

PPS FLEXIBLE INCOME FUND

Fund data as at 30 June 2019



INVESTMENTS

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

Range	Select (A2 class)
Portfolio category	South African - Multi Asset - Income
Launch date	14 May 2007
Fee class launch date	02 January 2013
Investment manager	PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (authorised FSP)
Benchmark	JSE ALBI (1-3 year Total Return Index)
Income distribution	Quarterly
Portfolio horizon	Short-term - twelve months and longer
Portfolio size	R1 010 708 360
Market value (NAV price per unit)	111.10 cents
Number of units held	273 796 823 (participatory interests)
Asset management fee (excl. VAT)	0.55%
Trustee	Standard Chartered Bank
Risk profile	Low - Medium

PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 5 Holdings	Allocation
Nedbank 8.3% 20200311	2.0%
Standard Bank 1% 20201220	1.8%
FirstRand 10.19% 20270327	1.7%
FirstRand 3M JIBAR +114.5BPS 20201210	1.5%
Standard Bank 3M JIBAR + 160BPS 20220531	1.5%
As a % of total	8.4%

Top 5 Issuers	Allocation
Standard Bank Of South Africa.	25.6%
FirstRand Bank Ltd.	18.5%
ABSA Bank Ltd.	14.5%
Nedbank Ltd.	11.8%
South Africa (Republic Of)	7.9%
As a % of total	78.4%

ASSET ALLOCATION

Asset	Allocation
SA cash	77.6%
SA bonds	16.7%
SA property	2.7%
SA equity	1.9%
Foreign bonds	3.5%
Foreign cash	-2.4%

MATURITY ALLOCATION

Maturity	Allocation
< 1 Year	34.5%
1 - 3 years	23.6%
3 - 7 years	25.6%
7 - 12 years	10.2%
12 and more years	6.0%

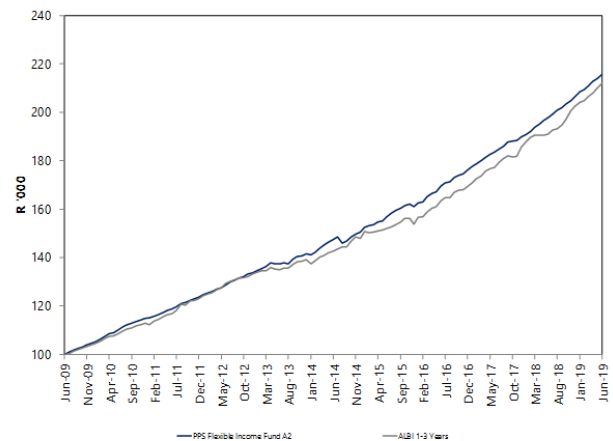
ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
PPS Flexible Income Fund	4.48%	9.05%	8.39%	7.90%	N/A	7.76%
JSE ALBI (1-3 Total Return Index)	4.57%	10.92%	9.06%	8.24%	7.80%	8.20%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
PPS Flexible Income Fund	8.77%	7.81%	9.34%	7.00%	6.27%	6.05%
JSE ALBI (1-3 Total Return Index)	9.14%	9.61%	10.08%	4.10%	6.23%	4.40%

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

RISK METRICS

Metric	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	1.5%	2.2%
Maximum Drawdown	-1.7%	-1.5%
Percentage of Positive months	96.7%	86.7%
Information Ratio	-0.05	n/a
Sharpe Ratio	0.76	n/a

RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION (12-month rolling performance)

Annual figures	Fund	Period
Highest	15.5%	30-Apr-09
Lowest	4.7%	31-Jan-14

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ASSET MANAGERS

Manager	Percentage
Prudential Investment Managers	49.6%
Prescient Investment Management	50.4%

FEES (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	1 Year	3 Years
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.66%	0.69%
Transaction costs (TC)	0.02%	0.02%
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	0.68%	0.71%

DISTRIBUTIONS

Date	Cents per unit
30-Jun-19	1.98
31-Mar-19	1.99
31-Dec-18	1.97
30-Sep-18	2.25

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.

Shorter-dated South African (SA) bonds have returned 10.9% over the past year, and materially outperformed foreign bonds (up 8.5%), SA cash (up 6.9%), SA inflation-linked bonds (up 4.2%) and SA property (up 0.8%), and only modestly underperformed longer-dated SA bonds (up 11.5%). Managers that held a more diversified portfolio of assets would have consequently underperformed their benchmark over the past year.

Year-to-date, shorter-dated SA bonds (up 4.6%) have underperformed SA listed property (up 6.0%) and SA longer-dated bonds (up 7.7%), but still outperformed SA cash (up 3.4%) and SA inflation-linked bonds and foreign bonds (both up 3.3%). Given its significant allocation to SA cash, the PPS Flexible Income Fund has modestly lagged its benchmark year-to-date.

The market now expects the SA Reserve Bank (SARB) to cut interest rates at least twice this year, following dovish comments from the US Federal Reserve (which is no longer expected to raise rates) and SA inflation that has remained contained at the mid-point of the band. While the change in expectation has been a drag on short-term performance of the SA cash and SA inflation-linked components of the fund, it provides important diversification should this interest rate view be misplaced or circumstances change.

There were no changes to the manager line-up over the quarter. The fund deliberately combines two managers that follow quite distinct processes to deliver on a more consistent outcome. Prudential continues to find relative value in SA inflation-linked bonds and selective longer-dated bonds, while Prescient has persisted with an overweight to shorter-dated cash-like instruments

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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