

PPS BALANCED PASSIVE FUND^

As of 31 Mar 2025



INVESTMENTS

FUND DESCRIPTION

The fund is a South African Multi Asset High Equity fund that may invest in a combination of listed and unlisted financial instruments in the local and global equity, bond, money, and property markets with the primary objective of the fund to consistently deliver a return which is in line with the composite target. The manager shall adopt a largely passive approach in the management of the fund. This fund is managed according to Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act and therefore is a suitable standalone vehicle for retirement savings.

^Name change from PPS Balanced Index Tracker Fund to PPS Balanced Passive Fund as at 1 June 2023.

^^Benchmark change from PPS Balanced Index Composite to South African - Multi Asset - High Equity

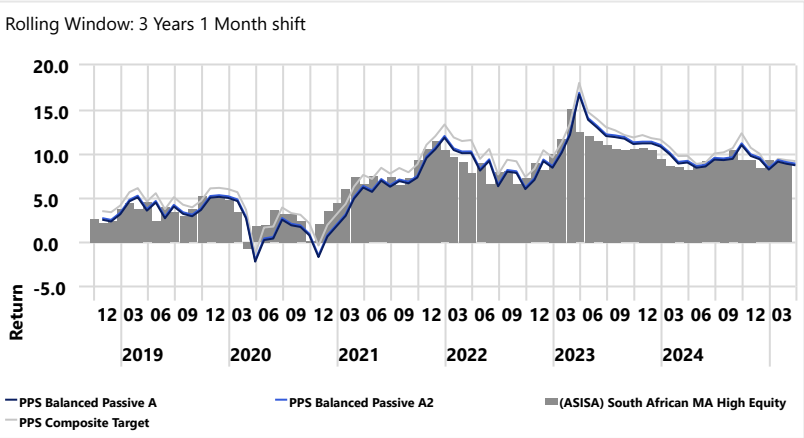
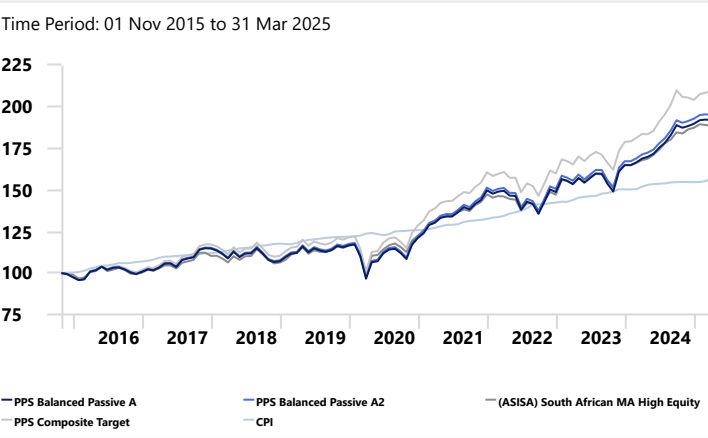
FUND OVERVIEW

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| List of classes** | A & A2 class |
| Portfolio category | South African - Multi Asset - High Equity |
| Launch date | 1 November 2015 (A & A2 class) |
| Investment manager | PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (authorised FSP) |
| Benchmark^^ | South African - Multi Asset - High Equity (Category Average) |
| Target | Composite target |
| Income distribution | Annually |
| Investment horizon | Long-term - seven years and longer |
| Portfolio size | R1 659 168 523 |
| Market value (NAV price per unit) | 145.63 (A); 146.98 (A2) |
| Number of units held | 8 607 315 (A); 953 327 689 (A2) |
| Asset management fee (excl. VAT) | 0.55% (A) ; 0.40% (A2) |
| Trustee | Standard Chartered Bank |
| Risk profile | Medium - High |

**On PPS Investments platform, A2 class is available in Select range and A class is available in Original range

ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE

Estimated growth of R100 000 invested with all distributions reinvested (for illustrative purposes only). Growth is represented in R '000



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

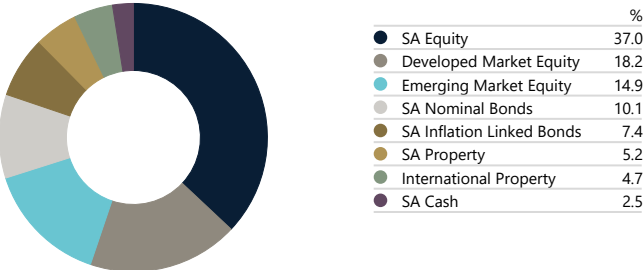
| | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | 5 Years | 7 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| PPS Balanced Passive A | 13.78% | 11.90% | 8.72% | 14.74% | 8.47% | — | 7.18% |
| PPS Balanced Passive A2 | 13.98% | 12.09% | 8.90% | 14.94% | 8.65% | — | 7.37% |
| (ASISA) South African MA High Equity | 12.38% | 10.09% | 8.90% | 13.38% | 8.53% | 6.96% | 6.98% |
| PPS Composite Target | 14.00% | 12.54% | 9.19% | 15.61% | 9.31% | 8.01% | 8.17% |

