

# PPS FLEXIBLE INCOME FUND



INVESTMENTS

As of 30 Jun 2024

## FUND DESCRIPTION

The fund may invest in high-yielding securities and listed or unlisted financial instruments. It may also hold units in collective investment schemes or other similar schemes. Ratios may vary to optimise prevailing market conditions. The maximum effective exposure in local and foreign equities is limited to 10%; and effective local and foreign property is limited to 25% of the market value of the portfolio.

The PPS Flexible Income Fund aims to provide investors with income in excess of its benchmark, while providing capital protection in times of bond market weakness. This fund is managed according to Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act and therefore is a suitable standalone vehicle for retirement savings.

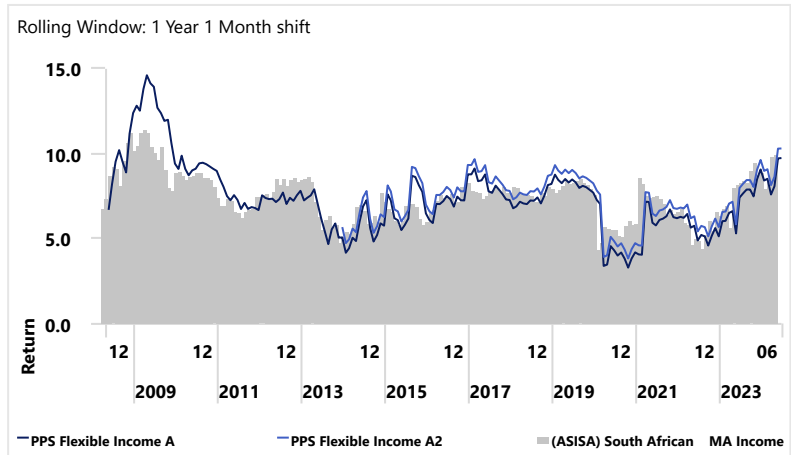
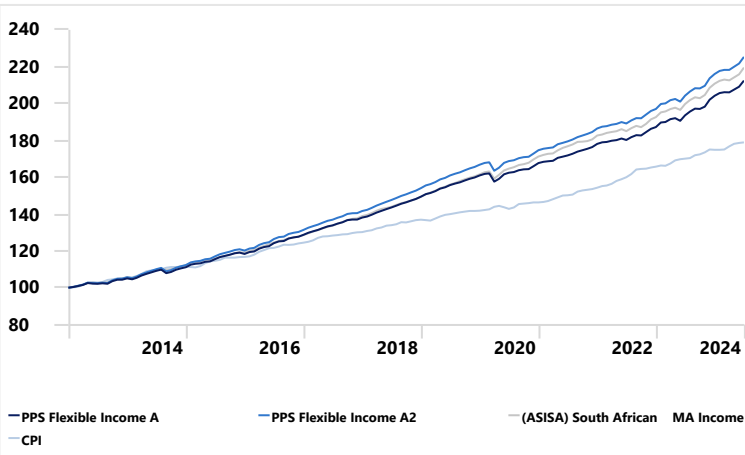
## FUND OVERVIEW

<b>List of classes**</b>	A & A2
<b>Portfolio category</b>	South African - Multi Asset - Income
<b>Launch date</b>	14 May 2007 (A) ; 2 January 2013 (A2)
<b>Investment manager</b>	PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (authorised FSP)
<b>Benchmark</b>	South African - Multi Asset - Income (Category average)
<b>Income distribution</b>	Quarterly
<b>Investment horizon</b>	Short term - twelve months and longer
<b>Portfolio size</b>	R1 289 069 599
<b>Market value (NAV price per unit)</b>	112.17 (A); 112.79 (A2)
<b>Number of units held</b>	96 445 186 (A); 509 789 514 (A2)
<b>Manager fee (excl. VAT)</b>	1.00% (A) ; 0.55% (A2)
<b>Trustee</b>	Standard Chartered Bank
<b>Risk profile</b>	Low - Medium

\*\*On PPS Investment platform, A2 class is available in Select range and A class is available in Origin 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

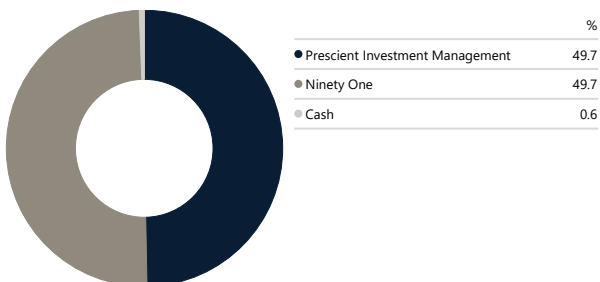
	3 months*	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception A <sup>^</sup>	Since Inception A2 <sup>^^</sup>
PPS Flexible Income A	3.10%	9.74%	7.33%	6.41%	6.82%	6.89%	7.43%	—
PPS Flexible Income A2	3.23%	10.31%	7.89%	6.96%	7.37%	7.43%	—	7.35%
(ASISA) South African MA Income	3.25%	9.91%	7.48%	7.07%	7.34%	7.21%	7.50%	7.08%

