

# PPS BALANCED FUND OF FUNDS



INVESTMENTS

As of 31/03/2021

## FUND DESCRIPTION

This fund will have moderately high equity exposure, not exceeding 75% and property not exceeding 25%. This fund may invest in equity securities, interest-bearing securities, listed and unlisted financial instruments and liquid assets. It solely holds units in local or foreign collective investment schemes or other similar schemes. Ratios may vary.

The PPS Balanced Fund of Funds aims to outperform its peer group over time. 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

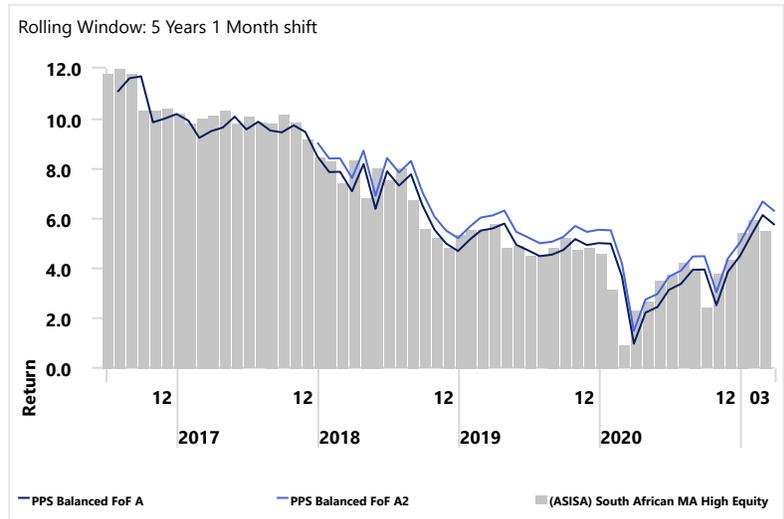
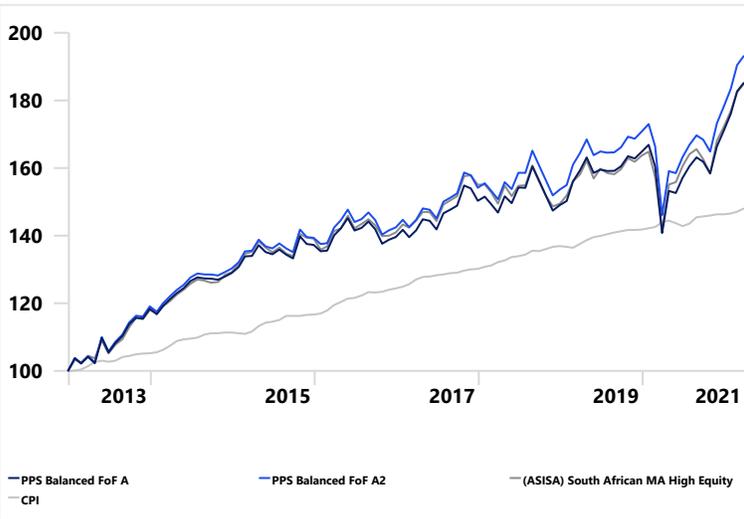
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**Asset management fee (excl. VAT)**  
**Trustee**  
**Risk profile**

A & A2 class  
 South African - Multi Asset - High Equity  
 30 July 2011 (A) ; 2 January 2013 (A2)  
 PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited  
 (authorised FSP)  
 South African - Multi Asset - High Equity  
 Half-yearly  
 Long-term - five years and longer  
 R3 097 917 209  
 1.05% (A) ; 0.60% (A2)  
 Standard Chartered Bank  
 Medium - 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



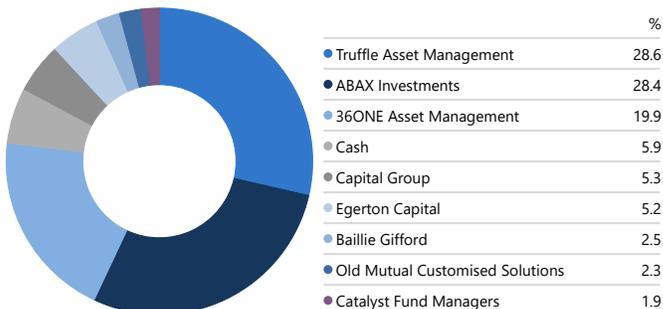
## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	3 months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception A <sup>^</sup>	Since Inception A2 <sup>^^</sup>
PPS Balanced FoF A	8.27%	31.55%	8.05%	5.74%	6.24%	—	8.52%	—
PPS Balanced FoF A2	8.41%	32.24%	8.61%	6.28%	6.77%	—	—	8.45%
(ASISA) South African MA High Equity	7.41%	30.64%	7.35%	5.51%	6.28%	8.44%	8.75%	7.46%

<sup>^</sup>30 July 2011; <sup>^^</sup>2 January 2013

	YTD 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
PPS Balanced FoF A	8.27%	3.82%	10.57%	-0.86%	7.66%	1.71%	6.41%	8.91%
PPS Balanced FoF A2	8.41%	4.36%	11.14%	-0.35%	8.21%	2.22%	6.93%	9.39%
(ASISA) South African MA High Equity	7.41%	5.17%	9.52%	-3.60%	9.97%	1.31%	7.66%	9.50%

