

PPS GLOBAL BALANCED FUND OF FUNDS



INVESTMENTS

As of 31 Mar 2025

FUND DESCRIPTION

This is a multi-managed global balanced fund of funds that invests in foreign markets and is diversified across managers and strategies. The fund will typically have at least 60% invested in global equity markets. The fund will have a bias to managers that invest in developed markets, and who complement each other. The fund is suitable for investors with discretionary assets they wish to invest in foreign markets, or as part of a building block approach in a Regulation 28 portfolio, and who do not wish to make the foreign manager selection themselves.

The PPS Global Balanced Fund of Funds aims to consistently outperform its benchmark over consecutive 60-month periods. It is benchmarked against a global composite that is typical of the funds in its ASISA unit trust sector.

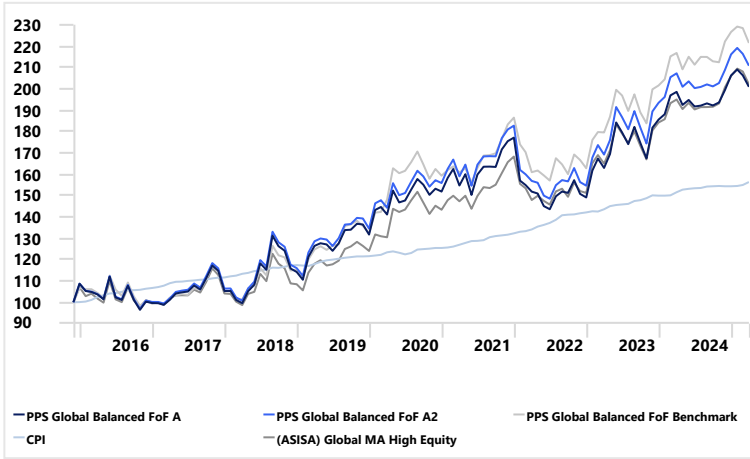
FUND OVERVIEW

List of classes**	A & A2 class
Portfolio category	Global Multi-Asset (MA) High Equity
Launch date	1 December 2015 (A & A2)
Investment manager	PPS Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (authorised FSP)
Benchmark	60% MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) & 40% FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI)
Income distribution	Half-yearly
Investment horizon	Long-term - five years and longer
Portfolio size	R2 383 345 029
Market value (NAV price per unit)	195.84 (A); 203.89 (A2)
Number of units held	1 700 774 (A); 152 074 486 (A2)
Manager fee (excl. VAT)	1.15% (A) ; 0.70% (A2)
Trustee	Standard Chartered Bank
Risk profile	High

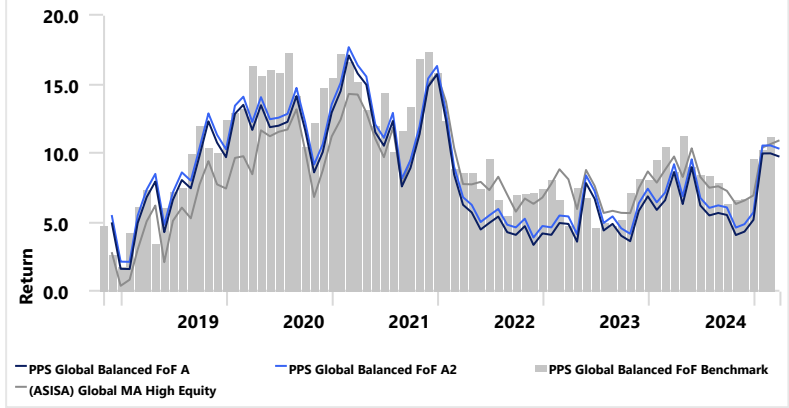
**On PPS Investments platform, A2 class is available in Select range and A class is available in Original range

ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE

Estimated growth of R100 000 invested with all distributions reinvested (for illustrative purposes only). Growth is represented in R '000



Rolling Window: 3 Years 1 Month shift



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

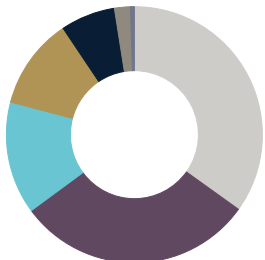
	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
PPS Global Balanced FoF A	1.19%	11.05%	9.79%	7.32%	10.55%	—	7.76%
PPS Global Balanced FoF A2	1.72%	11.63%	10.36%	7.88%	11.12%	—	8.32%
PPS Global Balanced FoF Benchmark	2.57%	11.15%	11.49%	8.66%	12.15%	10.23%	9.38%
(ASISA) Global MA High Equity	3.65%	10.68%	10.97%	9.15%	10.78%	8.74%	7.83%

