# Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund

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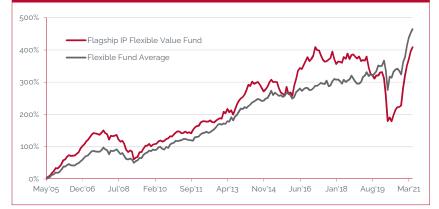
## FUND MANAGER Niall Brown

Launch date	04 May 2005
Fund size	R286m
NAV - A Class	4 338.5c
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.





# PERFORMANCE AND RISK

Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Inflation
Since inception	408.4%	464.4%	135.3%
Since inception (annualised)	10.7%	11.4%	5.5%
10 Years (annualised)	7.7%	9.3%	5.0%
7 Years (annualised)	3.4%	6.3%	4.6%
5 Years (annualised)	3.2%	5.3%	4.4%
3 Years (annualised)	2.1%	6.1%	4.0%
1 Year	74.8%	23.5%	3.2%
Year-to-date	21.0%	9.4%	1.9%
Risk Measures (since inception)			
Annualised monthly volatility	13.4	9.8	
Sharpe ratio	0.09	0.13	
Maximum drawdown	-47.5%	-24.2%	
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

## ANNUAL FUND PERFORMANCE

	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%



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## NAV 4,338.5c

No. of participatory interests	6 599 576
Minimum lump sum investment	R 10 000
Base currency	ZAR
Income declaration - Mar '21	46.21cpu
Dealing	Daily

# FUND EXPOSURES

Domestic Equity	65.1%
Lewis Group	6.4%
Caxton	5.4%
Nampak	5.4%
York Timbers	4.7%
African Rainbow Capital	4.0%
EPE Capital	3.9%
Stellar Capital	3.8%
Workforce	3.4%
Novus Holdings	3.1%
Hulamin	2.7%
Other domestic holdings	22.4%
Offshore Equity	22.5%
Contrarius Global Equity Fund	22.5%
Bonds	0.0%
Domestic	0.0%
Offshore	0.0%
Property	0.0%
Domestic	0.0%
Cash and Strategic Income	5.3%
Domestic	1.1%
Offshore	4.2%
Commodities	7.0%
Platinum	4.3%
Gold	2.7%
TOTAL	100.0%

FUND ALLOCATION	<b></b>	
	Local equity	65.1%
	International equity	22.5%
	Local cash	1.1%
	International cash	4.2%
	International property	0.0%
	Physical metals	7.0%
	Bonds	0.0%
	Property	0.0%
OMESTIC EQUITY SECT		
DOMESTIC EQUITY SECT	Industrials	29.9%
DOMESTIC EQUITY SECT		29.9% 29.1%
	Industrials	
	Industrials Financials	29.1%
	Industrials Financials Consumer Services	29.1% 19.5%
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PEES		
	1 Year	3 Year
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	1.72%	1.71%
Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.25%	1.25%
VAT on fund management fee	0.19%	0.19%
Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.29%	0.27%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.34%	0.29%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	2.06%	1.99%

## FUND COMMENTARY ~ APRIL 2021

The fund returned 2.7% in April and is up 21% for the year to date. The offshore equity component was flat for the month, so performance was driven by good gains in selected domestic equities, and an absence of any negative surprises. Three stand out performers during April were Caxton, Novus and Zeder. Novus, in fact, moves into the top ten holdings thanks to the 54% price gain during April. Having only purchased Novus in January this year, the doubling of the share price in only 3 months is very gratifying. The recent purchase of a meaningful stake in Novus by A2 Investment Partners is also encouraging, and we expect further value to be unlocked over time. Trading activity within the fund was again restrained as we continue to believe that the major holdings represent excellent value on a medium term view.

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

## MARKET COMMENTARY

#### International

Whilst equity markets continue to perform well, the global recovery from Covid is taking place in an uneven fashion. This threatens to widen the disparity between the "haves" and the "have nots" even further. The "haves" are most of the developed world - where vaccination programmes are proceeding according to plan and where lockdowns are gradually easing - and, of course, China. The Chinese economy grew 18.3% y-o-y in the first quarter, its highest print ever.

In parts of the developing world, things appear far less rosy. This is perhaps most starkly evident in India where record numbers of new infections have brought its healthcare system to the point of collapse. India's allies are assisting, where they can, to avert disaster.

Taxes have moved to the centre of the global agenda as countries seek ways to fund their stimulus programmes. On the corporate income tax front, the US has proposed a global minimum tax rate as well as a system of taxing the profits of multinationals according to where they derive sales. The latter measure will affect the large tech names who have used elaborate transfer-pricing mechanisms to avoid paying tax.

Personal income tax rates are also likely to rise in the US. The US is seeking to raise the top marginal tax rate for the wealthy and to make them pay tax at the same rate on capital gains as they do on income.

While they may be facing rising taxes, in all other respects things are going well for the large tech names, all of which reported revenues and earnings which significantly exceeded expectations.

#### South Africa

Newsflow in South Africa continues to be dominated by testimonies at the Zondo commission. Cyril Ramaphosa took the stand on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April where he admitted that the ANC had been weakened by corruption. His candour was in stark contrast to many of the other testimonies, which varied from the implausible to the absurd. The rand continues to perform well and strong commodity prices are contributing to both trade surpluses and budget deficits surprising on the upside. Longer-term, however, much remains to be done to put South Africa on a sustainable growth path.

## **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 iss
- 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
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- 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, gilts and money market instruments as defined in the Act and the Deed, 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 schemes or other similar schemes. Where the aforementioned schemes are operated in territories other han in South Africa, participatory interests or any other form of participation in these schemes will be included in the portfolio returnent 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								
Base Fees:	1.25% per annum	Fee at Benchmark:	1.25% per annum	Fee Hurdle:	Median of the Domestic Asset Allocation Flexible Unit Trust Sector				
Sharing Ratio:	10%	Minimum Fee:	1.25% per annum	Maximum Fee:	No maximum				
Fee Example:	0.1% for each 1% ou	tperformance of portfo	olio benchmark on a h	high water mark basis					
Method of Calculating:	If the fund underperfe	orms the Fee Hurdle, t	then only the base fee	e is accrued until the h	igh water mark is again reached.				
The Performance Fee Frequently Asked Q	uestions (FAQ) docun	nent may be found on	www.ipmc.co.za						

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

From 1 January 2018 to 31 December 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 buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore 1.99% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the investment 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 an 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 RISI	Н	IGHER RISK						
Potentially lo	ower reward				Potentially	higher reward		
1 2 3 4 5 6								

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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