# Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds

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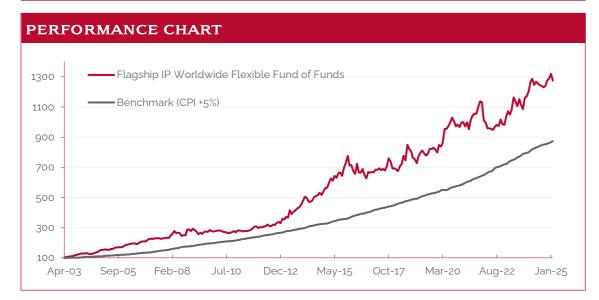
## FUND MANAGERS

Flagship Global Investment Team

Launch date03 April 2003Fund sizeR398mNAV - A Class1 225.cBenchmarkCPI \*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.

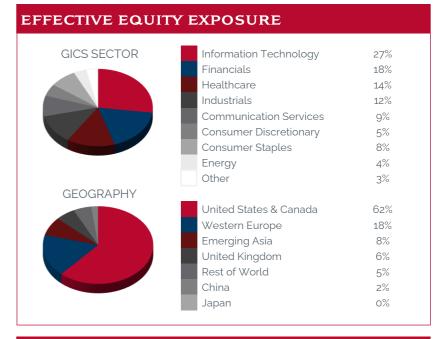


PERFORMANCE AND RIS	X		
Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Since inception	1225.3%	767.1%	458.3%
Since inception (annualised)	12.5%	10.4%	2.2%
10 Years (annualised)	7.9%	10.2%	-2.3%
7 Years (annualised)	9.3%	9.9%	-0.6%
5 Years (annualised)	8.8%	10.0%	-1.2%
3 Years (annualised)	8.6%	10.1%	-1.5%
1 Year	0.7%	8.5%	-7.8%
Year-to-date	-1.0%	1.2%	-2.3%
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	



No. of participatory interests	32 001 275
Minimum lump sum investment	R 5 000
Base currency	ZAR
Income declaration - Mar '24	0.00cpu
Income declaration - Sep '24	0.00cpu

Global Equity Funds	66.1%
Guinness Global Equity Income Fund  Benchmark: MSCI World Index   Style: Quality + Yield	16.0%
Artisan Global Value Fund  Benchmark: MSCI ACWI   Style: Value.	12.7%
GQG Partners Global Equity Fund  Benchmark: MSCI World Index   Style: GARP	10.6%
GQG EM Markets Equity Fund  Benchmark: MSCI EM Index   Style: GARP	6.9%
Other Funds	19.9%
xchange Traded Funds	7.0%
Invesco PHLX Semiconductor ETF	7.0%
OTAL EQUITY EXPOSURE	73.1%
Commodities	6.7%
Gold	6.7%
Bonds	0.0%
Satrix Govi SA Bonds	0.0%
Cash & Strategic Income	20.1%
Domestic	10.5%
Foreign	9.6%
OTAL PORTFOLIO	100.0%



FEES		
	Retail	Institutional
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	2.39%	1.64%
Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.50%	0.85%
VAT on fund management fee	0.23%	0.13%
Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.67%	0.66%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.13%	0.13%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	2.52%	1.77%

## FUND COMMENTARY ~ FEBRUARY 2025

The Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds returned -3.3% in ZAR, as markets experienced a volatile month on the back of weakening US economic data and shifting geopolitical allegiances.

The biggest contributors for the month were the Artisan Global Value Fund and the Guiness Global Equity Income Fund. The biggest detractors were the New Capital US Small Cap Fund and the Guiness Global Innovators Fund.

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

#### **MARKET COMMENTARY**

After a strong start to the year, US markets pulled back in February. The S&P 500 The main news items this month undoubtedly came from a geopolitical declined by 1.3%, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq declined by 3.9% as growth stocks retreated from their highs after Nvidia results failed to impress the market. The small cap Russell 2000 had a particularly bad month, declining by 5.4%. UK and European markets continued their strong performance for the year. London's FTSE 100 was up 2%, while the Euro Stoxx 50 increased by 3.3%. Asian markets experienced very different outcomes, as Japan's Nikkei 225 decreased by 6%, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained an enormous 13.4% during the month.

US economic data was a mixed bag. Both normal and core CPI, which excludes food and energy, were higher than expected, with the Fed noting they are in no hurry to further reduce rates. On top of this, average hourly earnings data also came in stronger than forecast, potentially leading to further upward pressure on prices. Looming Trump administration tariffs may also add to this. The result is US 5-10-year inflation expectations at 3.5%, the highest number recorded since April 1995.

On the flipside, services PMI numbers came in well below estimates, dropping into contractionary territory. Walmart, a proxy for the strength of US consumers, delivered weak guidance, leading to more concerns about the real strength of US consumers. All of these factors combined were reflected in the consumer confidence index, which dropped nearly 7% in January. Notably, this is the largest decline since 2021, as Americans increasingly worry about their financial prospects.

perspective. As the world marked three years since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, there were profound shifts in long-standing diplomatic ties. Trump, diverging from past approaches, held direct talks with Putin on potential ways to end the conflict, sidelining Ukraine and European allies. The US also refused to back UN resolutions condemning Russian aggression. US Vice President Vance then made more enemies than friends in Europe, as he slammed leaders for pressuring free speech and ignoring the will of voters. At month-end, a heated meeting between Trump and Ukraine's Zelensky laid bare the deterioration of their relationship, and odds are now increasing that the US will withdraw all support for the Ukrainian war effort. The EU will need to step up to try and fill the void, as they face a number of tough questions regarding security over the coming months.

Local markets delivered a mixed bag: the JSE All Share was flat; Financials rose 1%; and Resources fell 7%. Inflation rose 3.2% YoY in January, slightly higher than in December, and the SARB has maintained its hawkish outlook, indicating limited scope for monetary easing. Domestic news was headlined by the postponement of the budget speech due to the ANC's proposed 2% VAT hike. While the immediate market impact appeared negative, with bond yields rising and the ZAR weakening, the main takeaways would seem to be positive. In previous administrations, this budget would simply have been rubber stamped and implemented. The 2<sup>nd</sup> largest partner in the GNU, the DA, refused to vote for the proposal, hopefully indicating that there is finally some form of accountability in government.

### **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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#### **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 January 2022 to 31 December 2024 2.39% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.13% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 2.52% 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 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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