# Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund

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# NAV 639.9c

Launch date Fund size NAV - A Class Benchmark

**CO-FUND MANAGERS** 

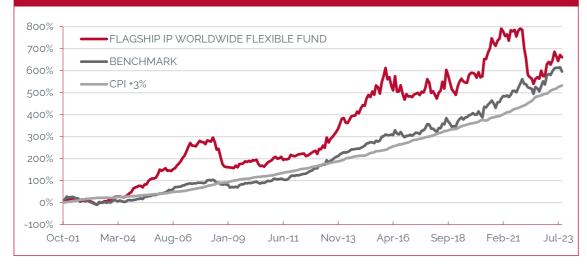
05 October 2001 R372m 639.9c 60% Equity 20% Bonds 20% Cash

[30% JSE Allshare, 30% MSCI World - in rands][10% ALBI, 10% JPMorgan Global Bond Index - in rands][10% Domestic cash, 10% US Overnight call - in rands]

## **FUND OBJECTIVE**

To provide long term capital growth from an actively managed portfolio comprising equities, bonds, listed property and cash – both local and foreign. To achieve long term capital growth, the fund will have a bias towards equity (which typically offers the best returns over the long run), but no guidelines have been set for maximum and minimum exposures to any one asset class. Our benchmark is 60% equities, 20% bonds and 20% cash with each category split equally between local and international assets. The fund is classified with ASISA as a Worldwide - Multi Asset - Flexible fund.

#### **PERFORMANCE CHART**



### **PERFORMANCE AND RISK**

Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Since inception	674.0%	596.4%	77.6%
Since inception (annualised)	9.7%	9.2%	0.5%
10 Years (annualised)	6.4%	8.7%	-2.3%
7 Years (annualised)	3.6%	8.0%	-4.4%
5 Years (annualised)	2.3%	8.2%	-5.9%
3 Years (annualised)	-2.7%	8.1%	-10.8%
1 Year	14.7%	14.9%	-0.3%
Year-to-date	12.6%	9.4%	3.2%
Risk Measures (since inception)	Fund	Sector	
Annualised monthly volatility	14.21	9.79	
Sharpe ratio	0.08	0.14	
Maximum drawdown	-37.3%	-20.9%	
Lowest actual annual return	-16.8%	5 October 2007 to 4	October 2008
Highest actual annual return	+46.5%	5 October 2004 to 4	October 2005

## ANNUAL FUND PERFORMANCE

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fund	43.3%	18.1%	31.2%	-18.2%	2.8%	0.8%	10.8%	26.4%	4.8%	-23.7%

No. of participatory interests	58 081 278
Minimum lump sum investment	R 5 000
Base currency	ZAR
Income declaration - Mar '23	0.00cpu
Income declaration - Sep '23	0.23cpu
Dealing	Daily

FLAGSHIP ASSET MANAGEMENT

## **FUND EXPOSURES**

Equity	58.0%
Schlumberger	3.8%
JSE Midcap ETF	3.8%
Informa Plc	3.5%
British American Tobacco	3.5%
UnitedHealth Group Inc	3.2%
Reckitt Benckiser Group Plc	2.7%
iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF	2.5%
PagSeguro Digital Ltd	2.2%
Tractor Supply Company	1.9%
Legal & General Group	1.8%
Other equity holdings	29.3%
Property	1.5%
Nuveen Short-term REIT	1.5%
Bonds	6.1%
Offshore	0.0%
Domestic	6.1%
Cash	27.9%
Offshore	26.9%
Domestic	0.9%
Commodities	6.5%
Gold	6.5%
TOTAL	100.0%

### **EFFECTIVE EQUITY EXPOSURE**

GICS SECTOR	Consumer Staples Financials Communication Services Consumer Discretionary Energy Information Technology Healthcare Other	21% 14% 14% 13% 8% 7% 9%
GEOGRAPHY	<ul> <li>United States &amp; Canada</li> <li>Rest of World</li> <li>Western Europe</li> <li>Latam</li> <li>China &amp; Asia Pacific</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>South Africa</li> <li>Japan</li> </ul>	34% 16% 15% 9% 7% 7% 3%

