

PPS BOND FUND

As of 31 Dec 2023



INVESTMENTS

FUND DESCRIPTION

The PPS Bond Fund is available as a building block to both retail and institutional investors. The benchmark has recently changed from the JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) to 50% JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) and 50% JSE Composite Inflation Linked Index (CILI). This allows the underlying managers to have exposures to both nominal and inflation linked bonds, with discretion as to the allocation to each. The underlying managers are restricted from purchasing non-investment grade paper, but are given reasonable allowance in terms of duration compared to the benchmark.

The PPS Bond Fund aims to outperform the 50% ALBI, 50% CILI benchmark over periods longer than 36 months. This fund is managed according to Reg. 28 of the Pension Funds Act and therefore is a suitable standalone vehicle for retirement savings.

FUND OVERVIEW

List of classes**

Portfolio category

Launch date

Investment manager

Benchmark

Income distribution

Investment horizon

Portfolio size

Market value (NAV price per unit)

Number of units held

Manager fee (excl. VAT)

Trustee

Risk profile

Current Yield

A2

South African - Interest Bearing - Variable Term

1 January 2019

PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited

(authorised FSP)

50% JSE All Bond Index (ALBI), 50% Composite

Inflation Linked Index (CILI)

Annually

Medium term - 36 months and longer

R9 492 695 699

107.33

248 996 348

0.65%

Standard Chartered Bank

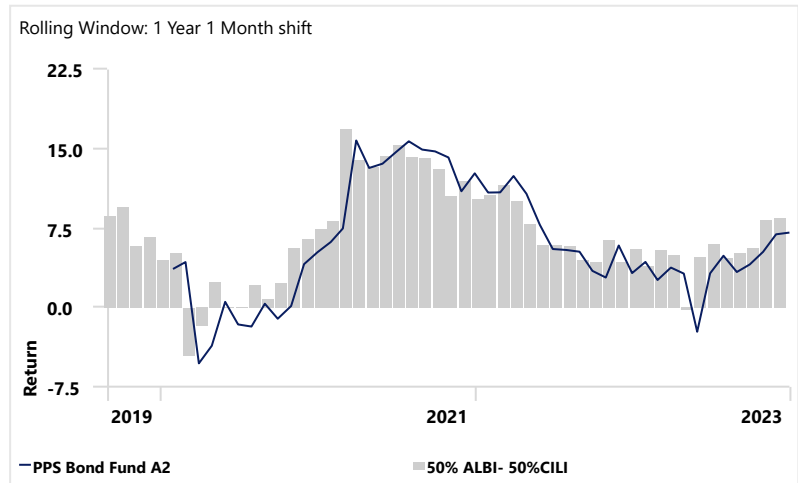
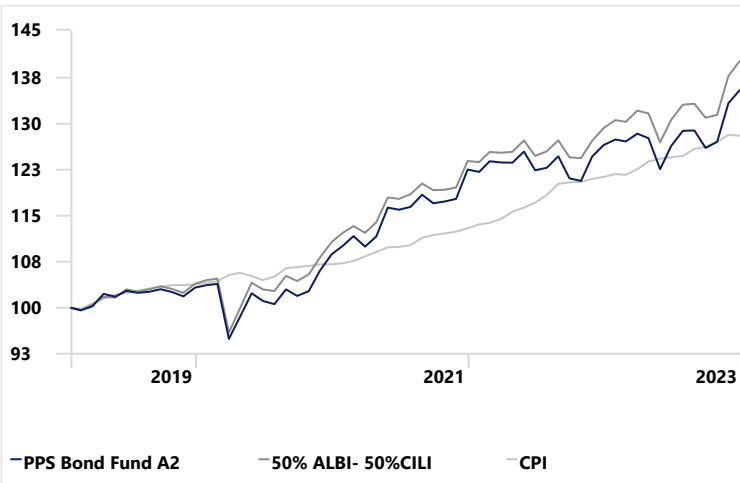
Low - Medium

12.0%

**On PPS Investments platform, A2 class is available in Select 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 Bond Fund A2	7.50%	7.09%	7.61%	—	—	—	6.36%
50% ALBI - 50% CILI	7.10%	8.47%	8.20%	7.85%	8.16%	7.78%	7.10%

