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# Flagship BCI Balanced Fund (A)

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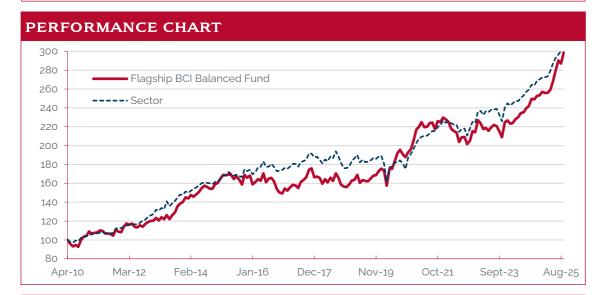
Launch date19 April 2010Fund sizeR258mNAV - A Class365.5c

**Benchmark** ASISA SA Multi Asset High Equity category average

**Fund Classification** South African - Multi Asset - High Equity

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the Flagship BCI 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 45% 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 (net of fees)       | Fund   | Benchmark             | Outperformance |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Since inception                 | 198.7% | 206.9%                | -8.2%          |
| Since inception (annualised)    | 7.3%   | 7.5%                  | -0.2%          |
| 10 Years (annualised)           | 6.5%   | 6.3%                  | 0.2%           |
| 7 Years (annualised)            | 8.7%   | 7.2%                  | 1.5%           |
| 5 Years (annualised)            | 9.4%   | 11.2%                 | -1.8%          |
| 3 Years (annualised)            | 14.0%  | 13.4%                 | 0.6%           |
| 1 Year                          | 19.6%  | 16.0%                 | 3.6%           |
| Year-to-date                    | 17.9%  | 13.6%                 | 4.3%           |
| 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 A | pril 2013      |
| Highest actual annual return    | +28.1% | 19 April 2020 to 18 A | April 2021     |

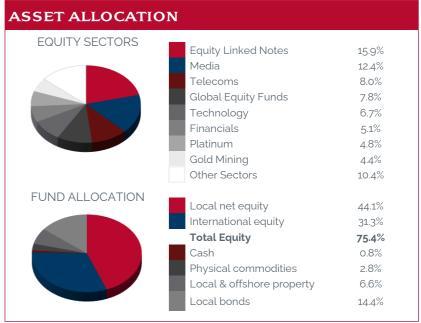
| ANNUAL F | עמט׳ | PERF   | ORM   | ANCE  |       |       |       |       |      |       |  |
|----------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|--|
|          |      |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |  |
|          | 2015 | 2016   | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023 | 2024  |  |
| Fund     | 4.9% | -11.3% | 11.6% | -6.3% | 10.7% | 13.6% | 17.0% | -6.7% | 5.8% | 11.7% |  |
| Sector   | 7.5% | -0.1%  | 7.5%  | -6.0% | 6.9%  | 1.5%  | 18.6% | -1.1% | 9.3% | 10.3% |  |
|          |      |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |  |

No. of participatory interests
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JSE Code
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MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT | 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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|--|-------|
| Domestic Direct Equity                             | 44.1% |
| Prosus   | 6.9%  |
| Naspers  | 5.4%  |
| Blu Label Unlimited                                | 4.2%  |
| Telkom   | 3.9%  |
| AngloGold  | 3.0%  |
| Mondi Plc  | 2.2%  |
| Glencore   | 2.2%  |
| Other domestic holdings                            | 16.4% |
| International Direct Equity                        | 7.6%  |
| Tencent  | 3.1%  |
| Nvidia Corp  | 1.9%  |
| Other international holdings                       | 2.6%  |
| Global Equity Funds                                | 7.8%  |
| Flagship Global Equity Fund A                      | 7.8%  |
| Capital Protected Exchange Traded Notes            | 15.9% |
| Environmental World Index Digital Plus             | 8.2%  |
| S&P500 Digital Plus                                | 7.7%  |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Digital Plus ETN             | 0.0%  |
| Property   | 6.6%  |
| Direct Property Holdings - Sirius, Nepi Rockcastle | 3.6%  |
| Offshore - Clearance Camino Fund                   | 3.0%  |
| Physical Commodities                               | 2.8%  |
| Platinum   | 2.8%  |
| Gold   | 0.0%  |
| Domestic Bonds                                     | 14.4% |
| Domestic Cash                                      | 0.7%  |
| International Cash<br>TOTAL                        | 0.1%  |



| FEES                                |        |               |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
|                                     | Retail | Institutional |
| Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)     | 2.22%  | 1.36%         |
| Fund management fee (excl. VAT)     | 1.75%  | 1.00%         |
| VAT on fund management fee          | 0.26%  | 0.15%         |
| Fund expenses (incl. VAT)           | 0.21%  | 0.21%         |
| Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)       | 0.18%  | 0.18%         |
| Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT) | 2.40%  | 1.54%         |