A<sup>^</sup>14 May 2007; A2<sup>^^</sup>2 January 2013

	YTD 2024*	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
PPS Flexible Income A	4.03%	9.07%	5.13%	6.21%	4.19%	7.71%	8.22%	7.27%
PPS Flexible Income A2	4.30%	9.63%	5.68%	6.75%	4.73%	8.26%	8.77%	7.81%
(ASISA) South African MA Income	4.14%	9.43%	5.46%	6.66%	6.02%	8.18%	7.50%	8.03%

\*Periods less than one year are not annualised

## ASSET MANAGERS



## RISK METRICS\*\*\*

Metric	A	A2	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%
Maximum Drawdown	-2.8%	-2.7%	-2.4%
Percentage of Positive months	90.0%	90.0%	91.7%
Information Ratio	-0.55	-0.09	—
Sharpe Ratio	0.33	0.58	—

\*\*\*Risk metrics calculated over a 5 year period

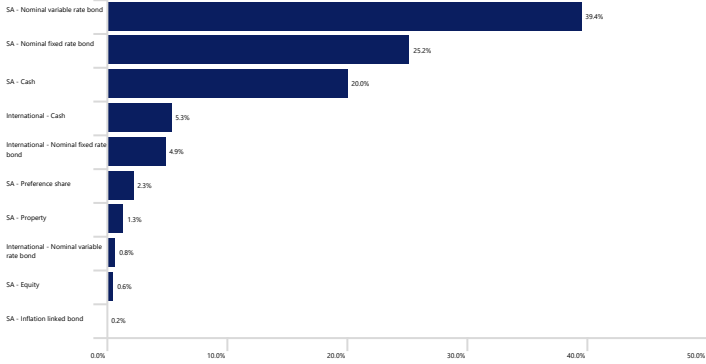
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## ASSET ALLOCATION



## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 5 Holdings	Allocation
RSA R2032 8.25% 20320331	7.6%
RSA R2030 8.00% 20300131	3.3%
Prescient Ev and Inflation Fund	2.5%
RSA ILB 2.00% 20250131	2.2%
Investec 7.40% 20261221	2.0%

Top 5 Issuers	Allocation
South Africa (Republic of)	24.3%
Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd.	18.0%
ABSA Bank Ltd.	12.2%
FirstRand Bank Ltd.	10.3%
Nedbank Ltd.	9.2%

## MATURITY ALLOCATION

Maturity	Allocation
< 1 year	23.7%
1 - 3 years	22.9%
3 - 7 years	33.5%
7 - 12 years	16.4%
12 and more years	3.5%

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

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.22	0.70
Transaction costs (TC)	0.11	0.11
<b>Total investment charge (TER+TC)</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>0.81</b>

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

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.20	0.69
Transaction costs (TC)	0.09	0.09
<b>Total investment charge (TER+TC)</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>0.78</b>

## DISTRIBUTIONS (cents per unit)

Date	A	A2
30 Jun 2024	2.37	2.53
31 Mar 2024	1.89	2.05
31 Dec 2023	1.99	2.15
30 Sep 2023	2.29	2.22

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

	A^	A2^^
Highest	14.6%	10.3%
Highest Month End Date	30 Apr 2009	30 Jun 2024
Lowest	3.3%	3.8%
Lowest Month End Date	31 Oct 2020	31 Oct 2020

A^ 14 May 2007; A2^^ 21 January 2013

## FUND COMMENTARY

This multi-managed multi-asset fund aims to outperform an index of shorter-dated government bonds over rolling one-year periods. Managers in the fund can invest in bonds across the maturity spectrum, as well as hold property, preference shares, floating rate instruments, and other fixed interest assets including foreign bonds and cash. The fund is diversified across managers who themselves implement their best investment view.

Financial markets remained preoccupied by the US economy's "soft landing" potential, which refers to high interest rates guiding inflation back towards target, without causing the economy to go into a recession. Furthermore, interest rate policy is also currently out of sync across the world. A growing number of central banks are lowering rates, including the European Central Bank, the Bank of Japan, and the People's Bank of China. The United States Federal Reserve on the other hand remains on hold, unsatisfied by the pace of US disinflation. The market is hopeful the US Fed will begin cutting rates later this year.

Global bond yields rose in sympathy resulting in a 5.1% decline of the FTSE World Government Bond Index. Locally the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index delivered 7.5% for the quarter while the FTSE/JSE Inflation-Linked Bond Index posted a 2.4% positive return. SA listed property also gained (5.5%) with local cash delivering positive performance (+2.0%). Against this backdrop, PPS Flexible Income Fund outperformed its ASISA category average.

Over the one-year investment horizon of the fund, SA nominal bonds in total were up 14.6%, outperforming SA Inflation-linked bonds (up 9.1%). Cash delivered a return of 8.5%, which continued to improve in line with the SARB's hiking cycle. The fund outperformed its peer group average benchmark over the one-year investment horizon with both underlying managers, Prescient and Ninety One outperforming peers. The underlying manager lineup has not changed this 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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PPS Multi-Managers is the appointed investment manager for the PPS Management company.