

PPS EQUITY FUND

As of 31 Dec 2023



INVESTMENTS

FUND DESCRIPTION

This fund invests primarily in shares of listed companies. It may, however, also invest in listed and unlisted financial instruments, and it may also hold units in collective investment schemes. Ratios may vary.

The PPS Equity Fund aims to provide investors with investment returns in excess of its benchmark while seeking to provide capital growth over the long-term.

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

A & A2 class

South African - Equity - General

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

PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited

(authorised FSP)

FTSE/JSE Total Return Capped SWIX Index

Half-yearly

Long-term - seven years and longer

R11 685 298 535

233.23 (A); 234.25 (A2)

54 551 410 (A); 146 043 536 (A2)

1.50% (A) ; 1.05% (A2)

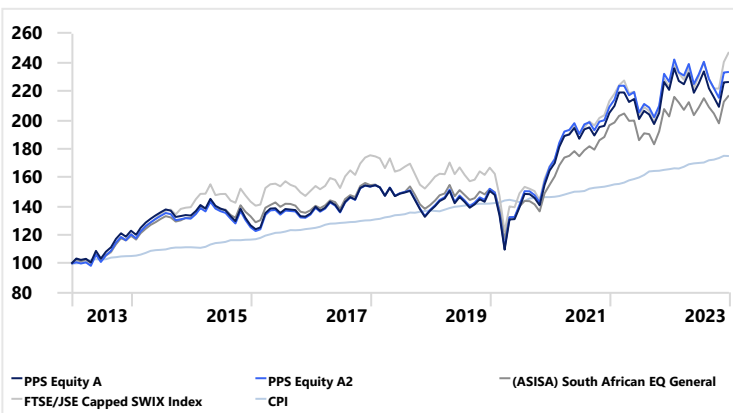
Standard Chartered Bank

High

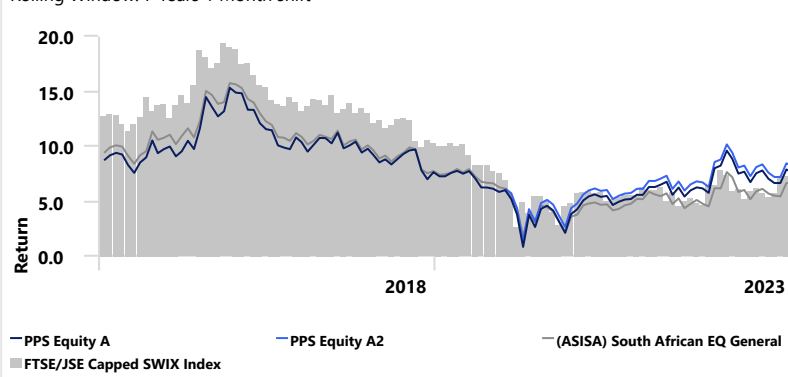
**On PPS Investments platform, A2 class is available in Select range and A class is available in Original range

ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE

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



Rolling Window: 7 Years 1 Month shift



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

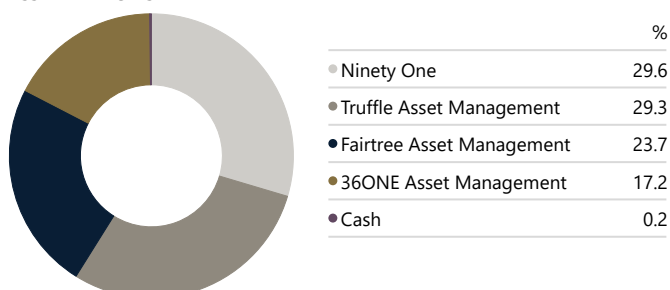
	3 months*	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception A^	Since Inception A2^^
PPS Equity A	4.91%	2.50%	11.17%	10.61%	7.68%	6.30%	6.95%	—
PPS Equity A2	5.05%	3.03%	11.74%	11.19%	8.24%	6.85%	—	8.01%
FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX Index	8.21%	7.87%	12.69%	8.97%	6.89%	7.12	—	8.29%
(ASISA) South African EQ General	6.17%	7.25%	11.91%	9.07%	6.79%	6.17%	7.19%	7.30%

A^ 14 May 2007; A2^^ 2 January 2013

	YTD 2023*	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
PPS Equity A	2.50%	7.80%	24.33%	9.40%	10.16%	-11.02%	13.93%	6.43%
PPS Equity A2	3.03%	8.35%	24.98%	9.98%	10.74%	-10.57%	14.51%	6.97%
FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX Index	7.87%	4.41%	27.08%	0.58%	6.75%	-10.94%	16.49%	5.16%
(ASISA) South African EQ General	7.25%	3.13%	26.72%	1.92%	8.06%	-9.06%	12.78%	3.12%

