

# PPS BALANCED FUND OF FUNDS



INVESTMENTS

As of 31 Mar 2025

## 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.

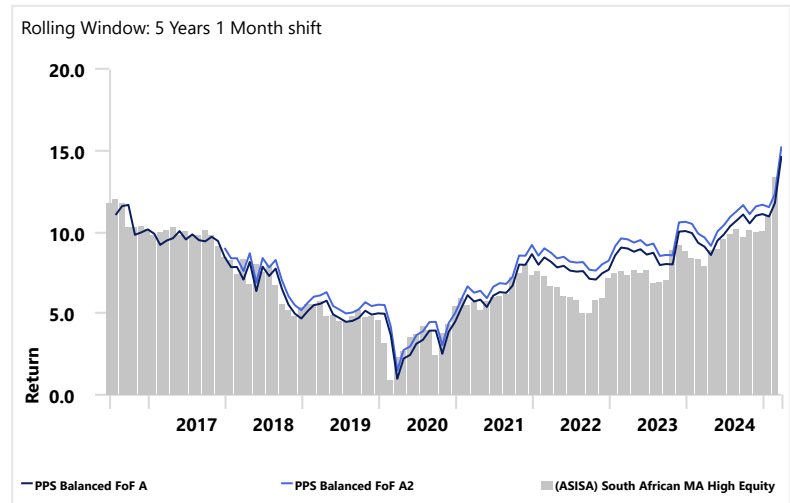
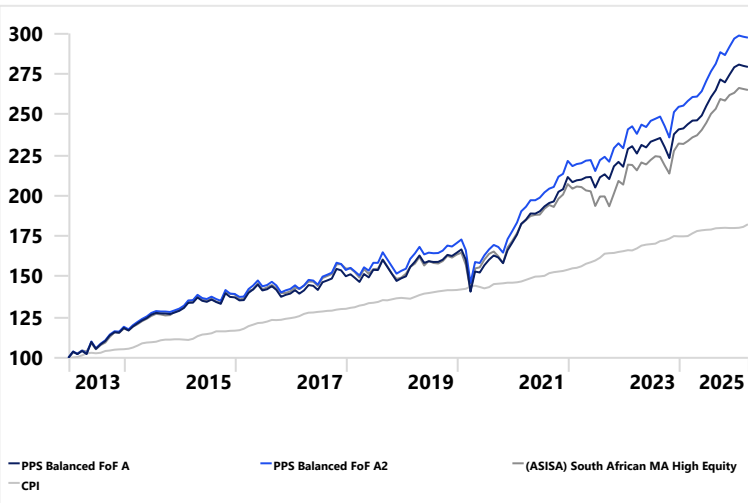
## FUND OVERVIEW

<b>List of classes**</b>	A & A2 class
<b>Portfolio category</b>	South African - Multi Asset - High Equity
<b>Launch date</b>	30 July 2011 (A) ; 2 January 2013 (A2)
<b>Investment manager</b>	PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (authorised FSP)
<b>Benchmark</b>	South African - Multi Asset - High Equity (Category average)
<b>Income distribution</b>	Half-yearly
<b>Investment horizon</b>	Long-term - five years and longer
<b>Portfolio size</b>	R6 294 405 150
<b>Market Value (NAV price per unit)</b>	251.10 (A); 254.24 (A2)
<b>Number of Units Held</b>	173 039 001 (A); 1 964 156 882 (A2)
<b>Asset management fee (excl. VAT)</b>	1.05% (A) ; 0.60% (A2)
<b>Trustee</b>	Standard Chartered Bank
<b>Risk profile</b>	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

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception A <sup>^</sup>	Since Inception A2 <sup>^^</sup>
PPS Balanced FoF A	13.49%	11.22%	10.02%	14.70%	9.63%	7.63%	9.18%	—
PPS Balanced FoF A2	13.98%	11.75%	10.56%	15.27%	10.19%	8.17%	—	9.28%
(ASISA) South African MA High Equity	12.38%	10.68%	8.90%	13.38%	8.53%	6.96%	8.95%	8.29%

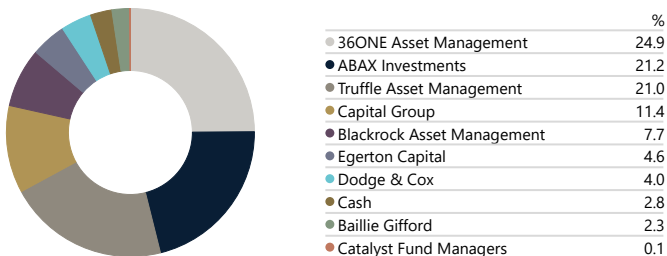
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	YTD 2025*	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
PPS Balanced FoF A	0.11%	15.91%	10.57%	2.99%	23.63%	69.62%	3.82%	-0.86%
PPS Balanced FoF A2	0.15%	16.51%	11.14%	3.52%	24.28%	74.12%	4.36%	-0.35%
(ASISA) South African MA High Equity	0.68%	13.46%	12.25%	-0.17%	20.32%	62.02%	5.19%	-3.60%

