

# PPS EQUITY FUND

Fund data as at 30 June 2019



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.

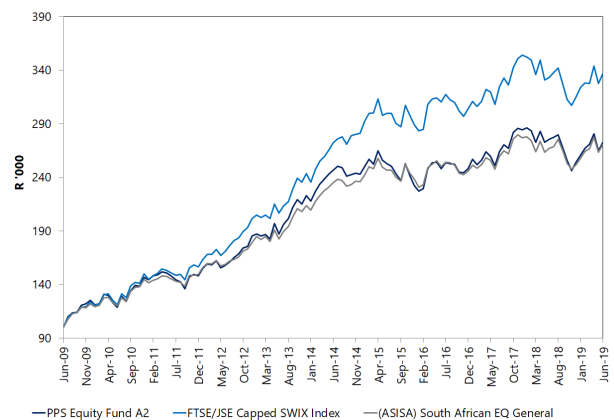
The PPS Equity Fund aims to provide investors with investment returns in excess of its benchmark while seeking to provide capital growth over the long-term.

## FUND OVERVIEW

<b>Range</b>	Select (A2 class)
<b>Portfolio category</b>	South African - Equity - General
<b>Launch date</b>	30 April 2007
<b>Fee class launch date</b>	02 January 2013
<b>Investment manager</b>	PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (authorised FSP)
<b>Benchmark</b>	FTSE/JSE Total Return Capped SWIX Index
<b>Income distribution</b>	Half-yearly
<b>Investment horizon</b>	Long-term - seven years and longer
<b>Portfolio size</b>	R 2 495 658 443
<b>Market value (NAV price per unit)</b>	169.11 cents
<b>Number of units held</b>	136 240 961 (participatory interests)
<b>Asset management fee (excl. VAT)</b>	1.05%
<b>Trustee</b>	Standard Chartered Bank
<b>Risk profile</b>	High

## ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE

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



\*Performance prior to January 2013 is based on an older fee class performance prior to the launch of the A2 class and is adjusted for any fee differences

## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation	Benchmark
Naspers	10.3%	10.6%
Anglo American	8.3%	4.1%
Standard Bank	6.8%	4.7%
British American Tobacco	5.3%	3.0%
MTN	5.0%	3.3%
Sasol	4.0%	5.1%
Absa Group Ltd	3.8%	2.2%
BHP Billiton	3.0%	2.3%
Anheuser Busch Inbev	2.3%	0.4%
Nedbank	2.0%	2.0%
<b>As a % of total</b>	<b>50.9%</b>	<b>37.7%</b>

## ASSET ALLOCATION

Asset	Allocation
SA equity	94.6%
SA property	3.5%
SA cash	1.9%

## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
PPS Equity Fund	7.33%	-1.02%	3.20%	2.04%	n/a	6.24%
FTSE/JSE Total Return Capped SWIX Index	6.86%	1.11%	2.77%	4.35%	12.92%	9.01%
(ASISA) South African Equity General	7.48%	1.47%	2.70%	2.89%	10.48%	6.80%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
PPS Equity Fund	-10.57%	14.51%	6.97%	-4.54%	9.11%	20.39%
FTSE/JSE Total Return Capped SWIX Index	-10.94%	16.49%	5.16%	2.78%	15.42%	20.71%
(ASISA) South African Equity General	-9.06%	12.76%	3.12%	1.01%	10.31%	19.36%

## RISK METRICS

Metric	Fund	Benchmark	Category average
Annualised Standard Deviation	10.6%	10.4%	9.5%
Maximum Drawdown	-14.2%	-13.2%	-11.5%
Percentage of Positive months	51.7%	58.3%	51.7%
Information Ratio	-0.67	n/a	n/a
Sharpe Ratio	-0.44	n/a	n/a

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

Annual figures	Fund	Period
Highest	49.6%	28-Feb-10
Lowest	-38.2%	28-Feb-09

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## ASSET MANAGERS

Manager	Percentage
Coronation Fund Managers	29.4%
Prudential Investment Managers	29.8%
Investec Asset Management	30.4%
Perpetua Investment Managers	10.3%

## FEES (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	1 Year	3 Years
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.22%	1.22%
Transaction costs (TC)	0.22%	0.33%
<b>Total investment charge (TER+TC)</b>	<b>1.44%</b>	<b>1.55%</b>

## DISTRIBUTIONS

Date	Cents per unit
31-Dec-18	2.19
30-Jun-18	2.57

## 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.

Over the seven-year time horizon of the fund, SA equities have compounded at 10.18% p.a. (and 12.92% over ten years). These substantial real returns (SA equities have compounded by close to 5% p.a. after inflation over seven years, and more than 7.5% p.a. over ten years) are easily forgotten in a context where active managers have found it difficult to outperform their benchmark (both the PPS Equity Fund and its peers have underperformed by more than 2% p.a. over this seven-year period) and where in the shorter-term SA equities have battled to deliver positive real returns (over one, three and five years SA equities have underperformed cash).

Year-to-date, SA equities have returned 6.68% and comfortably outperformed cash. Within SA equities, resources (up 19.2%) have significantly outperformed financials (up 6.5%) and industrials (up 13.6%). The PPS Equity Fund has modestly outperformed its benchmark year-to-date, and kept pace with its peers (some of whom invest in foreign equities as well as SA equities).

We are mindful of the significant underperformance of SA equities over the past five years (especially relative to foreign equities) and the potential upside should economic conditions improve. Consequently, we have devoted considerable attention to whether the Fund can take advantage of future opportunities in the SA equity market should it become opportune. Given the concentrated nature of the SA equity market, we have broadened our search for managers that are less style dependent, and are able to get meaningful exposure to SA domestics should it be warranted. Here several opportunities have been identified that could form part of the portfolio in future.

There were no manager changes over the quarter, but we continue to monitor and assess the combination of managers in the Fund, and will make the necessary changes should they be warranted.

## 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 the past one year and three year period 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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