| | YTD* 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| PPS Balanced Passive A | 1.20% | 15.11% | 10.96% | -0.67% | 23.61% | 3.85% | 8.96% |
| PPS Balanced Passive A2 | 3.66% | 15.31% | 11.16% | -0.51% | 23.82% | 4.03% | 9.15% |
| (ASISA) South African MA High Equity | 0.78% | 13.46% | 12.25% | -0.17% | 20.32% | 5.19% | 9.52% |
| PPS Composite Target | 2.55% | 14.10% | 11.92% | -0.50% | 24.83% | 5.14% | 10.01% |

*Periods less than one year are not annualised

ASSET ALLOCATION

Portfolio Date: 31 Mar 2025



FUND STRATEGY

The composite target of the fund comprises of the following asset class building blocks:

Asset Class Target Exposure

SA Equity (35.0%)
Developed Market Equity (20.0%)
Emerging Market Equity (15.0%)
SA Nominal Bonds (10.0%)
SA Inflation Linked Bonds (7.5%)
SA Property (5.0%)
International Property (5.0%)
SA Cash (2.5%)

FTSE/JSE CAPPED SWIX Index
MSCI World ESG Index
MSCI EM ESG Index
FTSE/JSE ALBI Index
FTSE/JSE IGOV Index
FTSE/JSE SAPY Index
FTSE/EPRA NAREIT Global REITS
StFI Composite

Previous Asset Class Exposure

SA Equity (45.0%)
Developed Market Equity (18.5%)
Emerging Market Equity (4.0%)
SA Nominal Bonds (12.5%)
SA Inflation Linked Bonds (7.5%)
SA Property (10.0%)
SA Cash (2.5%)

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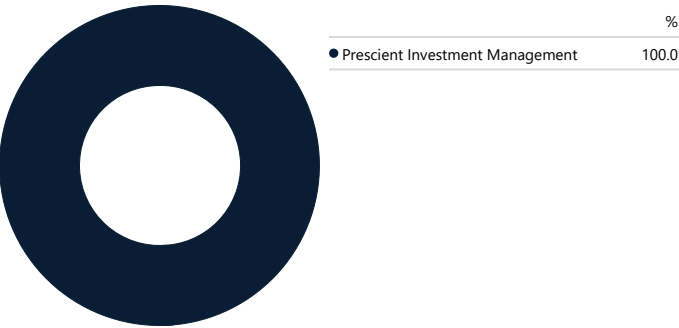
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MANAGER ALLOCATION

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PORTFOLIO DETAIL

| Top 10 Holdings | Allocation |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Naspers Ltd | 3.2% |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing | 2.3% |
| Firststrand Limited | 2.1% |
| Gold Fields | 2.1% |
| Standard Bank Group | 1.8% |
| Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd | 1.5% |
| Nvidia Corp | 1.4% |
| Microsoft Corp | 1.4% |
| Tencent Holdings | 1.4% |
| AngloGold Ashanti | 1.4% |

HIGHEST & LOWEST RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION

| | A | A2 |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Highest | 34.9% | 35.1% |
| Highest Month End Date | 31 Mar 2021 | 31 Mar 2021 |
| Lowest | -13.8% | -13.7% |
| Lowest Month End Date | 31 Mar 2020 | 31 Mar 2020 |

DISTRIBUTIONS (Last 12 months)

| Date | A | A2 |
|-------------|------|------|
| 31 Dec 2024 | 3.38 | 3.65 |

RISK METRICS**

| Metric | A | A2 | Benchmark |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Annualised Standard Deviation | 11.4% | 11.4% | 11.2% |
| Maximum Drawdown | -17.6% | -17.6% | -17.7% |
| Percentage of Positive months | 64.4% | 64.4% | 65.8% |
| Information Ratio | 0.41 | 0.56 | — |
| Sharpe Ratio | 0.85 | 0.92 | — |

**Risk metrics calculated over a 5 year period

1 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

| Fees | A | A2 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total expense ratio (TER) | 0.66 | 0.49 |
| Transaction costs (TC) | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Total investment charge (TER+TC) | 0.71 | 0.54 |

3 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

| Fees | A | A2 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total expense ratio (TER) | 0.66 | 0.49 |
| Transaction costs (TC) | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Total investment charge (TER+TC) | 0.71 | 0.54 |

FUND COMMENTARY

This passive fund aims to provide cost-efficient performance in line with that of the composite target asset allocation, which itself is made up of South African (SA) and foreign equities (both developed and emerging), SA and offshore property, SA Bonds (both nominal and inflation-linked) and SA cash.

Big Tech stocks, which have been market leaders in recent years, faced significant pressure in the first quarter of 2025. Nvidia's shares fell by almost a fifth, while Tesla plummeted 36%. Apple and Microsoft both shed about 10%. As a result, the Nasdaq Composite declined (-10.4%) in Q1.

