# Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds

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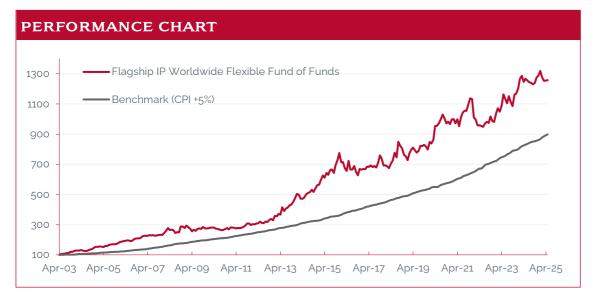
#### Flagship Global Investment Team

Launch date03 April 2003Fund sizeR388mNAV - A Class1 209.2cBenchmarkCPI +5%DealingDaily

## FUND OBJECTIVE

**FUND MANAGERS** 

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.

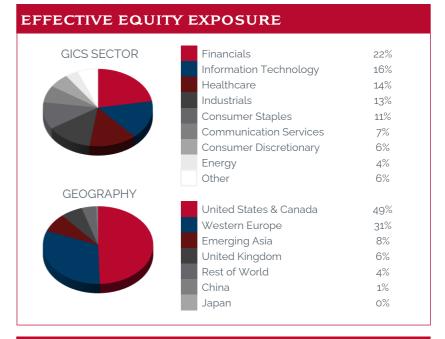


PERFORMANCE AND RISE			
Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Since inception	1207.4%	791.9%	415.5%
Since inception (annualised)	12.3%	10.4%	1.9%
10 Years (annualised)	6.9%	10.1%	-3.1%
7 Years (annualised)	8.2%	9.8%	-1.6%
5 Years (annualised)	5.7%	10.2%	-4.5%
3 Years (annualised)	9.7%	9.9%	-0.2%
1 Year	-0.8%	8.0%	-8.8%
Year-to-date	-2.4%	4.1%	-6.5%
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 Apr	il 2004



No. of participatory interests	31,634,487	
Minimum lump sum investment	R 5,000	
Base currency	ZAR	
Income declaration - Mar '25	0.00cpu	
Income declaration - Sep '24	0.00cpu	

Global Equity Funds	66.9%
Guinness Global Equity Income Fund  Benchmark: MSCI World Index   Style: Quality + Yield	16.4%
Artisan Global Value Fund  Benchmark: MSCI ACWI   Style: Value.	13.2%
GQG Partners Global Equity Fund  Benchmark: MSCI World Index   Style: GARP	9.9%
GQG EM Markets Equity Fund  Benchmark: MSCI EM Index   Style: GARP	7.3%
Other Funds	20.2%
Structured Products	10.1%
Euro Stoxx 50 Autocall	10.1%
TOTAL EQUITY EXPOSURE	77.1%
Commodities	7.9%
Gold	7.9%
Bonds	0.0%
Satrix Govi SA Bonds	0.0%
Cash & Strategic Income	15.1%
Domestic	0.9%
Foreign	14.2%
TOTAL PORTFOLIO	100.0%



FEES				
Retail	Institutional			
2.30%	1.55%			
1.50%	0.85%			
0.23%	0.13%			
0.58%	0.57%			
0.16%	0.16%			
2.46%	1.71%			
	2.30% 1.50% 0.23% 0.58% 0.16%			

# FUND COMMENTARY ~ MAY 2025

The Flagship IP Worldwide Flexible Fund of Funds returned 0.3% in ZAR, as markets managed to eke out some gains despite continued global trade and political volatility.

The biggest contributors for the month were the Guiness Global Innovators Fund, and the New Capital US Small Cap Fund. The biggest detractors were the fund's US Dollar holding, and the GQG Partners Global Equity Fund.

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

#### **MARKET COMMENTARY**

Market volatility continues, but at least it was to the upside during May. US markets rallied this month, with the S&P 500 gaining 6.3%, while the Nasdaq was up 9.7%. It was the S&P's strongest month since 2023. In the UK, the FTSE 100 gained 3.8%, while Europe's Stoxx 50 rose by 4%. In the East, Japan's Nikkei ended 5.3% higher, while the Hang Seng rallied nearly 6%.

This performance was mainly driven by the easing of tariff-tensions between China and the US, leading to US tariffs on China coming down from 145% to 30%, while Chinese tariffs on the US decreased from 125% to 10%. This meant the average US tariff rate decreased from 25% to 12%, and while this is a major reduction, it is still nearly 10% higher than the average tariff level during the 2018 trade war with China. There was some deterioration towards the end of the month, however, as both countries accused the other of violating their earlier agreement. Further adding to negative sentiment was Trump threatening 50% tariffs on Europe (which were postponed), as well as a doubling of steel and aluminium tariffs.

Concerns around the US fiscus and persistent deficits continue to pressure bonds, with the yield on 10-year treasuries again breaching 4.5%, while the 30-year yield hit its highest level since 2007. This was, in part, driven by rating agency Moody's downgrading US debt from its highest investment level, following similar moves by Fitch in 2023 and S&P in 2011. Potential relief might

be on the horizon as April's CPI print came in lower than expected, raising expectations of one further rate cut this year. We remain conscious of the fact that tariffs are yet to reflect in the data, and we are likely to see upward pressure on inflation from this point. Despite the apparent optimism in the market, several other indicators remain weak: consumer sentiment continues to decline; survey-based inflation expectations are up to 7.5%; and housing data is also weak – new permits and housing starts at lower levels than a year ago. On the other hand, the job market remains resilient for now, while both services and manufacturing PMI numbers surprised on the upside.

From a geopolitical standpoint, both the conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine appear no closer to a resolution. Russia and Ukraine both launched some of their biggest airstrikes and drone attacks of the war thus far, despite some attempts at peace talks hosted by Turkey.

The local market also benefitted from easing trade tensions, with the All-Share gaining 3.2%, Local news flow was largely dominated by Ramaphosa's White House meeting with Donald Trump. How the meeting went depends largely on one's expectations beforehand – while not a complete trainwreck, it certainly produced some awkward moments. Lastly, the SARB finally caved, reducing the repo rate by 25bps. Given the low levels of inflation, this hopefully marks the first in a number of cuts aimed at stimulating the economy.

### **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.
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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 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 2.30% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.16% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 2.46% 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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