

# Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document – 31 March 2024



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## FUND MANAGERS

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NAV 724.3c

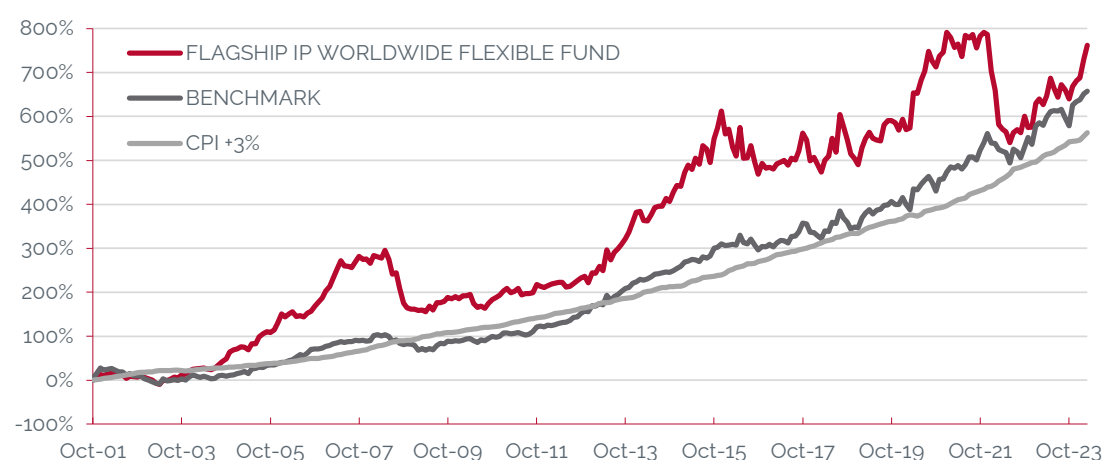
<b>Launch date</b>	05 October 2001	
<b>Fund size</b>	R411m	
<b>NAV - A Class</b>	724.3c	
<b>Benchmark</b>	60% Equity	[30% JSE Allshare, 30% MSCI World - in rands]
	20% Bonds	[10% ALBI, 10% JPMorgan Global Bond Index - in rands]
	20% Cash	[10% Domestic cash, 10% US Overnight call - in rands]

<b>No. of participatory interests</b>	56 694 988
<b>Minimum lump sum investment</b>	R 5 000
<b>Base currency</b>	ZAR
<b>Income declaration - Mar '24</b>	0.22cpu
<b>Income declaration - Sep '23</b>	0.23cpu
<b>Dealing</b>	Daily

## 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



## FUND EXPOSURES

<b>Equity</b>	<b>80.5%</b>
Meta Platforms	4.3%
Rolls Royce Holdings	4.1%
Rheinmetall AG	3.5%
Crocs Inc	3.2%
Kaspi	3.2%
Coca-Cola Enterprises Femsa	2.8%
Blue Label Telecoms	2.7%
Novo Nordisk	2.5%
Hensoldt AG	2.3%
StoneCo	2.0%
Other equity holdings	49.9%
<b>Property</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Bonds</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
Offshore	0.0%
Domestic	4.3%
<b>Cash</b>	<b>10.7%</b>
Offshore	8.3%
Domestic	2.4%
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
Gold	4.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

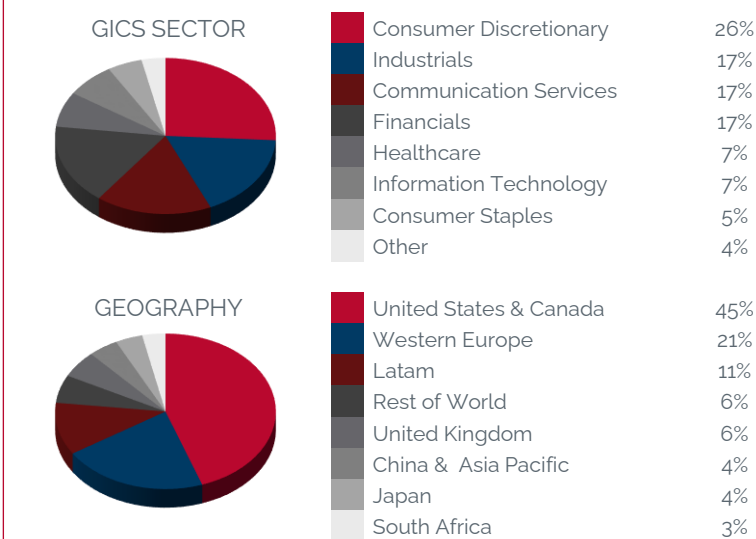
## PERFORMANCE AND RISK

Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Since inception	776.8%	657.7%	119.1%
Since inception (annualised)	10.1%	9.4%	0.7%
10 Years (annualised)	6.4%	8.8%	-2.4%
7 Years (annualised)	5.5%	9.1%	-3.6%
5 Years (annualised)	5.8%	9.6%	-3.8%
3 Years (annualised)	0.2%	9.1%	-9.0%
2 Years (annualised)	12.4%	10.1%	2.3%
1 Year	18.5%	11.4%	7.0%
Year-to-date	10.2%	3.3%	6.9%

