# Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund

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FUND MANAGER

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 04 May 2005

 Fund size
 R390m

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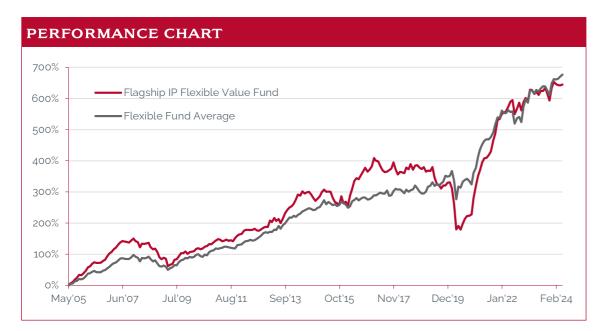
SectorSouth African - Multi Asset - FlexibleBenchmarkMulti-Asset Flexible Sector Average

No. of participatory interests6 378 728Minimum lump sum investmentR 10 000Base currencyZARIncome declaration - Mar '24131.29cpuDealingDaily

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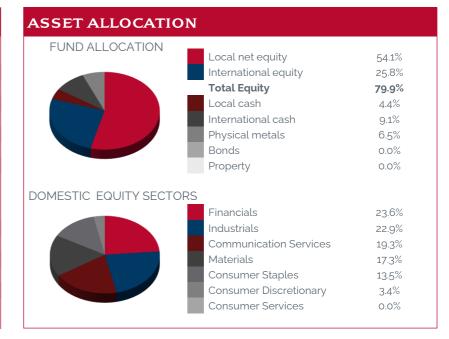
#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund aims to outperform both the JSE All Share Index and competing funds over the medium to long term. We rely on fundamental research to identify investments which are trading at a discount to their intrinsic value and to determine which asset classes are the most attractive. The fund will typically have a very different equity profile from that of the All Share Index. Risk is reduced through the fund's value oriented approach.



#### **FUND EXPOSURES Domestic Equity** Caxton 8.1% York Timbers 5.4% Ethos Capital 3.9% African Rainbow Capital 3.6% KAL Group 3.6% Reinet Investments 3.4% Frontier Transport 3.2% Novus 3.1% Master Drilling 2.7% E Media Holdings 2.5% Other domestic holdings 14.6% Offshore Equity 25.8% Contrarius Global Equity Fund 24.0% Alibaba 1.8% **Bonds** 0.0% Domestic 0.0% Property 0.0% Domestic **Cash and Strategic Income** 13.6% 4.4% Offshore 9.1% Commodities 6.5% Platinum 5.0% Gold 1.5% **TOTAL** 100.0%

| PERFORMANCE AND RISK            |        |                     |                |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------|----------------|
| Performance (net of fees)       | Fund   | Benchmark           | Outperformance |
| Since inception                 | 645.0% | 676.7%              | -31.7%         |
| Since inception (annualised)    | 11.2%  | 11.4%               | -0.2%          |
| 10 Years (annualised)           | 6.4%   | 7.1%                | -0.7%          |
| 7 Years (annualised)            | 6.4%   | 7.4%                | -1.0%          |
| 5 Years (annualised)            | 9.2%   | 8.3%                | 1.0%           |
| 3 Years (annualised)            | 13.6%  | 8.6%                | 5.0%           |
| 1 Year                          | 3.2%   | 7.6%                | -4.4%          |
| Year-to-date                    | -1.1%  | 2.2%                | -3.3%          |
| Risk Measures (since inception) |        |                     |                |
| Annualised monthly volatility   | 13.2   | 9.7                 |                |
| Sharpe ratio                    | 0.11   | 0.14                |                |
| Maximum drawdown                | -47.5% | -24.6%              |                |
| Lowest actual annual return     | -28.0% | 4 May 2008 to 3 May | y 2009         |
| Highest actual annual return    | 75.4%  | 4 May 2005 to 3 May | y 2006         |



| ANNUAL FUND PERFORMANCE |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |      |       |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|-------|
|                         | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019   | 2020  | 2021  | 2022 | 2023  |
| Fund                    | 26.0% | 6.7%  | -4.6% | 30.9% | -5.4% | 5.1%  | -10.0% | -2.6% | 55.0% | 6.1% | 9.1%  |
| Sector                  | 19.5% | 10.5% | 7.7%  | 2.0%  | 9.2%  | -3.7% | 8.5%   | 3.9%  | 22.1% | 0.3% | 11.6% |
|                         |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |      |       |

| FEES                                |        |        |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
|                                     | 1 Year | 3 Year |  |  |  |  |
| Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)     | 1.96%  | 1.93%  |  |  |  |  |
| Fund management fee (excl. VAT)     | 1.25%  | 1.25%  |  |  |  |  |
| VAT on fund management fee          | 0.19%  | 0.19%  |  |  |  |  |
| Fund expenses (incl. VAT)           | 0.52%  | 0.49%  |  |  |  |  |
| Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)       | 0.14%  | 0.26%  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT) | 2.10%  | 2.19%  |  |  |  |  |

## FUND COMMENTARY ~ APRIL 2024

The fund gained marginally in April after allowing for the annual distribution early in the month. However, this year's performance has been hurt by disappointing returns from the Contrarius Global Equity Fund (-13% in USD terms for the first 4 months of 2024). This, in turn, is largely due to weakness in Tesla and the two media stocks – specifically Paramount Global and Warner Bros Discovery – in which Contrarius holds large positions. Paramount is now the subject of a bid from Sony and Apollo which should allow some value recovery if the deal is consummated. On the domestic front, our recent purchase of African Rainbow Capital has proved rewarding and we also exited our longstanding position in Workforce Group at a satisfactory premium to its prevailing market price. We used part of the proceeds of the Workforce sale to add selectively to existing positions in undervalued small caps. These include York Timbers, Master Drilling and Sea Harvest.