*Periods less than one year are not annualised

ASSET MANAGERS



RISK METRICS***

Metric	A	A2	Category Average	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	18.5%	18.5%	15.0%	17.1%
Maximum Drawdown	-29.0%	-28.2%	-25.1%	-30.2%
Percentage of Positive months	62.3%	62.3%	60.7%	59.0%
Information Ratio	0.41	0.05	—	—
Sharpe Ratio	0.27	0.30	—	—

***Risk metrics calculated over a 5 year period

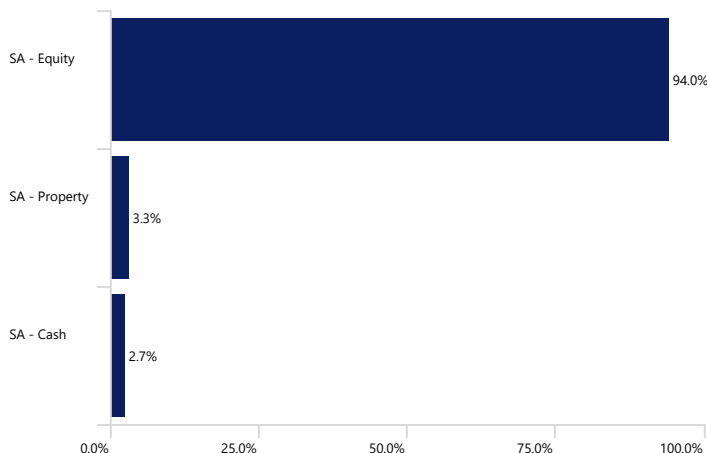
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ASSET ALLOCATION



PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation	Benchmark
Naspers Ltd	8.8%	8.0%
Prosus NV	6.8%	2.6%
FirstRand Ltd	5.9%	6.4%
Absa Group Ltd	5.0%	2.3%
Gold Fields Ltd	4.3%	4.2%
British American Tobacco PLC	4.1%	2.5%
Anglo American PLC	3.8%	3.2%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	3.3%	4.8%
Glencore PLC	3.1%	1.5%
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV	3.0%	1.6%

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

	A^	A2^^
Highest	72.1%	73.0%
Highest Month End Date	31 Oct 2021	31 Mar 2021
Lowest	-38.7%	-24.1%
Lowest Month End Date	29 Feb 2009	31 Mar 2020

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1 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.75	1.23
Transaction costs (TC)	0.51	0.51
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	2.26	1.74

3 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.75	1.23
Transaction costs (TC)	0.49	0.49
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	2.24	1.72

DISTRIBUTIONS (Last 12 months)

Date	A	A2
31 Dec 2023	2.82	3.43
30 Jun 2023	4.14	4.73

FUND COMMENTARY .

This is a domestic-only mandate that aims to outperform an investable benchmark of South African (SA) listed equities over rolling seven years. The fund is made up of a combination of active SA equity managers, who are expected to be fully invested in SA equities at all times and implement their best SA equity investment view. The manager combination is deliberately constructed to deliver more consistent returns relative to the benchmark over time.

The South African equity market (FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX TR) spent most of 2023 inside January's trading range, eventually ending the year up 7.9%. The Index was held up by Financials and Industrials (up 21.8% and 17.3%, respectively) but Resources fell sharply (down 15.4%) as platinum shares and Sasol came under pressure.

The SA market's entire return for the year was achieved in the fourth quarter (up 8.2%), with banking and gold shares extending their rallies. Although SA bonds (FTSE/JSE All Bond Index TR) delivered a similar return to equities this quarter (up 8.1%) they outperformed for the full year (up 9.7% vs 7.9%), despite higher interest rates.

PPS Equity lagged the FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX this quarter and underperformed for the full year. Stock selection within resources and financials was a headwind for some of the underlying managers, while others were positioned for better performance from defensive counters, which disappointed. The intentional, high conviction construction of PPS Equity means near-term underperformance is inevitable from time to time, but we believe is an essential element of positioning for meaningful long-term outperformance.

This quarter we introduced a fourth manager, 36One, into portfolio, enhancing the underlying manager mix. Despite near-term underperformance, PPS Equity remains comfortably ahead of its benchmark and peers over longer-term periods.

Looking ahead, although resources have weighed on the SA equity market this year, the longer-term prospects for certain commodity counters remains promising, given demand and supply dynamics. More broadly, starting valuations across the board continue to point to the likelihood of promising medium-to-long-term returns for the asset class.

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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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PPS Multi-Managers is the appointed investment manager for the PPS Management company.