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

## EFFECTIVE EQUITY EXPOSURE



## ANNUAL FUND PERFORMANCE

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Fund</b>	18.1%	31.2%	-18.2%	2.8%	0.8%	10.8%	26.4%	4.8%	-23.7%	15.6%
<b>Benchmark</b>	10.5%	15.8%	-1.5%	8.2%	2.7%	11.3%	11.7%	18.5%	-3.3%	15.2%
<b>Sector</b>	10.3%	12.6%	-3.9%	7.8%	-1.5%	13.2%	10.9%	20.0%	-8.1%	20.1%

## FEES

	1 Year	3 Year
<b>Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)</b>	2.19%	2.17%
<b>Fund management fee (excl. VAT)</b>	1.75%	1.75%
<b>VAT on fund management fee</b>	0.26%	0.26%
<b>Fund expenses (incl. VAT)</b>	0.18%	0.16%
<b>Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)</b>	0.35%	0.40%
<b>Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)</b>	<b>2.54%</b>	<b>2.57%</b>

## FUND COMMENTARY - MARCH 2024

The Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund returned 3.8% vs its composite benchmark which was up 0.9% (both in ZAR), as equity markets delivered yet another strong showing to end the first quarter of the year.

The biggest contributors for the month were Hensoldt, Blue Label Telecoms and Rheinmetall, while the main detractors were Petrobras and Alpha Metallurgical Resources.

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

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Equity markets had another strong run in March – which led to the S&P 500 closing out its best first quarter since 2019 – gaining 3.2% (outperforming the Nasdaq which gained 1.9%). The S&P also outperformed the Nasdaq for the quarter, gaining 10.6% vs the Nasdaq's 9.3%, as the market's rally began to broaden in depth. In the UK, the FTSE 100 closed 4.8% higher, but it was up just 4.0% for the quarter. Over in the East, the Nikkei continued its bull run, rising 3.2%, ending the quarter 20.8% higher. The notable underperformer for the quarter was, again, the Hang Seng index which closed 2.5% lower.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's statement that they are getting close to the level of confidence required to start easing their restrictive policies contributed to strong returns.

Commodity markets were also strong during March with Brent up 4.5%, but the real winners were gold and silver, rising 9.6% and 11.2% respectively. There are several drivers behind this recent rally, chief among them being increasing tensions in the Middle East, as well as the OPEC+ decision to extend its production cuts. After talks of a potential truce in Gaza earlier in March, tensions took a turn for the worse at the end of the month, as Iran accused Israel of striking its embassy in Syria, killing a senior Iranian general. Iran has promised retaliation, and a larger regional conflict is now a real possibility.

Regional tensions also remain top of mind in the EU, as Germany and France added their support to other EU countries calling for the European Investment Bank to increase financing on defence in order to bolster the bloc's security.

Stepping away from geopolitics, Japan entered a new era of economic policy after the Central Bank raised interest rates for the first time in two decades.

Local investors also had a good month in March, with the JSE All Share index ending 3.2% higher. However, it caps off a disappointing quarter, as the index lost 2.2%, significantly underperforming both world and other emerging markets. Over one year, the All Share index is now barely in the green, lagging the S&P and Nasdaq by about 30% over the period. On a brighter note, the Rand did strengthen by 1.7% against the dollar during the month.

From a political perspective, the battle lines between parties are becoming murkier by the day. The latest surveys indicate that the ANC might well fall below 40% on a national level, with support for Jacob Zuma's new MK Party surging north of 10%, with a particularly strong showing in KwaZulu-Natal. The multi-party charter will likely still be too small to govern, so we are more than likely faced with a scenario where the ANC is looking for a kingmaker. No doubt there will be some turbulence as we move closer to election day.

## 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 upon 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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## 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 long-term 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.

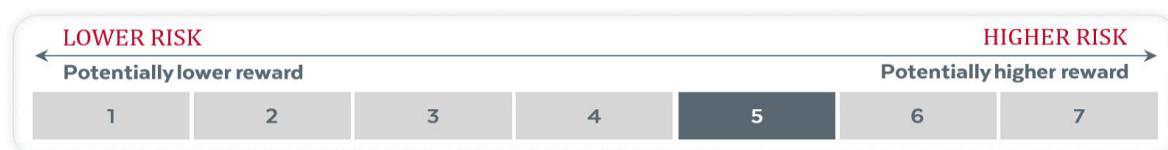
In order to achieve its objective, the investments normally included in the Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund will comprise a combination of local and foreign securities, exchange securities, stock including loan stock, financially sound listed property investments and participatory interests in portfolios 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 January 2021 to 31 December 2023 2.17% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.40% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 2.57% 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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