	YTD 2023*	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
PPS Bond Fund A2	7.09%	3.26%	12.69%	5.23%	—	—	—
50% ALBI - 50% CILI	8.47%	4.34%	11.92%	6.49%	8.18%	7.69%	10.22%

*Periods less than one year are not annualised

ASSET MANAGERS



RISK METRICS***

Metric	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	6.7%	5.8%
Maximum Drawdown	-4.5%	-3.9%
Percentage of Positive months	63.9%	66.7%
Information Ratio	-0.45	—
Sharpe Ratio	-0.36	—

***Risk metrics calculated over a 3 year period

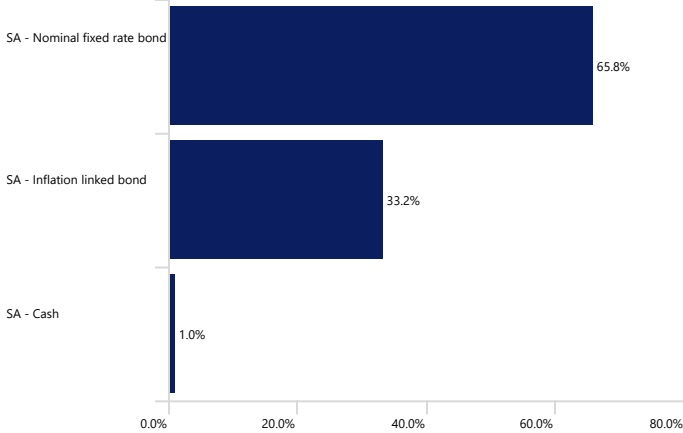
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ASSET ALLOCATION



PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation
R2037 8.5% 20370131	16.5%
I2038 2.25% 20380131	9.1%
I2050 2.5% 20501231	7.4%
R2040 9% 20400131	6.3%
I2046 2.5% 20460331	5.4%
I2033 1.875% 20330228	5.4%
R209 6.25% 20360331	5.1%
I2029 1.875% 20290331	5.0%
R210 2.6% 20280331	4.8%
R2032 8.25% 20320331	4.3%

MATURITY ALLOCATION

Maturity	Allocation
< 1 year	0.3%
1 - 3 years	3.4%
3 - 7 years	14.1%
7 - 12 years	19.8%
12 and more years	62.4%

HIGHEST & LOWEST RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION (12-month rolling performance)

Metric	Fund
Highest	15.8%
Highest Month End Date	31 Mar 2021
Lowest	-5.3%
Lowest Month End Date	31 Mar 2020

1 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.76
Transaction costs (TC)	0.07
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	0.83

3 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.76
Transaction costs (TC)	0.04
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	0.80

DISTRIBUTIONS

Date	A2
31 Dec 2023	7.21

FUND COMMENTARY

The bond fund aims to outperform a 50:50 benchmark comprised of nominal and inflation-linked bonds (50% All Bond Index: 50% Composite Inflation Linked Index). The fund could behave quite differently from peers over short-term periods, given most peers only invest in nominal bonds, but it will lead to more consistent performance over time.

Inflation expectations moderated globally during the last quarter of the year which resulted in stronger returns for fixed interest assets. Locally the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index was up 8.1% for the quarter while the FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Bond Index rose 6.1%. SA listed property increased sharply (+16.4%) with local cash up (+2.1%). Globally fixed interest asset prices also rose but in rand terms this was moderated by rand appreciation against the dollar which meant that the FTSE WGBI was up 4.9% and the global property index was up 12.5% both in rands. The PPS Bond Fund underperformed its ASISA category average due to the higher inflation-linked bond exposure but outperformed its 50:50 ALBI : Inflation-linked benchmark.

Over the three-year investment horizon of the Fund, SA inflation-linked bonds (up 8.8% p.a.) have outperformed SA nominal bonds (up 7.4% p.a.), SA cash (up 5.7% p.a.) and SA inflation (averaging 6.1% p.a.). The Fund has matched its peer group benchmark over the most recent 3-year investment horizon but underperformed the 50:50 target.

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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.

Yields are based on current yields and is a weighted average of all underlying interest bearing instruments as at the last day of the month.

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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