The downturn was primarily driven by concerns over the economy and the potential impact of new tariffs proposed by the Trump administration. In contrast, European equities outperformed their US counterparts and industrial stocks gained attention due to increased defense spending promises.

As such, Global equities (MSCI World ESG leaders) tracked lower in rand terms in Q1 (-6.4%), amplified by the appreciation of the rand relative to the dollar. The rand exchange rate strengthened in Q1 2025, primarily due to the weakening US dollar. The rand strengthened from a weak point of north of R19 to close the quarter at R18.32. Global Bonds were flat over the quarter delivering (-0.3%), while listed property faced pressure delivering a negative return (-1.0%). Emerging market equities (MSCI EM ESG leaders) held up better and produced a positive return of 0.6%.

On the local front, all local asset classes outperformed the average ASISA High Equity fund (+0.7%). The FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX closed (+5.85%) better in the first quarter of 2025, mostly due to the strong performance of commodity producers such as gold and platinum. Top performing shares included Harmony, DRD Gold, Gold Fields, AngloGold Ashanti, Impala Plats, Northam and Angloplats.

SA equities outperformed SA nominal and inflation linked bonds for the quarter. Despite the uncertainty and difficulty in passing the National Budget, nominal and inflation linked bonds delivered (+0.70%) over the quarter. The ALBI yield-to-maturity rate closed Q1 2025 at 10.77%. SA Listed Property (FTSE/JSE SAPY) continued its recent tepid performance, delivering negative returns in the first quarter (-3.51%).

Against this backdrop, PPS Balanced Passive outperformed its peer-group benchmark for the quarter (+3.66% vs +0.79%). This fund remains competitive longer-term, outperforming the benchmark over 1, 3, 5 and 7 Years.

There were no material changes to the composition of the portfolio and underlying managers during the quarter. The fund has adhered to its policy objective.

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DISCLOSURES

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) 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 future performance. CIS are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. The manager does not provide any guarantee either in respect of the capital or the return of a portfolio.

Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure that can be used by investors and advisers to determine how much of a CIS's underlying assets are relinquished as payment for services rendered in the administration of the CIS. 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 (TC) is a measure that can be used by investors and advisers to determine the costs incurred in buying and selling assets underlying the CIS. TC's are a necessary cost in administering the CIS and impact CIS's 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 CIS, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

Total Investment Charges (TIC) is a measure of total cost relating to the investment. TIC is the sum of the total expense ratio (TER) and the transaction cost (TC).

TER's and TC's are expressed as a percentage of the daily net asset value of the CIS calculated over the past one year and three-year period on an annualised basis. The TER and TC disclosed are estimates based on our best estimate of the underlying costs.

These performance figures are for lump sum investments with income distributions reinvested on the ex-dividend date. All PPS Multi-Managers performance figures and values are quoted after the deduction of costs and applicable taxes incurred within the Fund. Actual investment performance will differ based on the initial fees applicable, the actual investment date and the date of the reinvestment of income and dividend withholding tax. The reinvestment of income is calculated based on actual distributed amount and factors such as payment date and reinvestment date will be considered. Please note that performance over periods greater than one year is annualised. Annualised performance is the average return earned on an investment each year over a given time period. Performance is based on NAV to NAV calculations and calculated on a rolling monthly basis. The past performance is relevant to the investment or the service offered by the manager.

This fund is exposed to foreign securities and as such, it may be subject to the macroeconomic, settlement risks and political risks brought about by this exposure. It may also be subject to currency risk, which means the underlying investments of the fund could depreciate or appreciate against the reporting currency of the investor. Because these securities are listed on other exchanges, it may be subject to the relevant regulatory authority, and thus the tax implications and legislative changes of that particular entity. There may also be delays in realizing investments, due to system or liquidity issues experienced by the respective exchange. In addition, market and investment value fluctuations may occur. Overall, please be advised that, as indicated by the risk profile and potentially influenced by asset allocation, risks may be associated with this fund such as general market risk, company risk, credit risk, counterparty risk and third party operational risk.

Unit Trust prices are calculated on a Net Asset Value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any deductible expenses from the Fund divided by the number of units in issue. Transactions must be received by the Management Company (MANCO) by 2pm to receive the net asset value price for that day. Transaction requests received after this cut off time will only be processed on the next business day, and will receive the price of that day. Linked Investment Service Providers (LISP), specify their own transaction timelines and may take up to five business days to process. Portfolio valuations occur at 3 p.m. on business days, except the last business day of the month, when it will be 5pm. Prices are published daily and are available in the daily newspapers.

A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions are available on request. This fund does not charge performance fees.

The manager may close the portfolio to new investors to ensure the portfolio is managed according to its mandate.

Additional information of the proposed investment, including brochures, application forms and annual or quarterly reports, can be obtained from the Manager, free of charge.

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