# FUND COMMENTARY ~ SEPTEMBER 2025

The Flagship BCI Balanced Fund returned a pleasing 4% over the month, behind the extremely strong 6.0% return of the JSE AllShare, but nicely ahead of the sector average benchmark which returned 2.2%. Key sector leaders included Precious Metals (+32.9%) and Mining Houses (+11.4%) with key performing names including the fund's PGM holdings Valterra (+52.9%), Northam (+41.7%) and Impala (+39.5%), as well as the fund's gold holdings Gold Fields (+27.1%) and Anglogold (+23.2%). There were also notable returns from the fund's Hong Kong listed Chinese counters Tencent (+11.2%) and JD.com (+17.3%), as the significant gap between Chinese Tech and US Tech continues to narrow, albeit ratings are still widely disparate.

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

### MARKET COMMENTARY

Equity markets showed no signs of cooling, closing out the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with unemployed people than job openings in the US. Concerns also remain around strong gains. In the US, the S&P 500 gained 3.7% while the Nasdag gained an the speed of capital deployment funding the AI boom, and whether a bubble is impressive 5.7%. This puts their gains for the quarter at 8.1% and 11.4% respectively. Interestingly, these gains were behind that of the small-cap Russell 2000 index, up 12.4%. London's FTSE also experienced a positive equity market, above-average inflation, weakening job-data, and rate cuts...we month, ending 1.8% higher. Performance was particularly strong in the East, with Japan's Nikkei gaining 5.8% while the Hang Seng gained 7.6%. The MSCI ACWI ended 3.7% higher, while the Emerging Markets index was even stronger, gaining 7.2%. All these indices, strong as they were, paled in comparison to gold, up 12%, and silver a massive 17% higher over the month.

The performance of equity indices and precious metals were assisted by the continuation of the US rate cutting cycle, following a pause of 9 months. This led to a weakening of the USD, making the price of gold bullion (and other precious metals) more attractive. The price of gold has now ballooned by 40% this year, the biggest yearly surge since the 1979 energy and inflation crisis.

While inflation remains a concern, and comfortably above the Fed's target, the balance of risk has now shifted to the labour market, where there are several worrying signs emerging, warranting an interest rate cut. Jobs data continues to weaken, with recent revisions pointing to contraction rather than expansion of the workforce, and for the first time since 2021, there are now more

close to popping. Spending on data centre construction now exceeds the cost of all private office construction in the US. In summary, a red-hot, expensive remain vigilant of this worrisome combination.

From a geopolitical perspective, Gaza and Ukraine continue to be the flashpoints. Several countries have now formally recognized a Palestinian state, while NATO allies have warned Russia that it is ready to act with force should airspace incursions continue.

Like global peers, the JSE had a strong month in September, gaining 6.6%. This was largely driven by the Resources index, which ended a massive 25.5% higher. The Rand also gained more than 2% against the US Dollar after the SARB held rates steady, in contrast to US Fed's rate cut decision. From a news flow perspective, there were both positive and negatives. On the negative side, South African ports remain the worst-run in the world, and the scale of the Tembisa graft came to light - at least R2 billion from a single hospital. On a more positive note, though, Eskom achieved profitability for the first time in 8 years, and South Africa is poised to be removed from a global financial grey list, possibly by the end of the month.

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- BCI adopts the ASISA Standard on Effective Annual Cost ("EAC"). The EAC measure allows you to compare charges on your investments as well as their impact on your investment returns prior to investing.
- For further information regarding the ASISA Standard on Effective Annual Cost and access to the EAC calculator please visit our website at www.bcis.co.za. BCI calculates the EAC as per the ASISA standard for a period of 3

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- The portfolio's TER includes all fees paid by portfolio to BCI, the trustees, the auditors, banks, the co-naming partner, underlying portfolios, and any other investment consultants/managers as well as distribution fees and
- The portfolio's performance numbers are calculated net of the TER expenses. The investment manager earns a portion of the service charge and performance fees where applicable. In some instances portfolios invest in other portfolios which form part of the BCI Scheme. These investments will be detailed in this document, as applicable

### **Investment Manager**

- Flagship Asset Management (Pty) Ltd is an authorised Financial Service Provider FSP 577.
- Additional information, including application forms, annual or quarterly reports can be obtained from BCI, free of charge or can be accessed on our website www.bcis.co.za.
- Valuation takes place daily and prices can be viewed on our website (www.bcis.co.za) or in the daily newspaper.
- Actual annual performance figures are available to existing investors on request. Upon request the Manager will provide the investor with portfolio quarterly investment holdings reports.

# **Management Company Information**

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# **Investment Policy**

The Flagship BCI 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 BCI 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 July 2022 to 30 June 2025 2.22% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.18% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore, 2.40% 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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