

# PPS CONSERVATIVE FUND OF FUNDS

Fund data as at 31 March 2019



INVESTMENTS

## FUND DESCRIPTION

This fund of funds is well diversified across managers and asset classes, with limited equity exposure which will not exceed 40% and a maximum effective property exposure of 25%. It may invest in listed and unlisted financial instruments. It solely holds units in local or foreign collective investment schemes or other similar schemes.

The PPS Conservative Fund of Funds aims to outperform inflation by 2% per year over periods longer than 36 months. 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

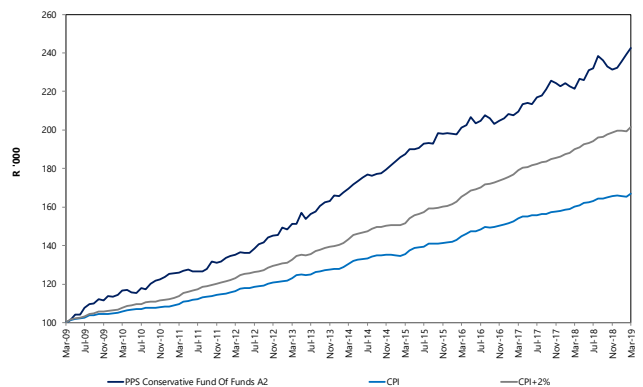
<b>Range</b>	Select (A2 class)
<b>Portfolio category</b>	South African - Multi Asset - Low Equity
<b>Launch date</b>	14 May 2007
<b>Fee class launch date</b>	02 January 2013
<b>Investment manager</b>	PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (authorised FSP)
<b>Benchmark</b>	CPI for all urban areas + 2%
<b>Income distribution</b>	Half-yearly
<b>Investment horizon</b>	Medium-term - three years and longer
<b>Portfolio size</b>	R 2 403 551 098
<b>Market value (NAV price per unit)</b>	154.92 cents
<b>Number of units held</b>	968 116 158 (participatory interests)
<b>Asset management fee (excl. VAT)</b>	0.60%
<b>Trustee</b>	Standard Chartered Bank
<b>Risk Profile</b>	Low - Medium

## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 holdings	Allocation
RSA R186 10.5% 20271221	2.6%
RSA R2030 8% 20300131	2.6%
RSA R2032 8.25% 20320331	2.2%
RSA R213 7% 20310228	1.5%
RSA R2037 8.5% 20370131	1.5%
RSA R2048 8.75% 20480228	1.3%
Naspers	1.2%
Standard Bank 3M JIBAR + 156BPS 20220131	1.0%
Nedbank 8.45% 20191010	1.0%
Growthpoint	0.9%
<b>As a % of total</b>	<b>15.7%</b>

## ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE

Estimated growth of R100 000 invested with all distributions reinvested (for illustrative purposes only).



\*A2 Performance simulated prior to Dec 2012

## ASSET ALLOCATION

Asset	Allocation
SA cash	41.9%
SA bonds	25.8%
SA equity	13.0%
Foreign equity	11.8%
SA property	4.6%
Foreign cash	2.2%
Foreign property	0.1%
Foreign bonds	0.4%
SA commodity	0.2%

## RISK METRICS

Metric	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	3.6%	1.3%
Maximum Drawdown	-3.0%	-0.1%
Percentage of Positive months	68.3%	95.0%
Information Ratio	0.10	n/a
Sharpe Ratio	0.21	n/a

## RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION (12-month rolling performance)

Annual figures	Fund	Period
Highest	18.1%	28-Feb-10
Lowest	-3.8%	28-Feb-09

## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
PPS Conservative Fund of Funds	4.39%	9.61%	6.46%	7.42%	n/a	8.54%
Inflation	0.46%	4.06%	4.78%	5.06%	5.25%	5.86%
Inflation +2%	0.95%	6.07%	6.78%	7.07%	7.25%	7.87%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
PPS Conservative Fund of Funds	4.41%	8.12%	3.73%	9.31%	9.46%	14.10%
Inflation	5.18%	4.62%	6.64%	4.71%	5.81%	5.38%
Inflation +2%	7.18%	6.62%	8.64%	6.71%	7.81%	7.38%

## ASSET MANAGERS

Manager	Percentage
Investec Asset Management	19.0%
ABAX Investments	16.6%
Sasfin Asset Managers	16.5%
Taquantia Asset Managers	14.3%
Prescient Investment Management	10.7%
Stanlib Asset Management	5.6%
Veritas	4.4%
Catalyst Fund Managers	3.6%
Old Mutual Customised Solutions	2.9%
Prudential Investment Managers	2.4%

## FEES (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	Percentage
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.18%
Transaction costs (TC)	0.06%
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	1.24%

## DISTRIBUTIONS

Date	Cents Per Unit
31-Dec-18	2.17
30-Jun-18	5.13

## Quarterly Commentary

This is a multi-managed fund of funds with active asset allocation and manager selection. After a difficult 2018 the first quarter of 2019 saw both domestic and global equities delivering strong returns. The FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX Index increased by 3.9% over the three months, while the MSCI All Countries World Index increased by 12.5% in rand terms. This helped the PPS Conservative FoF to deliver a return of 4.4% over the quarter, which outperformed the peer group average of 4.0%. Over the three-year investment horizon, the fund has now marginally underperformed the inflation +2% benchmark (6.5% vs 6.8%), but delivered first quartile peer relative performance (6.5% vs 5.2%). In terms of the underlying holdings, only the domestic property allocation detracted from performance in quarter one, while all other underlying managers provided a positive contribution. There were no changes to the asset allocation, but the Abax multi-asset low allocation was increased to match the Investec multi-asset low allocation. The neutral domestic equity and domestic bond allocation is maintained as well as the overweight global equity allocation, relative to the long term strategic allocation, in the asset class building block portion of the fund. With the relatively low yields on offer, there remains no appetite for global bonds yet.

## 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 Financial Product's underlying assets are relinquished as payment for services rendered in the administration of the Financial Product. **Transaction Costs (TC)** is a measure of the total costs incurred in buying and selling assets underlying the CIS 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. TER's and TC's are expressed as a percentage of the daily net asset value of the CIS calculated over a period of three years on an annualised basis. 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. **Total Investment Charges (TIC)** is a measure of total cost relating to the investment. The TER and TC disclosed are estimates based on our best estimate of the underlying costs. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions are available on request.

Performance figures are from PPS Multi-Managers and Morningstar. 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.

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.

The manager may close the portfolio to new investors to ensure the portfolio is managed according to its mandate.

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