## ASSET MANAGERS



## RISK METRICS\*\*

Metric	A	A2	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	10.0%	10.0%	9.6%
Maximum Drawdown	-15.6%	-15.5%	-14.1%
Percentage of Positive months	61.7%	61.7%	65.0%
Information Ratio	0.11	0.36	—
Sharpe Ratio	-0.07	-0.01	—

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

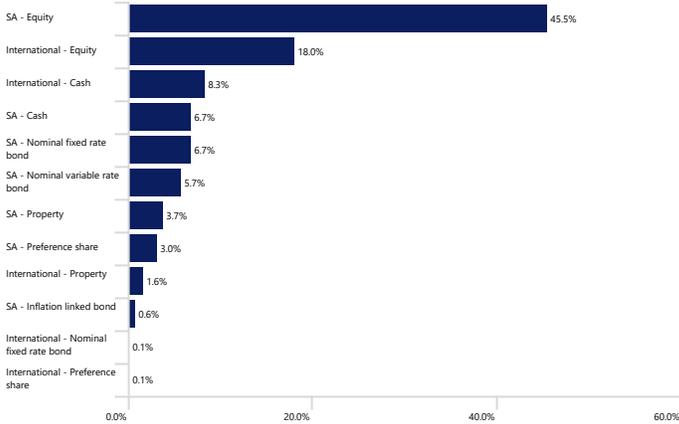
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## ASSET ALLOCATION



## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	5.6%
NASPERS	3.6%
IMPALA PLATINUM	3.2%
ABSA GROUP LTD	2.2%
PSG PREF SHARE	2.2%
RSA 8.875% 20350228	2.0%
ROYAL BAFOKENG 7.00% 20220316	1.9%
SIBANYE STILLWATER LTD	1.6%
STANDARD BANK	1.6%
FIRSTRAND	1.5%

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

	A <sup>^</sup>	A2 <sup>^^</sup>
Highest	31.6%	32.2%
Highest Month End Date	31/03/2012	31/03/2021
Lowest	-11.6%	-11.1%
Lowest Month End Date	31/03/2020	31/03/2020

<sup>^</sup>30 July 2011; <sup>^^</sup>2 January 2013

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

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.79	1.27
Transaction costs (TC)	0.39	0.39
<b>Total investment charge (TER+TC)</b>	<b>2.18</b>	<b>1.66</b>

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

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.81	1.29
Transaction cost(TC)	0.26	0.26
<b>Total investment charge (TER+TC)</b>	<b>2.07</b>	<b>1.55</b>

## DISTRIBUTIONS (Last 12 months)

Date	A	A2
31/12/2020	0.16	0.59
30/06/2020	5.39	5.84

## FUND COMMENTARY

This FoF targets outperformance of the ASISA Multi-Asset High Equity peer-group over rolling five years. Diversification is achieved on a manager level across both South African and foreign markets. The FoF has no explicit house-view allocation given its peer-benchmark and maintains a foreign allocation of at least 25%.

This quarter saw a continuation of the bullish tone which characterised markets over the last few quarters. Risk assets once again showed impressive resilience, with SA growth assets performing particularly well, spurred on by the rebound in global growth. The FoF performed well against this backdrop, outperforming its ASISA category average benchmark, with SA growth assets having been the main driver of performance.

Year-to-date SA equities (up 12.6%) substantially outperformed foreign equities (up 5.1%), while SA nominal bonds (down 1.7%) underperformed SA inflation-linked bonds (up 4.6%) and SA cash (up 0.9%). Within SA equities, resources (up 18.7%) and industrials (up 12.4%) outperformed financials (up 2.3%). Year-to-date, the FoF's domestic equity allocation was a meaningful contributor to performance, with the domestic balanced managers well-placed to benefit from the constructive environment for SA growth assets. The foreign component of the portfolio delivered more muted returns.

Over the five-year investment horizon of the FoF, SA equities (up 4.4% p.a.) have materially underperformed foreign equities (up 13.3% p.a.) and our expectation for this asset class, while SA nominal bonds (up 8.7% p.a.) have outperformed SA cash (up 6.8% p.a.) and SA inflation (averaging 4.4% p.a.). The poor performance of SA equities has resulted in the average fund in this sector delivering only slightly better-than-inflation returns over the 5-year period. Although meaningful absolute returns have been hard to come by, the FoF has outperformed its peer group benchmark over the most recent 5-year investment horizon.

The look-through equity allocation of the FoF, at 63.5%, is slightly lower compared to 64.9% at the end of last quarter, with some managers having tactically trimmed risk into the rally. Overall the managers remain constructive on growth assets given pockets of value and the supportive macro backdrop. The multi-asset high equity managers include a diverse selection of the best stock-pickers and asset allocators available domestically, each with proven track records. Abax and Truffle each manage domestic-only multi-asset mandates, while 36One has allowance to invest in both SA and foreign markets.

The remainder of the foreign allocation is made up of the underlying managers in the PPS Global Balanced FoF. This allocation has been a strong contributor to performance over the medium-term (since we invested). Here we invest in our best foreign investment view, drawing on the broad investment universe of foreign managers we have access to.

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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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