark** Multi-Asset Flexible Sector Average

Sector

FUND OBJECTIVE

FUND MANAGER

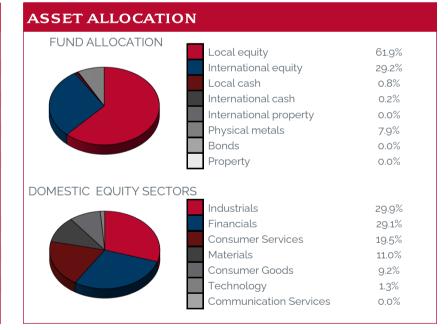
The Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund aims to outperform both the JSE All Share Index and competing funds over the medium to long term. We rely on fundamental research to identify investments which are trading at a discount to their intrinsic value and to determine which asset classes are the most attractive. 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.





Domestic Equity	61.9%
Lewis Group	6.9%
York Timbers	5.6%
Caxton	4.2%
African Rainbow Capital	4.0%
Nampak	3.6%
Stellar Capital	3.3%
EPE Capital	3.1%
British American Tobacco	3.0%
Hulamin	2.9%
Workforce	2.8%
Other domestic holdings	22.5%
Offshore Equity	29.2%
Contrarius Global Equity Fund	29.2%
Bonds	0.0%
Domestic	0.0%
Offshore	0.0%
Property	0.0%
Domestic	0.0%
Cash and Strategic Income	1.0%
Domestic	0.8%
Offshore	0.2%
Commodities	7.9%
Platinum	4.5%
Gold	3.4%

PERFORMANCE AND RISK			
Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Inflation
Since inception	351.6%	406.6%	131.4%
Since inception (annualised)	10.1%	10.9%	5.5%
10 Years (annualised)	6.2%	8.9%	5.1%
7 Years (annualised)	2.7%	6.0%	4.8%
5 Years (annualised)	4.8%	5.0%	4.6%
3 Years (annualised)	-0.9%	3.6%	3.9%
1 Year	9.7%	6.7%	3.1%
Year-to-date	7.5%	2.7%	0.2%
Risk Measures (since inception)			
Annualised monthly volatility	13.4	9.8	
Sharpe ratio	0.09	0.13	
Maximum drawdown	-47.5%	-23.6%	
Lowest actual annual return	-28.0%	4 May 2008 to 3 May 2	2009
Highest actual annual return	75.4%	4 May 2005 to 3 May 2	2006



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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund	17.9%	8.6%	8.5%	26.0%	6.7%	-4.6%	30.9%	-5.4%	5.1%	-10.0%	-2.6%
Sector	14.9%	5.9%	18.6%	19.5%	10.5%	7.7%	2.0%	9.2%	-3.7%	8.5%	3.9%

FEES		
	1 Year	3 Year
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	1.71%	1.70%
Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.25%	1.25%
VAT on fund management fee	0.19%	0.19%
Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.27%	0.26%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.32%	0.29%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	2.03%	1.99%

FUND COMMENTARY ~ JANUARY 2021

The fund's 7.5% gain during January was entirely driven by offshore equities - all held via the Contrarius Global Equity Fund, which has staged an extraordinary rally after last year's first half melt-down. The net result is that international equities now comprise 29% of the fund's value – up from just 22.6% only three months ago.

Turning to local equities, the fund's largest holding, Lewis, came out with an excellent trading update which led to a strong share price gain of 26.5% for the month. However, there was no other corporate news across the remainder of the local portfolio and most counters either held steady or drifted slightly lower. Trading activity within the fund was muted and the top ten holdings are unchanged from 31 December. We remain confident that these shares are significantly undervalued at current price levels.

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

MARKET COMMENTARY

International

The MSCI All Country World Index returned 0.1% for the month in USD and 3.4% in ZAR. Emerging Markets stocks and the Nasdaq both outperformed this, returning 5.0% and 1.7% in USD respectively. The oil price climbed 9.4% for the month (now at \$56 per barrel), up 48% over the past three months.

The first deliveries of vaccines and the trading fiasco at GameStop dominated January headlines. Smaller nations like Israel, Bahrain and the UAE have predictably done better in delivering vaccines, while the rollout in the UK and Europe has been problematic. We note that U.S. vaccination progress is leading to rapidly falling new cases and hospitalization data. This will continue, and we celebrate both the efforts of medical teams around the world to immunize the vulnerable, as well as a significantly improving economic outlook for the second half of the year.

Of most interest were the GameStop headlines. The trading frenzy in GameStop shares over the past week has not only provided grand theatre, but also a pertinent lesson in market price formation and risk management. Already, the results of the GameStop short squeeze have raised questions about market efficiency, regulation and financial stability, and it is clear that, notwithstanding Trump having left office with a blocked Twitter account, social media has not lost its influence on markets.

South Africa

South African equities returned 5.5% in ZAR in January. While local equities got off to a strong start, the SA index has underperformed emerging market peers by 19% over the past 12 months, to say nothing of developed market peers. It has become clear that the risks facing South Africa are now well understood by market participants, with the MSCI SA multiple (10.9x) now at a 32% discount to emerging markets.

Despite the government's best efforts to foil it, the economy continues to try and resuscitate itself. Unsurprisingly, the President's plan of fighting the pandemic, corruption and a financial disaster with words and posturing have not borne fruit, and have instead exposed how hollowed out the capabilities of the state have become. In the words of Exxaro's frustrated CEO: "what is now needed urgently is decisive action from the president. Words and vague intentions simply do not cut it". The President will appear appropriately shocked.

Elsewhere, a much-needed prosecution of former president Jacob Zuma continues to be gobsmackingly out of reach, with the organs of State unable to act on his clear disregard for the law of the land. Should he not be prosecuted, it would send a clear signal that South Africa has "neither a political nor economic environment for investment in the country", according to Business Unity SA president Sipho Pityana. We agree.

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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- 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, gilts 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 portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar schemes. Where the aforementioned schemes are operated 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: Base Fees: Sharing Ratio: Fee Example: Median of the Domestic Asset Allocation Flexible Unit Trust Sector1.25% per annumFee at Benchmark:1.25% per annumFee Hurdle:10%Minimum Fee:1.25% per annumMaximum Fee:

Median of the Domestic Asset Allocation Flexible Unit Trust Sector

No maximum

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

Method of Calculating:

If the fund underperforms the Fee Hurdle, then only the base fee is accrued until the high water mark is again reached.

The Performance Fee Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document may be found on www.ipmc.co.za

TER and Transaction Costs

From 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2020, 1.70% 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 administration of the fund. Inclusive in the TER of 1.70%, 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.

 LOWER RISK
 HIGHER RISK

 Potentially lower 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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