# **Flagship IP Balanced Fund**

#### Minimum Disclosure Document - 31 July 2021

## **FUND MANAGER**

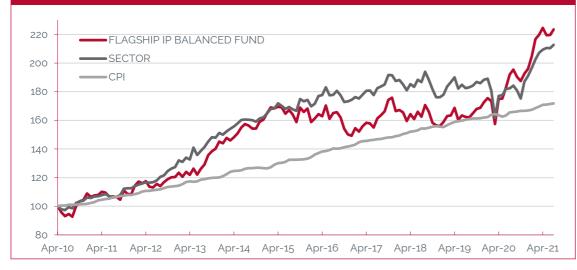
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Launch date	19 April 2010	
Fund size	R232.4m	
NAV - A Class	286.1c	
Benchmark	Sector Average	[Multi Asset - High Equity Index]
Fund Classification	Multi Asset - High	Equity

# **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

Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Since inception	123.5%	112.8%	10.8%
Since inception (annualised)	7.4%	6.9%	0.5%
10 Years (annualised)	7.7%	7.2%	0.5%
7 Years (annualised)	5.1%	4.1%	1.0%
5 Years (annualised)	6.2%	3.7%	2.6%
3 Years (annualised)	11.2%	4.5%	6.8%
1 Year	16.5%	16.7%	-0.3%
Year-to-date	14.0%	11.3%	2.7%
<b>Risk Measures</b> (since inception)			
		0.00	
Annualised monthly volatility	11.37	8.86	
Sharpe ratio	0.07	0.08	
Maximum drawdown	-20.5%	-24.2%	
Lowest actual annual return	+1.9%	19 April 2012 to 18 A	pril 2013
Highest actual annual return	+28.1%	19 April 2020 to 18 A	pril 2021

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#### Navigate Safely Forward

NAV 286.1c

No. of participatory interests	81 190 044
Minimum lump sum investment	R 5 000
Base currency	ZAR
Mar'21 income decl. [CLASS A]	0.00cpu
Sep'20 income decl. [CLASS A]	0.0000

# **FUND EXPOSURES**

Domestic Direct Equity	45.1%
Sibanye Stillwater	5.5%
Sasol	4.9%
Aveng	4.7%
Naspers	3.7%
Impala Platinum	3.6%
Anglo American	2.4%
Prosus	2.4%
Other domestic holdings	17.9%
International Direct Equity	4.5%
Tencent	2.6%
Amazon	1.9%
Global Equity Funds	<b>11.7</b> %
Flagship Global Icon Fund	11.7%
Capital Protected Exchange Traded Notes	16.4%
Environmental World Index Autocall	6.6%
S&P500 Digital Plus ESP	5.3%
MSCI Emerging Markets Digital Plus ETN	4.5%
Property	7.5%
Local - Sirius, Hammerson, Nepi, Growthpoint	3.9%
Offshore - Clearance Camino Fund	3.7%
Physical Commodities	4.8%
Rhodium	1.9%
Palladium	1.7%
Platinum	1.3%
Domestic Bonds	9.0%
Domestic Cash and Strategic Income	0.4%
International Cash	0.5%
TOTAL	100.0%

## ASSET ALLOCATION

EQUITY SECTORS	Equity Linked Notes	16%
	Global Equity Funds	12%
	Precious Metals	12%
	Media	6%
	Industrials	8%
	Technology	4%
	Financials	2%
	Healthcare	3%
	Other Sectors	14%
FUND ALLOCATION		
T OND ALECCATION	Local net equity	54%
	International equity	21%
	Total Equity	<b>75</b> %
	Cash	4%
	Physical Commodities	5%
	Local & offshore property	8%
	Local bonds	9%

### ANNUAL FUND PERFORMANCE

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	2.3	38%	2.43%
Fund	-0 F%	11.1%	20.7%	10.5%	1.0%	-11.3%	11.6%	-6.2%	10.7%	12.6%	Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.7	75%	1.75%
rund	-0.5/6	11.1/0	20.770	10.5%	4.9%	-11.2/0	11.076	-0.370	10.770	13.070	VAT on fund management fee	0.2	26%	0.26%
Sector	6.2%	13.1%	18.8%	7.2%	7.5%	-0.1%	7.5%	-6.0%	6.9%	1.5%	Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.	37%	0.41%
											Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.	34%	0.30%
											Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	2.7	72%	2.72%

# FUND COMMENTARY ~ JULY 2021

The fund's +1.8% return for the month was modestly above the sector benchmark, but well below the JSE Allshare's +4.1%. The market's return was driven by resource counters, with the Basic Materials index up a whopping +11.8%, assisted by Amplats +16.2%, Anglos +14.8% and BHP Billiton +12.2%. On the downside, the turmoil in the Chinese tech sector resulted in large falls for the JSE heavyweights, Prosus (-7.3%) and Naspers (-5.9%), who's NAV is inexorably linked to Tencent (-18.1%).

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

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# MARKET COMMENTARY

#### International

The Fed has made it clear that inflation will be allowed to rise in excess of its target before interest rate hikes will be considered. Additionally, the FOMC have committed to slowing their monthly bond purchases, a key support for US government bond yields. We consider both of these negative for US bond prices – and by extension global bond prices. However, with the US debt ceiling reimposed and a slowing of Treasury issuance, US bond yields will likely remain well bid.

China issued the death penalty for its tutoring segment in response to growing concerns about longstanding social pressures such as mounting education expenses for parents and falling birth rates. In response, the share prices of US-listed industry leaders TAL Education, New Oriental Education and Gaotu Techedu have collapsed by about 80% on average. Goldman Sachs has estimated that the restrictions could reduce the industry's annual earnings from \$100bn to less than \$25bn.

We believe that at the heart of the crackdown is an effort to strengthen ideological and practical control over the financial, real estate and education sectors of the economy. In so doing, the State retains the ability to steer the economy in the direction it believes is appropriate for both growth and

#### desirable socio-economic goals.

For similar reasons, technology companies in China have been scrutinized since the start of the year. We believe that the regulatory process must run its course, and we do not rule out continuing uncertainty into year end.

#### South Africa

South Africa was gripped by civil strife in July, with KZN declaring a state of disaster due to the extent of damage from the unrest unleashed following the jailing of former president Jacob Zuma. There is no doubt the riots were planned and politically motivated to make SA ungovernable. They largely succeeded, and were prevented only by civilian resistance and the SA Defence Force. The riots are expected to have a R50bn impact on the national GDP, outweighing the windfall SA has experienced from strong commodity prices.

On the positive side, the resource sector continues its spectacular performance ending up 11.8% for July, the highest monthly return since April 2020. As a result of strong commodity prices, the trade surplus in South Africa widened to R57.6bn in June – the highest surplus on record. This technical and temporary phenomenon is all that is supporting the strong Rand in our view.

# **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 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 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 requirements with which a pension fund investment strategy must comply in anaget so as to comply with prudential requirements will be done in order to be able to manage the investment strategy must comply in anaget so as a complexion on a date determined by the manager. This will be done in order to be able to manage the investors on a date determined by the m

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

From 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021 2.43% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.30% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 2.72% 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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Potentiallylo	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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