

PPS GLOBAL BALANCED FUND OF FUNDS



INVESTMENTS

As of 31 Dec 2023

FUND DESCRIPTION

This is a multi-managed global balanced fund of funds that invests in foreign markets and is diversified across managers and strategies. The fund will typically have at least 60% invested in global equity markets. The fund will have a bias to managers that invest in developed markets, and who complement each other. The fund is suitable for investors with discretionary assets they wish to invest in foreign markets, or as part of a building block approach in a Regulation 28 portfolio, and who do not wish to make the foreign manager selection themselves.

The PPS Global Balanced Fund of Funds aims to consistently outperform its benchmark over consecutive 60-month periods. It is benchmarked against a global composite that is typical of the funds in its ASISA unit trust sector.

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

Global Multi-Asset (MA) High Equity

1 December 2015 (A & A2)

PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (authorised FSP)

60% MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) & 40% FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI)

Half-yearly

Long-term - five years and longer

R2 006 519 997

181.37 (A); 187.62 (A2)

2 056 296 (A); 149 648 221 (A2)

1.15% (A) ; 0.70% (A2)

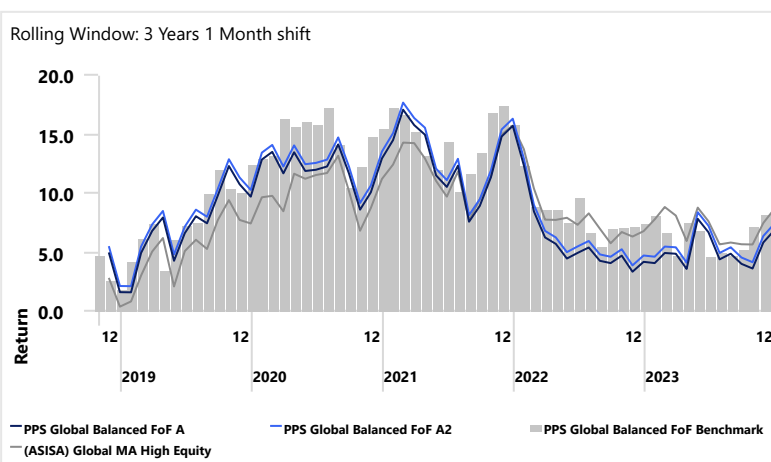
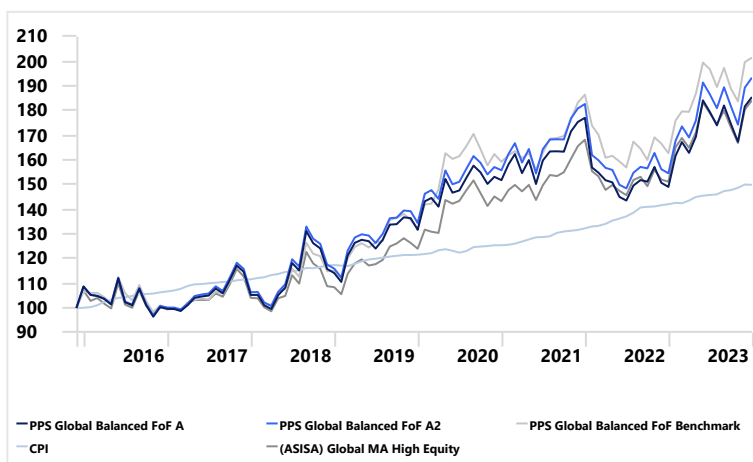
Standard Chartered Bank

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



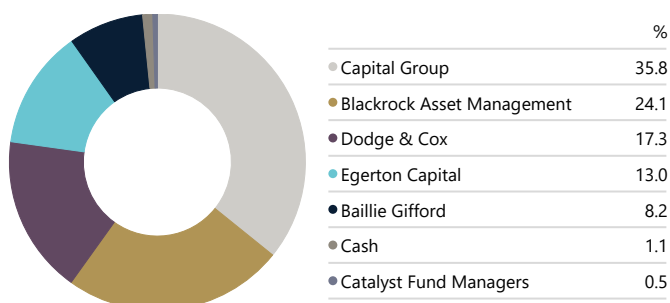
ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	3 months*	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
PPS Global Balanced FoF A	6.22%	24.45%	6.91%	10.20%	9.29%	—	7.95%
PPS Global Balanced FoF A2	6.35%	25.09%	7.46%	10.77%	9.86%	—	8.50%
PPS Global Balanced FoF Benchmark	6.63%	24.38%	8.55%	12.24	11.00%	11.24%	9.43%
(ASISA) Global MA High Equity	6.29%	21.81%	8.71%	11.18%	9.13%	9.37%	7.85%

