# PPS ENHANCED YIELD FUND

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As of 31 Mar 2025

#### **FUND DESCRIPTION**

This fund typically invests in interest-earning securities, such as negotiable certificates of deposit, variable rate bonds and fixed deposits. It may invest in listed or unlisted financial instruments. All underlying investments are domestic only and therefore denominated in rands. It may also hold units in collective investment schemes or other similar schemes.

The PPS Enhanced Yield Fund aims to provide investors with income in excess of its benchmark, while providing capital protection with a short duration and maintaining a high degree of liquidity. This fund is managed according to Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act and therefore is a suitable standalone vehicle for retirement savings.

Taquanta Asset Managers has been appointed as the exclusive manager of the PPS Enhanced Yield

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

List of classes\*\* A & A2 class

Portfolio category South African - Interest Bearing - Short term

Launch date 14 May 2007 (A); 2 January 2013 (A2)

Investment manager PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (authorised FSP)

**Benchmark** Alexander Forbes 3-month (STeFI) Index

Income distribution Monthly

Investment horizon Short term - twelve months and longer

 Portfolio size
 R6 465 626 943

 Market Value (NAV price per unit)
 101.41 (A); 101.46 (A2)

 Number of Units Held
 120 546 860 (A); 1 644 759 279 (A2)

 Manager fee (excl. VAT)
 0.65% (A); 0.25% (A2)

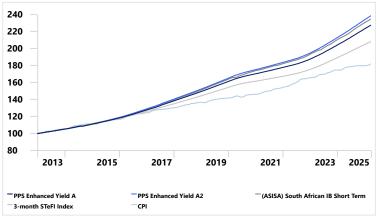
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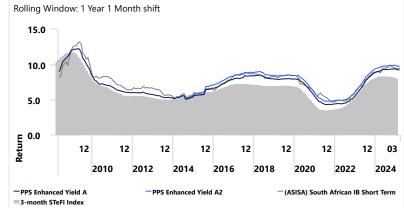
Risk profile Low Current Yield 8.9%

\*\*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)





## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception A^	Since Inception A2^^
PPS Enhanced Yield A	9.29%	9.16%	8.22%	6.76%	7.09%	7.30%	7.24%	_
PPS Enhanced Yield A2	9.79%	9.66%	8.71%	7.25%	7.59%	7.79%	_	7.38%
3-month STeFI Index	8.03%	8.09%	7.26%	5.87%	6.16%	6.36%	6.68%	6.19%
(ASISA) South African IB Short Term	9.53%	9.19%	8.42%	7.20%	7.41%	7.59%	7.60%	7.23%

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	YTD* 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
PPS Enhanced Yield A	2.06%	9.43%	8.80%	5.43%	4.40%	5.67%	7.96%	8.01%
PPS Enhanced Yield A2	2.18%	9.93%	9.30%	5.92%	4.88%	6.16%	8.45%	8.49%
3-month STeFI Index	1.83%	8.21%	7.83%	4.82%	3.55%	4.78%	6.92%	6.92%
(ASISA) South African IB Short Term	2.02%	9.55%	8.96%	5.93%	4.70%	6.23%	8.45%	8.30%

<sup>\*</sup>Periods less than one year are not annualised

## ASSET MANAGERS



• Taquanta Asset Managers 100.0

### RISK METRICS\*\*\*

Metric	А	A2	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%
Maximum Drawdown	_	_	_
Percentage of Positive months	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Information Ratio	1.70	2.57	_
Sharpe Ratio	1.55	2.45	-

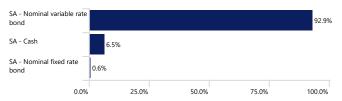
<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Risk metrics calculated over a 5 year period

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#### ASSET ALLOCATION



#### MATURITY ALLOCATION

Maturity	Allocation
< 1 year	18.4%
1 - 3 years	37.1%
3 - 7 years	44.5%
7 - 12 years	_
12 and more years	_

#### PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 5 Holdings	Allocation
Standard Bank 3M JIBAR 20270401	3.4%
ABSA 3M JIBAR 20271115	3.4%
Absa Bank 3M JIBAR+127.5BPS 20270308	3.0%
Absa Bank 3M JIBAR+127.5BPS 20270308	2.6%
ABSA 3M JIBAR 20290515	2.6%

Top 5 Issuers	Allocation
Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd.	23.1%
ABSA Bank Ltd.	21.7%
FirstRand Bank Ltd.	17.1%
Nedbank Ltd.	16.2%
Investec Bank PLC	4.4%

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

	Α^	A2^^
Highest	12.3%	9.9%
Highest Month End Date	30 Apr 2009	31 Dec 2024
Lowest	4.3%	4.8%
Lowest Month End Date	31 Jul 2021	31 Jul 2021

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### 1 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	А	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.76	0.30
Transaction costs (TC)	0.00	0.00
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	0.76	0.30

#### 3 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	А	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.76	0.30
Transaction costs (TC)	0.00	0.00
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	0.76	0.30

### **DISTRIBUTIONS** (Last 12 months)

Date	А	A2
31 Mar 2025	0.71	0.75
28 Feb 2025	0.62	0.66
31 Jan 2025	0.71	0.75
31 Dec 2024	0.72	0.76
30 Nov 2024	0.70	0.74
31 Oct 2024	0.74	0.78

Date	А	A2
30 Sep 2024	0.72	0.76
31 Aug 2024	0.75	0.79
31 Jul 2024	0.75	0.79
30 Jun 2024	0.72	0.76
31 May 2024	0.75	0.79
30 Apr 2024	0.72	0.76
	30 Sep 2024 31 Aug 2024 31 Jul 2024 30 Jun 2024 31 May 2024	30 Sep 2024 0.72 31 Aug 2024 0.75 31 Jul 2024 0.75 30 Jun 2024 0.72 31 May 2024 0.75

## **FUND COMMENTARY**

This fund is suitable for investors seeking a cash-plus return and is conservatively managed.

Global equities tracked lower in rand terms in Q1 (-3.82%), with the rand's appreciation against the dollar contributing to weakness. Rand strength was primarily a function of US dollar weakness. Large cap tech stocks faced significant pressure, weighing on US equities. In contrast, European equities outperformed their US counterparts, particularly industrial stocks exposed to Europe's infrastructure and defence spending plans. Global Bonds were flat over the quarter (-0.3%), while listed property declined (-1.0%).

The JSE held up well over the quarter, with the FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX up strongly (+5.85%). Resource stocks were the main driver, particularly the gold and platinum miners, as precious metal prices rallied. A selection of rand hedge industrials also contributed to JSE returns, but most stocks were dragged lower by softer global sentiment.

SA nominal bonds (+0.70%) underperformed SA equities for the quarter. The asset class experienced considerable volatility in response to the GNU's National Budget impasse. SA Listed Property (FTSE/JSE SAPY) was down for the quarter (-3.51%), after its exceptional year in 2024.

Against this backdrop for the quarter, PPS Enhanced Yield Fund outperformed its STeFI 3-month benchmark as well as its ASISA category average.

The fund continues to consistently outperform its cash benchmark over longer periods including outperformance over the one-year investment horizon. Over this investment horizon of the fund, SA nominal bonds in total were up 20.2%, outperforming SA Inflation-linked bonds (up 8.9%) and Cash delivered a return of 8.3%.

PPS Enhanced Yield targets a cash-plus risk and return profile, with the underlying investments all linked to Jibar, which resets after 90 days, even though they have longer maturities. The conservative approach results in a fund with very low duration and low volatility. 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 advisors 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 may invest in 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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