

# Flagship IP Balanced Fund

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NAV 267.6c

## FUND MANAGER

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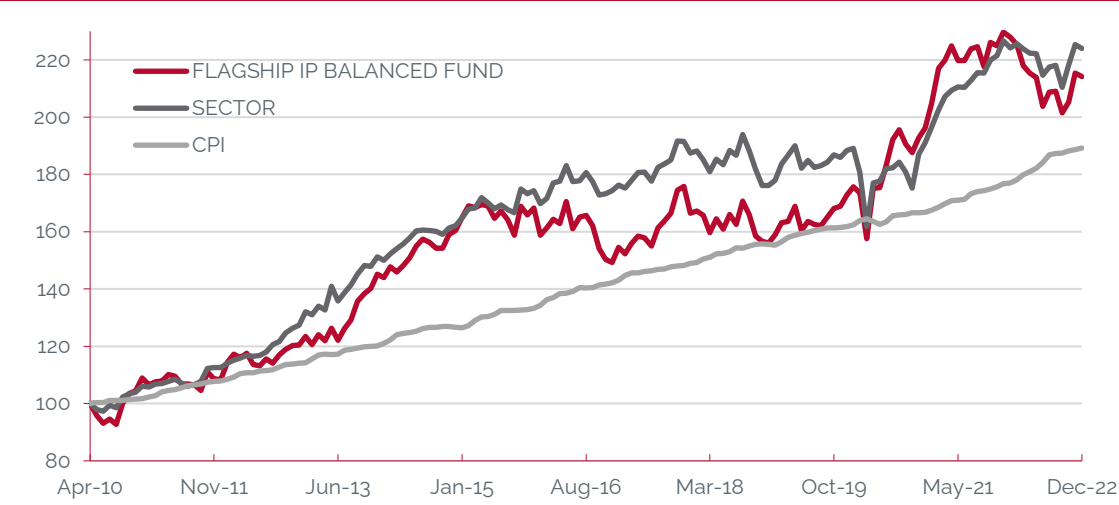
Launch date	19 April 2010
Fund size	R217.0m
NAV - A Class	267.6c
Benchmark	Sector Average [Multi Asset - High Equity Index]
Fund Classification	Multi Asset - High Equity

No. of participatory interests	81 057 181
Minimum lump sum investment	R 5 000
Base currency	ZAR
Sep'22 income decl. [CLASS A]	4.67cpu
Mar'22 income decl. [CLASS A]	0.19cpu

## 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



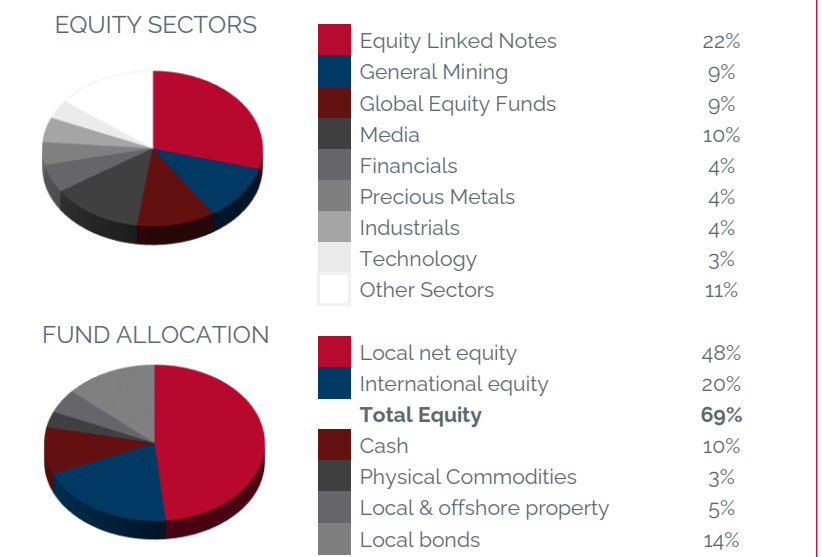
## FUND EXPOSURES

<b>Domestic Direct Equity</b>	<b>41.3%</b>
Prosus	6.1%
Naspers	4.0%
Mondi Plc	3.0%
Aveng	2.9%
MTN	2.9%
Glencore	2.8%
Thungela	2.8%
Other domestic holdings	16.8%
<b>International Direct Equity</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
Tencent	2.3%
Amazon	0.7%
<b>Global Equity Funds</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
Flagship Global Icon Fund	8.6%
<b>Capital Protected Exchange Traded Notes</b>	<b>21.9%</b>
Environmental World Index Autocall	7.7%
S&P500 Digital Plus ESP	5.6%
MSCI Emerging Markets Digital Plus ETN	4.5%
Rand Euro Stoxx 50 Autocall	4.0%
<b>Property</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Direct Property Holdings - Sirius, Growthpoint	2.3%
Offshore - Clearance Camino Fund	2.6%
<b>Physical Commodities</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Platinum	1.5%
Rhodium	1.8%
<b>Domestic Bonds</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
<b>Domestic Cash</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>International Cash</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## PERFORMANCE AND RISK

Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Since inception	114.2%	124.1%	-9.8%
Since inception (annualised)	6.2%	6.6%	-0.4%
10 Years (annualised)	6.0%	5.8%	0.2%
7 Years (annualised)	3.5%	3.7%	-0.1%
5 Years (annualised)	5.2%	3.6%	1.5%
3 Years (annualised)	7.4%	6.0%	1.5%
1 Year	-6.7%	-1.1%	-5.6%
Year-to-date	-6.7%	-1.1%	-5.6%
<b>Risk Measures (since inception)</b>			
Annualised monthly volatility	11.4	8.6	
Sharpe ratio	0.06	0.11	
Maximum drawdown	-20.5%	-22.3%	
Lowest actual annual return	+1.9%	19 April 2012 to 18 April 2013	
Highest actual annual return	+28.1%	19 April 2020 to 18 April 2021	

## ASSET ALLOCATION



## ANNUAL FUND PERFORMANCE

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Fund	11.1%	20.7%	10.5%	4.9%	-11.3%	11.6%	-6.3%	10.7%	13.6%	17.0%
Sector	13.1%	18.8%	7.2%	7.5%	-0.1%	7.5%	-6.0%	6.9%	1.5%	18.6%

## FEES

	1 Year	3 Year
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	2.50%	2.43%
Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.75%	1.75%
VAT on fund management fee	0.26%	0.26%
Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.49%	0.42%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.25%	0.30%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	2.75%	2.73%

## FUND COMMENTARY - DECEMBER 2022

The Flagship IP Balanced Fund returned -0.5% in December, in line with the fund's sector average benchmark, in a month where most global equity indices lost ground as lower-than-expected inflation numbers failed to quell fears about a looming recession in 2023. The fund's performance for the year was disappointing, falling 6.7% against the benchmark's more moderate -1.1% return, almost primarily due to poor returns from the fund's offshore holdings. Locally, the substantial second half fight back from the tech sector (Naspers +76% from April lows), together with large 6 month moves in Resources (+15.0% for H2'22) and Property (+15.1% in H2'22) lifted both the fund and the JSE from their mid-year doldrums. As required by legislation, we confirm that the fund has adhered to its policy objective and strategy.

MARKET COMMENTARY

A weak December summarized the general trend in what was the worst year for equity markets since the financial crisis in 2008. The S&P 500 was down 5.7% for the month and down 18% for the year, in line with the performance of the MSCI ACWI, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq was down 8.6% during December and lost a third of its value during the year. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index capped off a rollercoaster year with a strong month, returning 6.4%, and finishing the year 12.6% down (in USD). The UK-based FTSE 100 was a relative bright light, decreasing only 7% for the year in USD, despite the fallout from Brexit, extreme consumer pricing pressures, and farcical Tory leadership.

Consequently, the valuations assigned by the market have given up a lot of ground with the S&P declining from a peak of 21.4x to 16.7x one year forward earnings expectations over the course of the year. The retracement in the Nasdaq was much more pronounced, dropping from 31.4x to 21.7x. Both the S&P and Nasdaq are now slightly below their average 10-year multiples of 17.3x and 22.4x respectively. High-flying tech giants were hit especially hard, as Meta tumbled 65% while Google parent Alphabet, Amazon, Apple and Microsoft all lost between 30 and 50% of their value.

The price of oil fluctuated wildly, closing 30% below its early-year high of \$130/barrel, and is now barely 10% higher than at the start of the year.

The last month of the year saw China finally reverse course on most of its COVID restrictions. This included scrapping quarantine requirements for inbound visitors, downgrading the seriousness to a class B infectious disease, and ceasing to publish daily death and infection numbers.

2022 was a year full of uncertainty, attributable primarily to 3 big themes: the Russian invasion of Ukraine, China's insistence on sticking with its zero-Covid policy, and surging global inflation which led to steep rate hikes and fears of a looming recession. This remains the status quo heading into 2023.

The JSE followed international trends and was down in December, dropping 2.3%. However, the local market performed relatively well over the year, ending up 4% (in ZAR). Offsetting this performance was the continued depreciation of the Rand against the US Dollar, ending the year 6.9% weaker.

Andre de Ruyter's mid-month resignation created shockwaves through the local economy, and the uncertainty around the cash-strapped, debt-ridden parastatal will not instill investors and the business sector with confidence. Finally, despite the recent Phala Phala controversy, Cyril Ramaphosa was re-elected as the ANC President, with Paul Mashatile assuming the position of Deputy President, and a Top 6 more aligned with the President.

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](mailto:clientservices@ipmc.co.za) or call us on 021 673-1340
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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](mailto: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 that 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 schemes registered in South Africa or operated in territories with a regulatory environment which is to the satisfaction of the Manager and the Trustee and as legislation permits. Nothing contained in the 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 from retaining cash in the portfolio and / or placing cash on deposit in terms of the deed. Provided further that 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 offshore investments as legislation permits. 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 terms of applicable legislation. For the purpose of this portfolio, the manager shall reserve the right to close the portfolio to new investors on a date determined by the manager. This will be done in order to be able to manage the fund in accordance with its mandate. The manager may, once a portfolio has been closed, open that portfolio again to new investors on a date determined by the manager.

TER and Transaction Costs

From 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2022 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, 2.73% 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.



- 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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