# Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds

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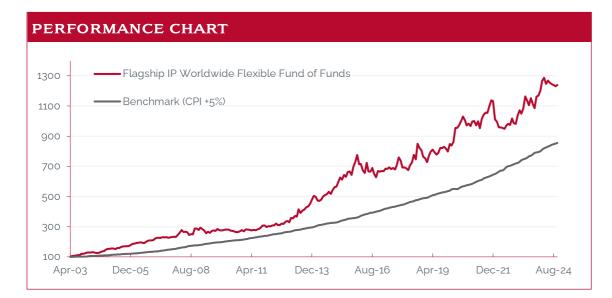
### FUND MANAGERS

Flagship Global Investment Team

Launch date03 April 2003Fund sizeR385mNAV - A Class1 190.6cBenchmarkCPI +5%DealingDaily

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds is to deliver long term capital growth by investing in a focused portfolio of stringently selected global equity fund managers. Investments, on a see-through basis, will be diversified across geographic regions, in both developed and emerging markets, and diversifies single manager and single style risk associated with investing through one asset manager only. The fund may invest across all asset classes, but, through the cycle, equity exposure will be maintained at around 80%, with the objective to outperform the MSCI World Index (in rands) over the long term (5 years). Our formal benchmark is CPI +5% and the fund is classified in the Worldwide - Multi Asset - Flexible sector.

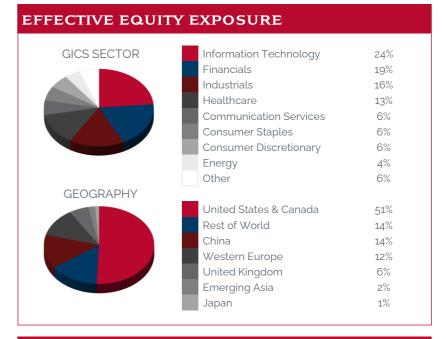


PERFORMANCE AND RISK			
Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Since inception	1187.4%	750.2%	437.2%
Since inception (annualised)	12.6%	10.4%	2.1%
10 Years (annualised)	9.1%	10.2%	-1.1%
7 Years (annualised)	7.2%	10.0%	-2.8%
5 Years (annualised)	8.4%	10.0%	-1.7%
3 Years (annualised)	4.1%	10.6%	-6.5%
1 Year	14.1%	9.1%	4.9%
Year-to-date	5.9%	7.4%	-1.5%
Risk Measures (since inception)			
Annualised monthly volatility	13.3	2.9	
Sharpe ratio	0.11	0.37	
Maximum drawdown	-20.2%	-0.8%	
Lowest actual annual return	-0.1%	2 April 2010 to 1 April 2011	
Highest actual annual return	+30.1%	2 April 2003 to 1 April 2004	





UND EXPOSURES	
Global Equity Funds	51.4%
Artisan Global Value Fund	11.7%
Benchmark: MSCI Asia ex Japan   Style: Value.	
GQG Partners Global Equity Fund	9.1%
Benchmark: MSCI World Index   Style: GARP	
GQG EM Markets Equity Fund	7.7%
Benchmark: MSCI EM Index   Style: GARP	
Guinness Global Equity Income Fund	4.8%
Benchmark: MSCI World Index   Style: Quality + Yield	
Other Funds	18.1%
Exchange Traded Funds	32.3%
JSE Midcap ETF	6.4%
iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF	6.0%
iShares MSCI ACWI UCITS ETF	5.9%
Invesco PHLX Semiconductor ETF	5.6%
Other Exchange Traded Funds	8.5%
TOTAL EQUITY EXPOSURE	83.7%
Commodities	8.0%
Gold	8.0%
Bonds	0.0%
Satrix Govi SA Bonds	0.0%
Cash & Strategic Income	8.3%
Domestic	2.9%
Foreign	5.3%
TOTAL PORTFOLIO	100.0%



FEES		
	Retail	Institutional
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	2.28%	1.53%
Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.50%	0.85%
VAT on fund management fee	0.23%	0.13%
Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.56%	0.55%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.09%	0.09%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	2.37%	1.62%

## FUND COMMENTARY ~ OCTOBER 2024

The Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds returned 0.7%, slightly behind the CPI +5% benchmark return of 0.8%, as global markets took a breather from the strong rally over the past few months.