	YTD 2023*	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
PPS Global Balanced FoF A	24.45%	-15.82%	16.63%	15.30%	15.34%	8.47%	5.66%
PPS Global Balanced FoF A2	25.09%	-15.38%	17.24%	15.89%	15.95%	9.01%	6.21%
PPS Global Balanced FoF Benchmark	24.38%	-12.33%	17.30%	20.61%	15.49%	9.64	6.30%
(ASISA) Global MA High Equity	21.81%	-10.13%	17.38%	15.56%	14.38%	4.16%	4.20%

*Periods less than one year are not annualised

ASSET MANAGERS



RISK METRICS***

Metric	A	A2	Benchmark	Category Average
Annualised Standard Deviation	15.2%	15.2%	12.9%	12.6%
Maximum Drawdown	-9.7%	-18.7%	-15.9%	-14.0%
Percentage of Positive months	54.1%	54.1%	60.7%	55.7%
Information Ratio	-0.25	-0.16	—	—
Sharpe Ratio	0.09	0.12	—	—

***Risk metrics calculated over a 5 year period

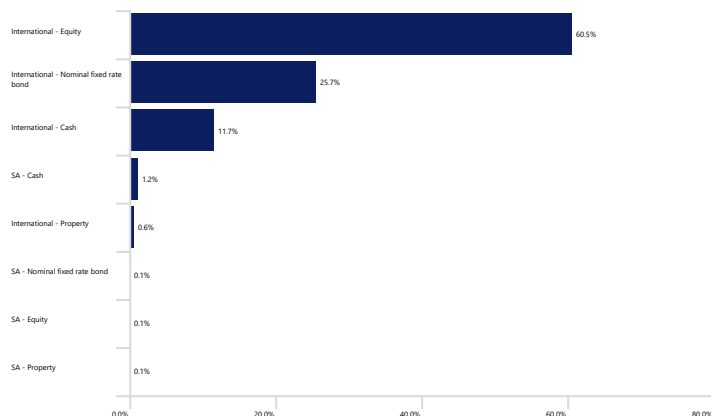
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ASSET ALLOCATION



PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation	Region
Microsoft Corp	2.5%	USA
Meta Platforms Inc.	1.6%	USA
Novo Nordisk	1.1%	Europe
Alphabet Inc.	1.1%	USA
Visa Inc.	1.0%	USA
Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd	1.0%	Canada
Broadcom Inc.	0.9%	USA
Amazon Com Inc.	0.9%	USA
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc.	0.8%	USA
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	0.8%	Taiwan

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

	A	A2
Highest	29.6%	30.3%
Highest Month End Date	31 Jan 2020	31 Jan 2020
Lowest	-15.8%	-15.4%
Lowest Month End Date	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2022

1 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.98	1.46
Transaction costs (TC)	0.03	0.03
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	2.01	1.49

3 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.92	1.41
Transaction costs (TC)	0.02	0.02
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	1.94	1.43

DISTRIBUTIONS

Date	A	A2
31 Dec 2023	0.00	0.00
30 Jun 2023	5.35	6.35

FUND COMMENTARY

This FoF targets outperformance of a composite foreign equity:bond benchmark over rolling five years. Diversification is achieved on an asset class and manager level, with the FoF relying on specialist equity, property and fixed interest managers to outperform the benchmark.

Foreign equity (up 7.8% for the quarter) had a stellar year, with the MSCI ACWI TR climbing 31.3% in rands, boosted by the stronger dollar (7.5% appreciation against the rand). US equities were the main driver, fuelled by technology stocks. Foreign bonds continued their recovery this quarter (up 4.9%), following the protracted sell-off in US Treasuries to 2007 levels, with the FTSE World Government Bond Index eventually ending the year up 13.1% in rands.

Against this backdrop, PPS Global Balanced had a reasonable quarter, managing to outperform both its 60/40 benchmark as well as its ASISA category average for the full year. The foreign equity allocation was the main driver of performance, despite mixed results from the underlying equity managers, while the bond allocation became a contributor toward year-end. In keep with our house-view asset allocation upgrading foreign equity and bonds this quarter, the portfolio added incrementally to both asset classes during the period.

Over the past five years (in rands), foreign equities (up 17.2% p.a.) have outperformed foreign property (up 8.1% p.a.) and foreign bonds (up 3.5% p.a.), with US equities having been a major driver of stock market returns. Although the FoF has underperformed its 60/40 benchmark over its most recent five-year investment horizon, due to some managers having lagged in the sharp economic regime shifts experienced, we consider this temporary, and maintain high conviction in the pedigree and mix managers.

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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. A fund of funds is a portfolio that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes that levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for the fund of funds.

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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