\*Periods less than one year are not annualised

## ASSET MANAGERS

Portfolio Date: 31 Mar 2025



## RISK METRICS\*\*\*

Metric	A	A2	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	9.1%	9.1%	9.3%
Maximum Drawdown	-15.6%	-15.5%	-14.1%
Percentage of Positive months	74.0%	72.6%	64.4%
Information Ratio	0.54	0.59	—
Sharpe Ratio	1.05	1.07	—

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

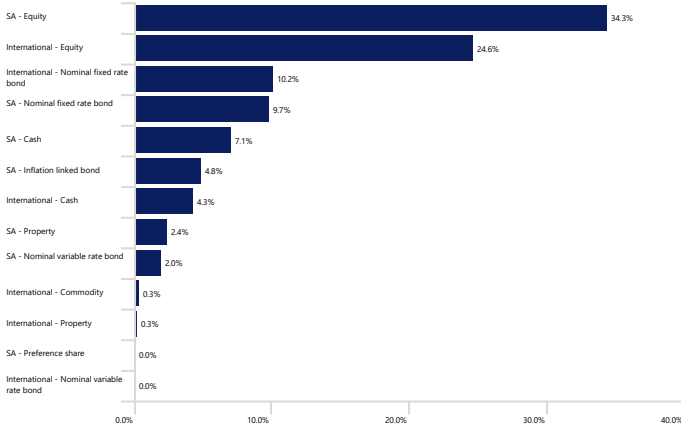
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## ASSET ALLOCATION



## PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation
RSA R2024 9% 20400131	4.4%
Absa Group Ltd	3.0%
RSA R2035 8.875% 20350228	2.9%
RSA R210 2.6% 20280331	2.9%
Naspers Ltd	2.6%
Prosus NV	2.1%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	1.8%
Anheuser-Busch InBev	1.8%
Blackrock International Cash	1.4%
FirstRand Ltd	1.4%

## 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 March 2020	31 March 2020
Lowest	-11.6%	-11.6%
Lowest Month End Date	31 March 2021	31 March 2021

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

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.80	1.28
Transaction costs (TC)	0.33	0.33
<b>Total investment charge (TER+TC)</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>1.61</b>

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

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.79	1.28
Transaction costs (TC)	0.35	0.35
<b>Total investment charge (TER+TC)</b>	<b>2.14</b>	<b>1.63</b>

## DISTRIBUTIONS (Last 12 months)

Date	A	A2
31 Dec 2024	0.10	0.74
30 Jun 2024	6.00	6.65

## 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%.

Global equities tracked lower in rand terms in Q1 (-3.82%), with the rand's appreciation against the dollar contributing to weakness. Rand strength was primarily a function of US dollar weakness. Large cap tech stocks faced significant pressure, weighing on US equities. In contrast, European equities outperformed their US counterparts, particularly industrial stocks exposed to Europe's infrastructure and defence spending plans. Global Bonds were flat over the quarter (-0.3%), while listed property declined (-1.0%).

The JSE held up well over the quarter, with the FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX up strongly (+5.85%). Resource stocks were the main driver, particularly the gold and platinum miners, as precious metal prices rallied. A selection of rand hedge industrials also contributed to JSE returns, but most stocks were dragged lower by softer global sentiment.

SA nominal bonds (+0.70%) underperformed SA equities for the quarter. The asset class experienced considerable volatility in response to the GNU's National Budget impasse. SA Listed Property (FTSE/JSE SAPY) was down for the quarter (-3.51%), after its exceptional year in 2024.

Against this backdrop, PPS Balanced underperformed its peer-group benchmark for the quarter. The FoF's foreign exposure was the main detractor while its domestic balanced managers added to performance. PPS Balanced remains competitive longer-term, ranking first quartile in its ASISA category over 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10-years.

Over the five-year investment horizon of the FoF, SA equities (up 18.7% p.a.) have outperformed foreign equities (up 15.9% p.a.), while SA nominal bonds (up 11.7% p.a.) have outperformed SA inflation-linked bonds (up 9.3% p.a.), SA cash (up 6.2% p.a.) and SA inflation (averaging 4.8% p.a.).

The look-through equity allocation of the FoF is 58.8%, of which 24.6% is invested in foreign equity (compared to 58.4% and 26.3% at the end of last quarter). The multi-asset high equity managers in the fund include a 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. There were no material changes to the composition of the portfolio and underlying unit trust funds during the quarter.

The fund has adhered to its policy objective.

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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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