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

#### MARKET COMMENTARY

After starting the year on the trot, equity markets finally paused for breath in It was another concerning month from a geopolitical perspective. As was April. In the US, the benchmark S&P 500 gave up 4.1%, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq lost 4.4%, and the small-cap Russell 2000 lost 7.0%. Markets fared better across the pond, with the UK's FTSE 100 index rising by 2.7%. In the East, there was a large swing in the trend of recent performance, as Japan's Nikkei declined by 4.9% while Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 7.5%, putting it back into green territory for the year.

In the US, it was a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive, higher-than-expected, inflation report that was partly to blame for the weaker performance. This dashed hopes of any rate cuts in the near future, particularly as the job market has remained incredibly resilient up to this point. Economic data published during the first days of May provided a different perspective, however, as cracks seemingly appeared in the jobs numbers. This highlights the tightrope on which Jerome Powell and the Federal Reserve currently find themselves, as different data points now suggest different required courses of action.

investors to seek some safety in traditional havens with gold reaching a new all-time high during the month. Other commodities also had good gains, as the price of copper and iron ore increased by 13.9% and 12.8% respectively.

widely expected, Iran launched a retaliatory attack against Israel, directly from Iranian soil. The attack reportedly consisted of more than 300 drones and missiles, most of which were shot down by Israeli defence systems. Thankfully, the situation was largely defused, lessening the chances of a broader regional conflict. The US House of Representatives approved another \$60 billion aid package for Ukraine, fast tracking the delivery of much needed equipment, vehicles and long-range missiles to the frontlines. The US is also drafting sanctions against Chinese banks that are reportedly aiding the Russian war effort. Although China has heeded Western calls not to provide any arms directly to Russia, it has now become the primary supplier of circuitry, aircrafts parts and machines, allowing Russia to rebuild its military capacity.

Back home, local investors experienced a good month, as the JSE All Share rose 2.1%, with the resources index gaining more than 7.1%. The Rand also put in a good performance, strengthening by 0.9% against the US Dollar.

The uncertainty around the best path forward for US monetary policy led. All eyes this month will be on the national and provincial elections, likely to be a pivotal election year in the history of South Africa's democracy, as all polls now point to the ANC losing their majority - with odds suggesting the country's first coalition government at national level.

### **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 clientservices@ipmc.co.za or call us on 021 673-1340
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- The Manager retains full legal responsibility of the Fund, regardless of co-naming arrangements.
- 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 complaints@ipmc.co.za.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund is an asset allocation portfolio. The manager, in selecting securities for the portfolio, will seek to follow an investment policy which will secure for investors an optimum overall return, that is to say the steady growth of income and the preservation of capital in real terms. In order to achieve these main objectives the investments to be acquired for the Flagship IP Flexible Value Fund, shall comprise a mix of securities, which may include ordinary shares, preference shares, debentures, fixed interest instruments, gilts and money market instruments as defined in the Act and the Deed, all to be acquired at a fair market value. The portfolio may also include participatory interests or any other form of participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar schemes. Where the aforementioned schemes are operated in territories other than in South Africa, participatory interests or any other form of participation in these schemes will be included in the portfolio only where the regulatory environment is to the satisfaction of the manager and trustee and is of sufficient standard to provide investor protection at least equivalent to that in South Africa. The portfolio is permitted to invest in financial instruments in line with the conditions by the Registrar from time to time.

# **Performance Fees**

Performance Fee benchmark: Median of the Domestic Asset Allocation Flexible Unit Trust Sector

Base Fees: 1.25% per annum Average of the South African Multi-Asset Flexible Unit Trust Sector Fee at Benchmark: 1.25% per annum Fee Hurdle: 1.25% per annum Maximum Fee: **Sharing Ratio:** 10% Minimum Fee: No maximum

0.1% for each 1% outperformance of portfolio benchmark on a high water mark basis Fee Example:

Method of Calculating: If the fund underperforms the Fee Hurdle, then only the base fee is accrued until the high water mark is again reached.

The Performance Fee Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document may be found on www.ipmc.co.za

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

From 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023, 1.93% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. 0.26% of the value of the fund was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund. and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Therefore 2.19% of the value of the fund was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the fund. Inclusive in the TER of 1.93%, a performance fee of 0% of the Net Asset Value of the class of Financial Product was recovered. 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 is likely to have a very different equity profile to that of the All Share Index. Risk is reduced through the fund's value-orientated approach and a larger-than-average number of holdings.



- 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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