# Flagship IP Balanced Fund

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NAV 343.2C

#### **FUND MANAGER**

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 Launch date
 19 April 2010

 Fund size
 R245m

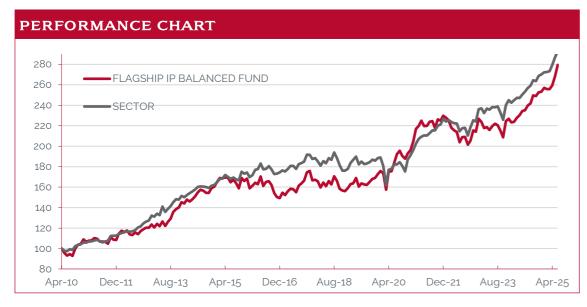
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**Benchmark** Sector Average [Multi Asset - High Equity Index]

Fund Classification Multi Asset - High Equity

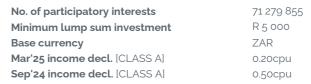
#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the Flagship IP Balanced Fund is to seek steady growth of both capital and income through investments in a broad range of asset classes in a balanced manner. This Regulation 28 managed fund is classified as South African - Multi Asset - High Equity and aims to maximize returns over the medium to long term utilising flexible asset allocation strategies taking active decisions in accordance with current and projected economic and market conditions. The fund invests in equities, bonds, property and money market and is restricted to maximum limits in accordance with prudential regulations which, inter alia, provide that equity, held both locally and abroad, will not exceed 75% of the fund and offshore investment is restricted to 30% of the fund. Out-performance is targeted through aggressive asset allocation and focused stock selection based on in-house proprietary models and extensive internal and external research. The portfolio uses financial instruments only to the extent permitted by legislation.



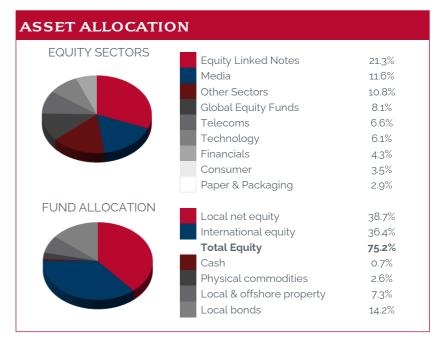
PERFORMANCE AND RISK			
Performance (net of fees)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Since inception	179.5%	192.9%	-13.4%
Since inception (annualised)	7.0%	7.3%	-0.3%
10 Years (annualised)	5.4%	5.7%	-0.3%
7 Years (annualised)	7.7%	6.5%	1.2%
5 Years (annualised)	8.8%	10.0%	-1.2%
3 Years (annualised)	11.1%	10.9%	0.2%
1 Year	18.9%	15.7%	3.2%
Year-to-date	10.3%	8.4%	1.9%
Risk Measures (since inception)			
Annualised monthly volatility	11.4	8.6	
Sharpe ratio	0.06	0.11	
Maximum drawdown	-20.5%	-22.3%	
Lowest actual annual return	+1.9%	19 April 2012 to 18 April 2013	
Highest actual annual return	+28.1%	19 April 2020 to 18 April 2021	





IND EVENCTIBES

ND EXPOSURES	
Domestic Direct Equity	38.7%
Prosus	6.4%
Naspers	5.2%
Blue Telecoms	3.8%
Telkom	2.8%
AngloGold	2.1%
Capitec	2.0%
Mondi Plc	1.9%
Other domestic holdings	14.5%
nternational Direct Equity	7.0%
Tencent	2.6%
Amazon	1.8%
Other international holdings	2.7%
Global Equity Funds	8.1%
Flagship Global Equity Fund A	8.1%
Capital Protected Exchange Traded Notes	21.3%
Environmental World Index Digital Plus	8.3%
S&P500 Digital Plus	7.3%
MSCI Emerging Markets Digital Plus ETN	5.6%
Property	7.3%
Direct Property Holdings - Sirius, Nepi Rockcastle	3.9%
Offshore - Clearance Camino Fund	3.4%
Physical Commodities	2.6%
Platinum	2.6%
Gold	0.0%
Domestic Bonds	14.2%
Domestic Cash	0.6%
nternational Cash	0.1%
OTAL	100.0%



FEES		
	Retail	Institutional
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	2.21%	1.35%
Fund management fee (excl. VAT)	1.75%	1.00%
VAT on fund management fee	0.26%	0.15%
Fund expenses (incl. VAT)	0.20%	0.20%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.20%	0.19%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	2.41%	1.54%

# FUND COMMENTARY ~ JUNE 2025

The Flagship IP Balanced Fund returned a healthy 4.2% for the month, well ahead of both the fund's sector average benchmark (+2.1%) and the JSE Allshare (+2.2%). The market was, once again, driven by the Resources index (up 4.8%), but more specifically, the Precious Metals and Mining sector which was up 6.7% as Platinum found its luster and is up over 50% from its April 2025 lows. The fund has some exposure to platinum counters through Implats (+22.1% in June) and Northams (+45.7%), but it was the returns of the mid-cap telecom counters that provided the heavy lifting with Top 10 holdings Telkom (+41.7%) and Blue Telecoms (+20.5%) soaring.