## FEES

Year	3 Year
31%	2.19%
75%	1.75%
26%	0.26%
30%	0.18%
20%	0.39%
51%	2.58%
	31% 75% 26% 30% 20%

Benchmark	25.2% 10.5% 15.8% -1.5%	8.2% 2.7% 11.3% 11.7% 18.5% -3.3%
Sector	32.5% 10.3% 12.6% -3.9%	7.8% -1.5% 13.2% 10.9% 20.0% -8.1%

# FUND COMMENTARY ~ SEPTEMBER 2023

The Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund returned -1.5% vs its composite benchmark which was down 2.7% (both in ZAR), as the majority of global equity indices ended the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in the red.

The biggest contributors for the month were Endava, United Health, and Agesa, while the main detractors were Ultra Clean, Tapestry and Becle. Additions to the fund during the month included Alphabet, Hensoldt AG, and Concentrix, funded by sales of general equity ETF's.

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

### MARKET COMMENTARY

the MSCI ACWI lost 4.1%, while in the US, the S&P500 and Nasdaq indices lost 4.8% and 5.8% respectively. In the East, Japan's Nikkei lost 1.7%, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped by 2.6%. The lone standout this month was London's FTSE 100 index, which gained 2.4%. All major indices, bar the FTSE 100, lost ground over the quarter.

On the commodity front, the price of Brent Crude oil continued to surge, gaining 9.7% during the month, and reaching mid \$90/barrel, with prices north of \$100 looking increasingly likely as OPEC+'s production cuts start to bite.

Not surprisingly, rising energy prices were the main contributor to US inflation shutdown toward the end of the month.

US seem to be gaining strength. United Auto Workers, a union representing next year.

Most markets experienced another red month to end the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Globally, workers in the auto industry, rejected offers for a 21% pay increase. No doubt it did not help matters that President Joe Biden made history as the first sitting US president to join workers on the picket line.

> In some good news for global travellers looking for a last-minute December breakaway in a foreign location, North Korea has finally reopened its borders to tourists after COVID! You will, however, still have to bargain in an extra 2 days of quarantine upon arrival before continuing on your adventure...

> South African investors also experienced a red month, as the JSE All Share dropped 2.5%, with the Resources index being the lone positive sector (up 1.0%).

making a turn in the wrong direction. After earlier falling to 3.2%, US CPI moved From a political perspective, news flow was once again mostly negative. Cyril higher to 3.7% in September. This will renew pressure on the Fed to stay the Ramaphosa took another disappointing step, deciding to blame Apartheid for course with higher interest rates. The US is also facing mounting pressure from the country's current lack of civil engineers and town planners, this despite a a fiscal policy perspective, once again narrowly avoiding a government mass exodus of these exact skillsets over the last 2 decades. Government also continues to steer us further toward economic trouble, as the July budget deficit of R144 billion was the largest since 2004. Despite the dire state of the Upward wage pressure will also continue to add to inflation. After UPS delivery fiscus, the ANC and its alliance partners are heavily opposed to any spending workers recently secured enormous pay packages, unionised workers in the cuts, which is not surprising given that national elections are on the agenda for

# **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%.
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- 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 is a Worldwide-Asset Allocation portfolio in the Flexible Portfolio Sector. The primary objective of the Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund is to offer medium to longterm capital growth. The portfolio will invest in a flexible combination of investments in equity, bond, money or property markets to maximise total returns over the long term. The portfolio will be actively managed with exposure to various asset classes being varied to reflect changing economic and market circumstances, in order to maximise returns for investors.

In order to achieve its objective, the investments normally included in the Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund will comprise a combination of local and foreign securities, exchange securities, stock including loan stock, financially sound listed property investments and participatory interests in portfolios of collective investment schemes in property shares, assets in liquid form and any other securities 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. To the extent permitted by legislation, the fund may use exchange traded funds and financial instruments to implement specific investment views.

### **TER and Transaction Costs**

From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2023 2.19% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.39% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 2.58% 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.

LOWER RIS	К				HIGHER RISK		
Potentially lo	ower reward				Potentiallyh	igher 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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