The biggest contributors for the month were the fund's gold position, the Artisan Global Discovery fund, and the Sands Capital Global Growth fund. The largest detractors were the GQG Emerging Markets Fund and the Kraneshares China ETF.

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

#### **MARKET COMMENTARY**

Equity markets gave up some recent gains with the US's S&P 500, Nasdaq and small-cap Russell 2000 index declining by 0.9%, 0.5% and 1.4% respectively. UK and Europe fared worse with London's FTSE falling 1.5% and the Euro Stoxx losing 3.5%. One of the lone indices ending the month in the green was Japan's Nikkei 225, gaining 3.1%, however all of this gain was eroded when measured in USD, as the Yen declined by nearly 6% against the greenback.

In the US, all eyes were focussed on the election, which Donald Trump won by a much wider margin than most had anticipated. One problem Trump will have to tackle, is the substantial US debt problem. According to the Wall Street Journal, Trump's economic agenda could add a further \$7.5 trillion to US debt over the next decade. Investors are taking note, and the long end of the yield curve rose as investors demand higher compensation for the "risk" involved with owning long-term US debt.

Aside from this, Trump will inherit a very strong US economy. Retail sales continued to rise in September, new jobs data in September smashed estimates (254k vs 132k) and according to the Bureau of Labour Statistics 159.1 as the Rand weakened by 1.9%. Local inflation prints came in at 3.8% YoY, lower million Americans are now employed, the most on record. CPI data came in than the forecast of 3.9%. The continued downward trend of these prints 2.4% YoY, slightly higher than estimates, and core CPI came in at 3.3% YoY, slightly higher than the previous reading, but still well under control. US GDP

growth also remains strong. Although last quarter's 2.8% advanced print was lower than Q2 (3%) and economist estimates (3.1%), it still contributes to a 2-year streak of strong growth in the face of very high borrowing rates. The IMF also expects the US economy to grow 2.8% this year, compared to 0.9% on average for the G7 countries as a whole. All in all - a rosy picture - if you manage to look past the enormous debt problem.

From a geopolitical standpoint, September marked the 1-year point in the Israel Hamas war. Tensions in the region are only increasing, with the involvement of Hezbollah and Iran, and with the elimination of numerous Hamas and Hezbollah leaders. The situation in Ukraine also took a dangerous new turn, with up to 10 000 North Korean troops being deployed to the region, marking a deeper military alliance between Kim Jong Un and Vladimir Putin.

Like global peers, the JSE All Share also struggled in October, declining by 1.3%. The resources and financials indices fared much better though, returning 3.0% and 2.8% respectively. These returns are more muted in US dollar terms, provides even more reason for the Reserve Bank to lower borrowing rates, however the conservative path they have alluded to might prevent this.

### **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
- 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
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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 or emailed to complaints@ipmc.co.za.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds is a Worldwide-Asset Allocation portfolio in the Flexible Portfolio Sector. The primary objective of the portfolio is to offer medium to long-term capital growth. The portfolio will invest in a range of participatory interests in equity, bond, money or property markets, in portfolios of collective investment schemes.

In order to achieve its objective, the investments normally to be included in the Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds will, apart from assets in liquid form, consist of participatory interests of portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar schemes, in equity, bond, money or property markets, registered in the Republic of South Africa, or of portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar schemes operated in territories with a regulatory environment which is to the satisfaction of the Manager and the Trustee, and comply with the requirements of the Act and any regulations thereto.

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

From 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024 2.28% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.09% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 2.37% 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

#### **Fund Risk Profile**

The investment philosophy is medium to long term in nature but with a conservative bias. The use of several managers diversifies the single-manager and single-style risk associated with investing through one asset manager only. Asset allocation is adjusted according to changes in market conditions.



- 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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