	YTD* 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
PPS Global Balanced FoF A	-2.59%	11.15%	24.45%	-15.82%	16.64%	15.30%	15.34%
PPS Global Balanced FoF A2	-2.46%	11.73%	25.09%	-15.38%	17.24%	15.89%	15.95%
PPS Global Balanced FoF Benchmark	-2.33%	10.43%	24.21%	-12.33%	17.30%	20.61%	15.49%
(ASISA) Global MA High Equity	-1.89%	11.84%	21.81%	-10.13%	17.38%	15.56%	14.38%

*Periods less than one year are not annualised

ASSET MANAGERS

Portfolio Date: 31 Mar 2025



	%
● Capital Group	34.9
● Dodge & Cox	30.0
● Egerton Capital	14.2
● Blackrock Asset Management	11.5
● Baillie Gifford	6.9
● Cash	2.0
● Catalyst Fund Managers	0.5

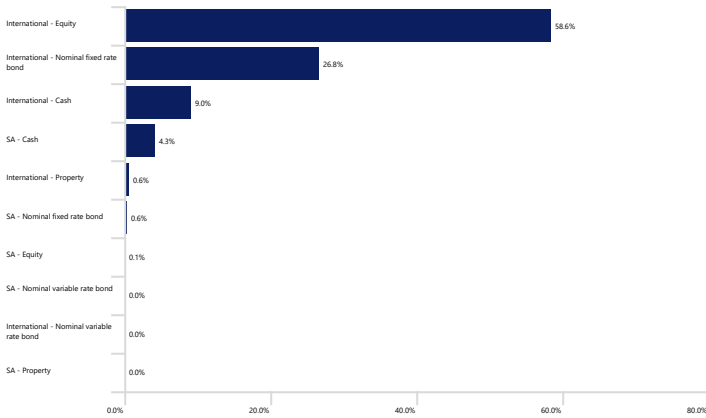
RISK METRICS***

Metric	A	A2	Benchmark	Category Average
Annualised Standard Deviation	13.6%	13.6%	12.0%	11.5%
Maximum Drawdown	-18.9%	-18.7%	-15.9%	-13.4%
Percentage of Positive months	58.9%	58.9%	57.5%	57.5%
Information Ratio	-0.17	-0.08	—	—
Sharpe Ratio	0.34	0.38	—	—

***Risk metrics calculated over a 5 year period

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ASSET ALLOCATION



PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation	Region
Blackrock International Cash	4.3%	USA
Meta Platforms Inc	1.7%	USA
Microsoft Corp	1.6%	USA
Amazon.Com Inc	1.2%	USA
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	1.0%	Taiwan
Eli Lilly	0.9%	USA
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc	0.8%	USA
Japan 5 Yr 0.2% 20271220	0.8%	Japan
Alphabet Inc	0.8%	USA
Brazil Government 10% 20330101	0.8%	Brazil

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

	A	A2
Highest	29.6%	30.3%
Highest Month End Date	31 Jan 2020	31 Jan 2020
Lowest	-15.8%	-15.4%
Lowest Month End Date	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2022

1 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.92	1.41
Transaction costs (TC)	0.03	0.03
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	1.95	1.44

3 YEAR FEES (%) (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

Fees	A	A2
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.89	1.38
Transaction costs (TC)	0.04	0.04
Total investment charge (TER+TC)	1.93	1.42

DISTRIBUTIONS

Date	A	A2
31 Dec 2024	0.00	0.00
30 Jun 2024	0.00	0.00

FUND COMMENTARY

This FoF targets outperformance of a composite foreign equity:bond benchmark over rolling five years. Diversification is achieved on an asset class and manager level, with the FoF relying on specialist equity, property and fixed interest managers to outperform the benchmark.

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%).

Against this backdrop, PPS Global Balanced outperformed both its 60/40 benchmark as well as its ASISA category average for the quarter, with its global bond exposure dampening the decline in global equities. Our house view remains neutral global equities and overweight bonds.

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.).

Over the past five years (in rands), foreign equities (up 15.9% p.a.) have outperformed foreign property (up 7.0% p.a.) and foreign bonds (up -2.4% p.a.), with US equities having been a major driver of stock market returns. The FoF has underperformed its 60/40 benchmark over its most recent five-year investment horizon, due to recent underperformance from its small cap growth manager. We consider this temporary and maintain high conviction in the pedigree and mix managers. 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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