

PPS BALANCED PASSIVE FUND[^]



INVESTMENTS

As of 31 Mar 2024

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

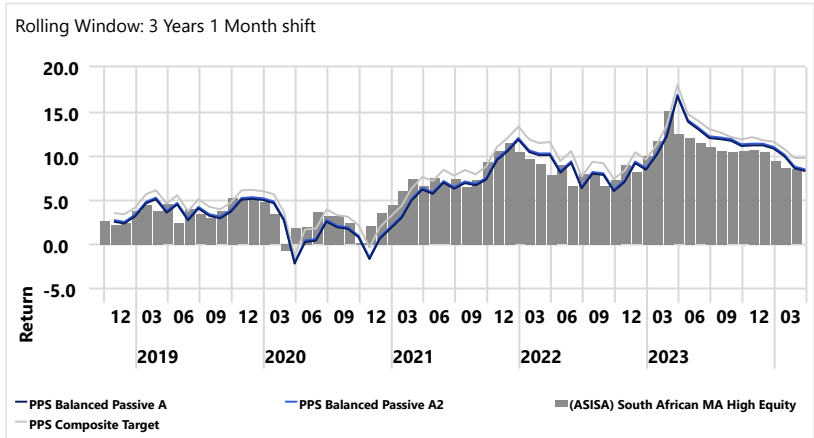
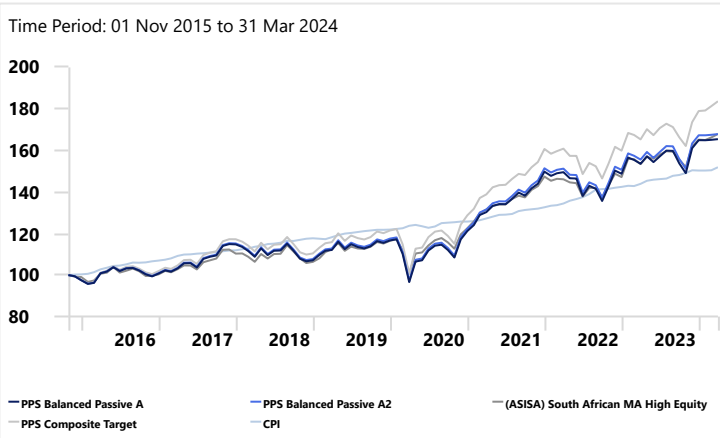
FUND OVERVIEW

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 761 673 463
Market value (NAV price per unit)	128.13 (A); 129.30 (A2)
Number of units held	7 981 557 (A); 855 434 264 (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



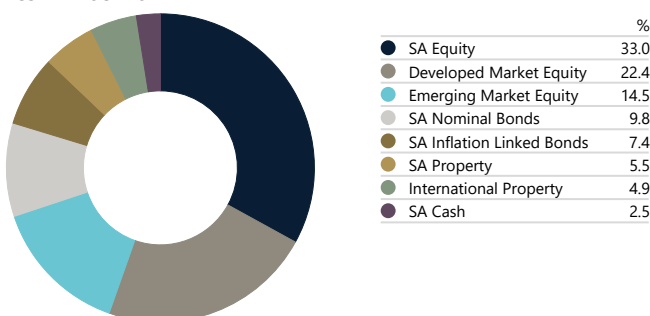
ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	3 months*	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
PPS Balanced Passive A	2.38%	10.05%	9.03%	8.55%	7.29%	—	6.43%
PPS Balanced Passive A2	2.43%	10.24%	9.22%	8.73%	7.48%	—	6.61%
(ASISA) South African MA High Equity	1.63%	9.43%	8.46%	8.34%	7.25%	6.93%	6.35%
PPS Composite Target	2.63%	11.09%	9.78%	9.48%	8.25%	8.53%	7.49%

	YTD 2024*	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
PPS Balanced Passive A	2.38%	10.87%	-0.67%	23.61%	3.85%	8.96%	-6.68%
PPS Balanced Passive A2	2.43%	11.06%	-0.51%	23.82%	4.03%	9.15%	-6.52%
(ASISA) South African MA High Equity	1.63%	12.25%	-0.17%	20.32%	5.19%	9.52%	-3.60%
PPS Composite Target	2.63%	11.92%	-0.50%	24.83%	5.99%	10.01%	-5.82%

*Periods less than one year are not annualised

ASSET ALLOCATION



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
 STeFI 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%)

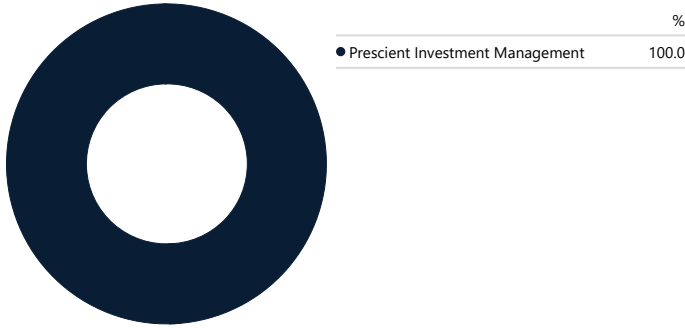
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MANAGER ALLOCATION



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 2023	4.67	4.81

PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation
Naspers Ltd	2.8%
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR	2.3%
MICROSOFT CORP	2.0%
NEPI ROCKCASTLE N.V.	1.9%
RSA R186 10.50% 20261221	1.6%
NVIDIA	1.5%
FirstRand Ltd	1.5%
RSA I2050 2.25% 2050	1.3%
RSA R2030 8% 20300131	1.3%
Gold Fields	1.3%

RISK METRICS**

Metric	A	A2	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	12.2%	12.2%	12.1%
Maximum Drawdown	-17.6%	-17.6%	-17.7%
Percentage of Positive months	62.3%	62.3%	62.3%
Information Ratio	0.15	0.28	—
Sharpe Ratio	0.24	0.26	0.24

**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)	0.06	0.06
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	0.72	0.55

3 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.66	0.49
Transaction costs (TC)	0.06	0.06
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	0.72	0.55

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.

In the first quarter of 2024, the South African equity market (FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX) lagged all the relevant asset classes, delivering a negative return of -2.3%, a key contributor was the financials sector (FTSE/JSE Financial 15) which produced a return of -7.1%. The two global equity indices supported the portfolio, with developed market ESG leader equities producing a return of 13.6% and emerging market ESG leader equities delivering a return of 5.9% (both in rand terms) with the rand weakening by 3.5% against the dollar.

Local inflation linked bonds and nominal bonds were the only other two asset classes delivering negative returns, producing -0.4 and -1.8% respectively. Local property and local cash produced 3.5% and 2.1% respectively while global property returned 1.1%.

Against this backdrop the fund outperformed its peer-group benchmark over the quarter, driven by its foreign allocation. The fund produced a return of 2.43% vs 1.64% for the benchmark.

For the year, developed market equities and local property produced stellar returns of 35.7% and 20.3% respectively. Global property and emerging market equities followed closely with 13.5% and 10.4% respectively. Local equities produced a disappointing return of 2.9% with the key driver behind this being resources (FTSE/JSE Resources 10) delivering a negative return of -10.7%. Local cash outperformed both inflation linked and nominal bonds, producing returns of 8.4%, 5.7% and 4.2% respectively.

For the year the fund has produced a return of 10.24% relative to the benchmark at 9.43%.

The fund has adhered to its policy objective.

The composition of the portfolio has not changed this quarter as there were no changes to the underlying managers in the Fund.

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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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