# Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds

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NAV 934.2c

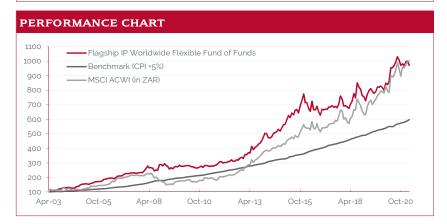
### **FUND MANAGERS** Flagship Global Investment Team

Launch date 03 April 2003 Fund size R303m NAV - A Class 934.2c Benchmark CPI +5%

Dealing Daily

# **FUND OBJECTIVE**

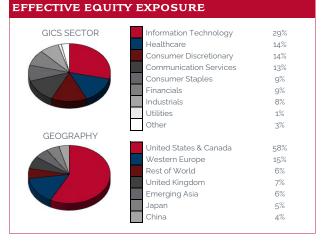
The objective of the Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds is to deliver long term capital growth by investing in a focused portfolio of stringently selected global equity fund managers. Investments, on a see-through basis, will be diversified across geographic regions, in both developed and emerging markets, and diversifies single manager and single style risk associated with investing through one asset manager only. The fund may invest across all asset classes, but, through the cycle, equity exposure will be maintained at around 80%, with the objective to outperform the MSCI World Index (in rands) over the long term (5 years). Our formal benchmark is CPI +5% and the fund is classified in the Worldwide - Multi Asset - Flexible sector



No. of participatory interests	32 266 362
Minimum lump sum investment	R 5 000
Base currency	ZAR
Income declaration - Mar '20	0.00сри
Income declaration - Sep '20	0.00cpu

JND EXPOSURES	
Global Equity Funds	67.4%
Sands Capital Global Growth Fund Benchmark: MSCI World Index   Style: Growth	19.2%
GOG Partners Global Equity Fund Benchmark: MSCI World Index   Style: Quality	12.2%
Lindsell Train Global Equity Fund Benchmark: MSCI World Index (Developed Markets)   Style: Qua	11.6% lity
Other Funds	24.4%
Exchange Traded Funds	9.8%
TOTAL EQUITY EXPOSURE	77.2%
Cash	22.8%
Domestic	3.5%
Foreign	19.3%
	100.0%

PERFORMANCE AND RISK						
Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance			
Since inception	910.1%	490.3%	419.8%			
Since inception (annualised)	13.7%	10.4%	3.3%			
10 Years (annualised)	13.3%	10.4%	2.9%			
7 Years (annualised)	10.9%	10.0%	0.8%			
5 Years (annualised)	7.6%	9.7%	-2.1%			
3 Years (annualised)	13.0%	9.1%	3.8%			
1 Year	12.6%	8.1%	4.5%			
Year-to-date	0.5%	2.5%	-2.0%			
Risk Measures (since inception)						
Annualised monthly volatility	13.2	2.9				
Sharpe ratio	0.12	0.37				
Maximum drawdown	-20.2%	-0.8%				
Lowest actual annual return	-0.1%	2 April 2010 to 1 Apri	l 2011			
Highest actual annual return	+30.1%	2 April 2003 to 1 Apri	il 2004			



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund	-2.4%	11.1%	10.4%	44.7%	18.0%	37.8%	-14.2%	4.0%	4.9%	5.9%	21.1%
CPI +5%	8.6%	11.5%	11.0%	10.7%	11.2%	10.1%	12.0%	10.0%	9.8%	8.8%	8.4%

FEES						
	1 Year	3 Year				
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	2.40%	2.39%				
Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.50%	1.50%				
VAT on fund management fee	0.23%	0.23%				
Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.68%	0.66%				
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.06%	0.31%				
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	2.46%	2.70%				

# FUND COMMENTARY ~ MARCH 2021

ANNUAL FUND PERFORMANCE

Your fund returned -2.9% for the month in Rands versus the MSCI ACWI which delivered a return of +0.5% (in ZAR). Your fund's "alpha" (return exceeding its CPI +5% benchmark return) over 12 months is +4.5%. For the month, the fund's largest contributors were the iShares MSCI ACWI ETF and Mondrian. The largest detractors were Sands Capital and Artisan Global Discovery.

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

## MARKET COMMENTARY

The light at the end of the pandemic tunnel is starting to get brighter. The first quarter of 2021 has ushered in renewed hope of a broad-based recovery across most developed markets. Stock markets have unsurprisingly - reacted favourably to the positive macroeconomic data, and all global indices are up year-to-date. The MSCI All Country World index, a barometer of global stock markets, has risen +5.2% in USD (+5.6% in ZAR) year-to-date, and over +61.3% in USD (+31.2% in ZAR) over the past twelve months.

Equity valuations remain elevated, with the 12-month forward priceearnings-ratio (or P/E ratio) of the S&P 500 at 23x at the time of writing versus its 30-year average of 17.3x. We have noted that as earnings expectations have increased for 2021, the P/E ratio has declined as share prices have moved sideways in recent months.

Inflation expectations have ticked up. The advent of inflation - and the monetary tightening that follows it - has traditionally been the destroyer of bull markets, so it's logical that market participants would worry about it. Oil (+25% year-to-date) and copper (+16%) are driving inflation, as well as benefitting from it through investor safe haven status.

Stimulus, and the increasing impact of both passive funds and retail investors, are playing a larger role in asset markets. In US equities, passive funds are now roughly as large as the actively managed investment universe after a decade of rampant growth, while retail investors now account for nearly as much as all mutual and hedge fund trading combined.

### South Africa

The JSE All Share Index delivered a return of +1.6% in Rands and a +4.4% return in dollars. Despite large gains in the last few months, the JSE has returned a miserly +2.4% per annum in USD over ten year versus +9.7% per annum for the MSCI ACWI. This translates to a total 10-year return of +456.3% over ten years for the MSCI ACWI versus +180.6% for the JSE, both in ZAR.

Vaccine deployment continues at a snail's pace, as do investigations into state capture. Consumers face two massive hits from this month: the first being Eskom's decision to increase electricity tariffs by 15.6% on 1 April 2021, and the second, an increase in the petrol price by as much as R1 a litre, and diesel by 66c. This implies that fuel will now cost R17.32 a litre, comfortably surpassing the previous high of R17.08 set in late 2018.

# **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,
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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 Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds is a Worldwide-Asset Allocation portfolio in the Flexible Portfolio Sector. The primary objective of the portfolio is to offer medium to long-term capital growth. The portfolio will invest in a range of participatory interests in equity, bond, money or property markets, in portfolios of collective investment schemes

In order to achieve its objective, the investments normally to be included in the Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds will, apart from assets in liquid form, consist of participatory interests of portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar schemes, in equity, bond, money or property markets, registered in the Republic of South Africa, or of portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar schemes operated in territories with a regulatory environment which is to the satisfaction of the Manager and the Trustee, and comply with the requirements of the Act and any regulations thereto.

# **TER and Transaction Costs**

From 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020 2.39% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.31% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 2.70% 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.

The investment philosophy is medium to long term in nature but with a conservative bias. The use of several managers diversifies the single-manager and single-style risk associated with investing through one asset manager only. Asset allocation is adjusted according to changes in market conditions..



- 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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