# Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund

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NAV 5,000.4c

FUND MANAGER Niall Brown

Fund sizeR336mNAV - A Class5 000.4c

SectorSouth African - Multi Asset - FlexibleBenchmarkMulti-Asset Flexible Sector Average

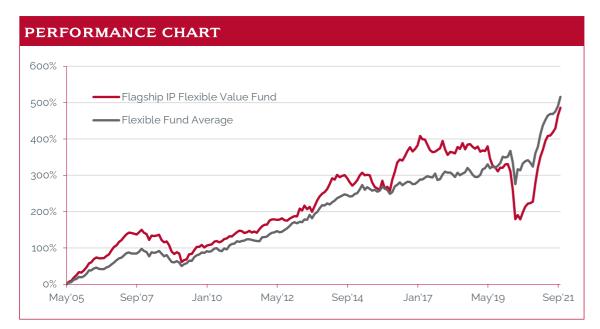
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No. of participatory interests6 708 781Minimum lump sum investmentR 10 000Base currencyZARIncome declaration - Mar '2146.21cpuDealingDaily

#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

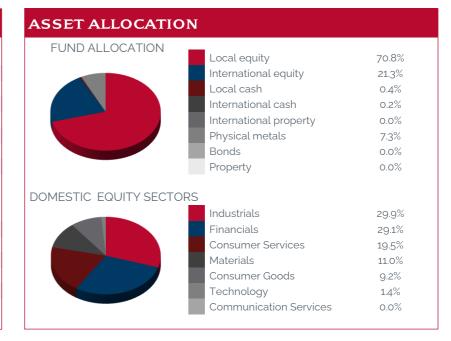
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The Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund aims to outperform both the JSE All Share Index and competing funds over the medium to long term. We rely on fundamental research to identify investments which are trading at a discount to their intrinsic value and 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	70.8%
Nampak	5.5%
York Timbers	5.2%
Caxton	5.2%
Lewis Group	5.0%
Stellar Capital	4.3%
EPE Capital	3.9%
African Rainbow Capital	3.3%
Novus Holdings	3.3%
Workforce	3.2%
Frontier Transport Holdings	2.6%
Other domestic holdings	29.4%
Offshore Equity	21.3%
Contrarius Global Equity Fund	21.3%
Bonds	0.0%
Domestic	0.0%
Offshore	0.0%
Property	0.0%
Domestic	0.0%
Cash and Strategic Income	0.6%
Domestic	0.4%
Offshore	0.2%
Commodities	7.3%
Platinum	4.8%
Gold	2.4%

Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Inflation
Since inception	486.0%	516.0%	137.7%
Since inception (annualised)	11.4%	11.7%	5.4%
10 Years (annualised)	8.8%	10.2%	5.0%
7 Years (annualised)	6.3%	6.9%	4.6%
5 Years (annualised)	4.2%	6.4%	4.4%
3 Years (annualised)	6.4%	7.4%	4.1%
1 Year	81.2%	22.2%	4.9%
Year-to-date	39.5%	13.6%	4.4%
Risk Measures (since inception)			
Annualised monthly volatility	13.3	9.7	
Sharpe ratio	0.10	0.14	
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%

FEES		
	1 Year	3 Year
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	1.72%	1.70%
Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.25%	1.25%
VAT on fund management fee	0.19%	0.19%
Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.28%	0.26%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.25%	0.27%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	1.97%	1.97%

## FUND COMMENTARY ~ SEPTEMBER 2021

The fund's 3.8% gain in a month which saw the JSE all share index produce a negative 3.1% return was a good outcome. The offshore equity component held via the Contrarius Global Equity Fund performed strongly on the back of its meaningful exposure to energy related stocks, while domestically Nampak and Ethos Capital were the standout performers within the top ten holdings. However, outside the top ten, several of the funds next tier holdings made notable contributions too. These included Brait, EOH, HCI and Master Drilling. In terms of trading activity we initiated a position in African Rainbow Minerals as the shares retreated sharply along with most commodity stocks, and also added to existing holdings in Reinet and the platinum ETF. The fund's cash holding is negligible, but with Stellar Capital and Novus both the subject of cash offers, the combined 7.6% weighting in these two counters can be treated as a proxy for cash.

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

#### International

In September we saw more turbulence than we have seen in a while. Most equity indices performed poorly, with the S&P500 down 4.8% for the month. It was also a weak month for bonds, with the Global Aggregate Bond Index down 1.1%. Commodities, with the exception of oil, also performed poorly.

Concerns around inflation are building. The Fed announced that it may scale back asset purchases as soon as November, and there is support amongst some of its members for increasing interest rates from next year. Flagship's asset allocation funds are well positioned for this type of scenario because we are overweight high-quality equities, the asset class which have provided the best protection against inflation in the past, as high quality businesses are able to pass on inflation in the prices they charge their customers.

While the Hang Seng Index actually outperformed the S&P during the month, Chinese equities have significantly underperformed the S&P500 year-to-date as influential regulatory moves continue to hurt. From a sectoral perspective, computer gaming stocks and casino operators came in the firing line of Chinese regulators, while Alibaba was also ordered to separate its lending app from its payments app, and to make its customer data available to third parties through a jointly owned (with the government) credit bureau.

From an investment point of view, it is impossible to ignore China, the world's largest economy by purchasing-power parity, but we have decided to reduce our overall exposure to the country to take these risks into account.

On a more positive note, results of the companies that reported during the month were well ahead of consensus, demonstrating how high quality businesses continue to entrench their 'moats' and grow their markets.

#### South Africa

The JSE ALSI weakened by 5.6% in USD during the month, which was a worse showing than that of the S&P500. The rand also ended the month weaker by - 3.7% against the USD.

News around local elections dominated headlines as the Constitutional Court ruled that local elections need to be held by 1 November. To the chagrin of some opposition parties, who had hoped to benefit from the ANC's failure to meet the deadline for candidate registrations, the IEC re-opened registrations. South Africa moved to adjusted Alert Level 2 restrictions on 12<sup>th</sup> of September, and the move to adjusted Alert Level 1 restrictions was announced on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **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 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: Median of the Domestic Asset Allocation Flexible Unit Trust Sector

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1.25% per annum
10%

Fee at Benchmark: 1.25% per annum
Minimum Fee: 1.25% per annum
1.25% per annum
Maximum Fee: Median of the Domestic Asset Allocation Flexible Unit Trust Sector No maximum

Sharing Ratio: 10% Minimum Fee: 1.25% per annum Maximum Fee: No max Fee Example: 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.

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

From 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021, 1.70% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.27% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore 1.97% 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 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.



- 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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