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

#### **MARKET COMMENTARY**

quarter well in the green. The S&P 500 closed 5.1% higher for a total gain of Powell, calling him a "numbskull" for not lowering rates sooner, and also hinted 10.9% during the quarter, and notably at a new all-time record high. The that he might appoint a successor soon, effectively undermining Powell and Nasdaq rose by 6.6%, up an impressive 17.9% during the quarter – its best quarterly performance in the last 5 years. The sharp rally this quarter marks the recent lower growth and higher inflation forecasts indicate that stagflation index's swiftest ever recovery back to all-time highs following a decline of at concerns remain. least 15% (post-Trump tariffs).

Over in the UK, the FTSE 100 was more muted, ending flat for the month, and up 3.2% during the quarter. European stocks pulled back slightly, declining by 1.2%, but still ended the quarter 1.1% in the green. Markets in the East were strong. Japan's Nikkei 225 rose by 6.8% in June, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 4.1%. For the quarter, they gained 13.8% and 5.8% respectively.

US fiscal concerns remain front and centre, reflected in the US Dollar hitting multi-year lows against a basket of peers. This is mainly driven by concerns around Trump's tariffs and his Big Beautiful Bill Act, which at the time of writing, has been passed by the Senate and now waits for approval from the House. In contrast to the USD, the Euro is experiencing its strongest ever first half of the year, gaining 13.8%.

These same tariff-driven concerns are preventing the Fed from lowering rates,

US equity indices followed on from May's strong performance to close the 2<sup>nd</sup> much to Trump's dismay. He renewed his attacks on Fed Chairman Jerome installing a new de-facto Governor. The Fed, however, remains steadfast. Its

> There was, again, no shortage of geopolitical flashpoints this month. Front and centre would be Israeli and US strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities. Initial fears of a large regional war led to the price of oil spiking dramatically - its largest daily move in 3 years. However, Iran's tame response saw the commodity come back to pre-strike levels. Elsewhere, there was a step-change in the European defence landscape, as NATO agreed to up its spending target to 5% of GDP by 2035, more than doubling the recently achieved 2% target.

> Back home, the JSE All Share also continued its strong performance, rising 2.4% in June and 10.2% for the quarter. Inflation came in at 2.8% YoY, the third consecutive month below the SARB's 3-6% target range, potentially opening the door to another cut at the end of the month. Lastly, the GNU is again facing friction as Ramaphosa fired a DA deputy-minister over unauthorized workrelated travel - this as multiple corruption accused ANC ministers remain in positions of considerable power, seemingly immune to any repercussions.

## **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
- 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 http://www.ipmc.co.za/effectiveannual-cost to address the EAC illustrator. You can request an EAC calculation from ipmc clientservices@fundrock.com or call us on 021 879 9937/9
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- Additional information including the annual report of the Manager and detailed holdings of the portfolio as at the last quarter end are available, free of charge, from info@flagshipsa.com.
- 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 ipmc\_complaints@fundrock.com

## **Investment Policy**

The Flagship IP Balanced Fund is to be a domestic, asset-allocation, prudential variable portfolio. The primary objective of the fund is to seek steady but stable growth of both capital and income through investments in a broad range of asset classes in a balanced manner. In order to achieve its objective, the investments normally to be included will comprise a combination of securities in the equity, bond, property and money markets. The portfolio will have an equity exposure (including international equity) between 0% and 75% at all times. Investments to be included in the Flagship IP Balanced Fund will comprise a combination of securities and assets in liquid form which are considered consistent with the portfolio's primary objective and that the Act or the Registrar may from time to time allow, all to be acquired at fair market value. The portfolio may also include participatory interests or any other form of participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes registered in South Africa or operated in territories with a regulatory environment which is to the satisfaction of the Manager and the Trustee and as legislation permits. Nothing contained in the investment policy shall preclude the manager from varying the ratio of the aforementioned securities relative to each other (except as required by the Act), or the assets themselves, to maximise capital growth and investment potential, should changing economic factors or market conditions so demand. Provided also that nothing contained in the investment policy shall preclude the Manager from retaining cash in the portfolio and / or placing cash on deposit in terms of the deed. Provided further that the Manager shall ensure that the portfolio includes securities and assets in liquid form, of at least the aggregate value required, from time to time, by the Act. The Manager will be permitted to invest on behalf of the portfolio in offshore investments as legislation permits. The Manager will be permitted to invest on behalf of the portfolio in financial instruments as legislation permits. The portfolio will be managed so as to comply with prudential requirements with which a pension fund investment strategy must comply in terms of applicable legislation. For the purpose of this portfolio, the manager shall reserve the right to close the portfolio to new investors on a date determined by the manager. This will be done in order to be able to manage the fund in accordance with its mandate. The manager may, once a portfolio has been closed, open that portfolio again to new investors on a date determined by the manager

# **TER and Transaction Costs**

From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 2.21% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.19% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 2.41% 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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