# IP Flexible Fund of Funds

**Asset Allocation** 

# (A & B Class) Minimum Disclosure Document December 2021

## **Fund Objectives, Investment Process & Policy**

The IP Flexible Fund of Funds is a flexible Fund of Funds. The primary investment objective of this Fund is to provide the investor with consistent low volatile performance and real capital growth. It will invest in a broad range of participatory interests and other forms of participation in collective investment schemes (CISs) or similar schemes. The Fund aims to achieve total returns in excess of CPI +5% over rolling 4-year periods, providing investors with medium to long term capital growth from a diversified portfolio of equities, bonds, listed property and money market instruments, both locally and offshore. This Fund is suitable for long term investors, with a moderate risk tolerance, who want reasonable but relatively stable growth. The Fund has a predetermined risk budget per asset class to allow the Manager to vary exposure between asset classes, whilst respecting the Fund's strategic asset allocation benchmarks. The Managers consider tactical asset allocations between asset classes and sectors after a team process has determined a risk score by considering the global and local leading economic indicators, asset class valuations, fundamental research, independent liquidity analysis and technical analysis.



#### SA Equity 45.65% Global Equity 16 89% SA Bonds 11.55% SA Cash 11.50% SA Property 7.86% Global Cash 5.71% Global Bonds 0.69% Global Property 0.15%

Top Portfolio Holdings		Top Securities	
IP High Conviction Equity Fund A	19.69%	Standard Bank Current Account	8.62%
IP Active Beta Fund A	15.67%	Anglo American Plc	2.81%
Investec Global Franchise Feeder Fund H	9.56%	Glencore Plc	2.65%
PR Allan Gray Equity Fund C	8.84%	Prosus NV	2.32%
Fairtree Equity Prescient Fund - A2	8.75%	Bank Of New York Mellon	2.15%
Standard Bank Current Account	7.15%	JP Morgan Chase & Co	2.06%
Coronation Property Equity Fund Class P	6.97%	Naspers	2.04%
Rezco Value Trend Fund	6.67%	MTN Group Ltd	1.97%
Sasfin BCI Flexible Inc C	6.39%	BHP Group Plc	1.88%
PR Coronation Optimum Growth Fund P	4.86%	Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd	1.56%

# **MitonOptimal**

#### **Fund Information**

**Fund managers** 

Number of units



Roeloff Horne Director & Head of SA Portfolio Management

Latest price A 331,22 cents

B 332 14 cents

R 88 m Fund size1

5 660 834.07

B 20 828 946.71

**ASISA** category SA Multi Asset - Flexible

Regulation 28 compliant

CPI + 5% **Benchmark** 

Inception A 11 February 2005

B 03 October 2011

Min lump sum investment A R10.000

B R10.000

A R1.000 Min monthly investment

Dates of income declarations 31 Mar / 30 Sept

Date of income payment 15th day of the following month or next

business day if the 15th does not fall on a

business day

#### **Portfolio Fees**

0.00% Max initial manager fee Max initial adviser fee

2.00% (excl. VAT) 1.50% (excl. VAT) Annual management fee

## Total Expense Ratio (TER)2, Transaction Costs (TC) and Total Investment Cost (TIC) (01 Oct 2018 to 30 Sept 2021)

	Α	В
TER*	2.74%	1.88%
TC	0.36%	0.36%
TIC (incl. VAT)	3.10%	2.24%

\*Includes the annual management fee of 1.50% (VAT inclusive)

## Annualised<sup>3</sup> Performance (A Class)

Highest % (30 April 2006) 39 59% Lowest % (28 February 2009) -20 71%

## **Fund References**

Annualised Returns<sup>3</sup>

Cumulative Returns

IP Flexible Fund

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Sector

Sector

Benchmark

ISIN ZAE000140893 ZAE000159141 SENFLEA:SJ MTNFLB2:SJ **Bloomberg** JSE SEFFF SEFB2

3-Year

7.44%

9.90%

8.53%

3-Year

24.02%

32.72%

27.82%

4.71%

6.53%

8.43%

5-Year

25.91%

37.21%

49.89%

14 4 4 %

20.21%

9.38%

14.44%

20.21%

YTD

14.44%

20.21%

9.38%

YTD

14.44%

20.21%

Fund Performance				
430.00%				
380.00% -				
330.00% -				
280.00%				
230.00%				
180.0%				
130.00% -				
80.00% -				
30.00% -				
2000%				
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CPI + 5% SA Multi Asset Flexible SE IP Flexible FoF - A				

Fund returns shown are based on NAV-NAV unit pricings calculate
from IRESS for a lump-sum investment with income distribution
reinvested (after fees and cost).

management company

nce inception 11-02-2005

8.15%

9.96%

9.35%

11-02-2005

394.66%

349.94%

Source: IRESS

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#### December 2021



# Quarterly Market Commentary (as at 31 December 2021)

The final quarter concluded a calendar year in which most investors in funds with longer-term investment horizons saw their savings increase by double-digit nominal returns, resulting in above-average real returns.

The US equity market continued to appreciate strongly, despite higher-than-average valuations, additional disruptions caused by the emergence of the Omicron variant and the highest US inflation rate in 40 years. Even with the disruptive effects of the pandemic making comparisons somewhat tricky, corporate results during the quarter impressed, as reported earnings for constituents of the MSCI All Countries World Index grew by more than 25% versus the corresponding period in 2020. With consensus analysts' estimates pricing the Index on a multiple of 18 times forward earnings at the year-end, global equity valuations remain towards the top end of the range that has prevailed over the past thirty years.

While not even the most enthusiastic of bulls could convince us that the market is cheap, implied price/ earnings to growth (PEG) ratio of less than one does go a long way to justifying the view that, by the same token, it is by no means unattractive. Importantly, away from the highest rated US market, which dominates and skews the Index's metrics by virtue of its 60+% weighting, valuations are far less demanding (albeit with commensurately lower growth estimates in some cases).

Despite the generous earnings growth results, we caution investors to moderate their return expectations for 2022. There is a risk that equities may have a worse relative year ahead given the elevated levels of exuberance evident in market prices. Higher inflation makes it more likely that central banks will continue to raise interest rates and tighten monetary conditions.

While US equities performed well in 2021, lifting the global indices upwards, emerging market equities disappointed. The most significant detractor from performance in this asset class was the souring of investor sentiment towards China in response to multiple regulatory interventions aimed at rebalancing the economy in favour of the broader society, coupled with the impact of increasing tension between the world's two major powers. The silver lining of the recent underperformance of offshore-listed Chinese companies is that the prospects of superior future returns from high-quality businesses with attractive growth prospects and undemanding valuations have increased.

Domestically, the economy slowed in recent months as the post-lockdown pent-up demand worked its way through the system and as employment levels continued to lag the economic recovery.

SA equities and property outclassed their emerging market peers by ending the year up 29% and 36% respectively. The ZAR has depreciated by 8.0% against the US\$ in 2021, making it the worst performing BRICS currency for the year. This was largely driven by foreign selling of SA assets, adding to the pressure on inflation with the rising cost of imported goods.

SA government bonds were the top-performing sovereign debt market in the world last year and continue to offer attractive yields, especially at the long end of the yield curve. While policy interest rates are likely to increase this year, short-term interest rates remain low, and we continue to caution that investors in income funds should expect more muted returns going forward. Global bonds declined in US dollar terms in 2021 and the asset class remains unattractive in our view.

Our portfolios remain well exposed to risk assets in SA and offshore markets and our absolute return mindset will ensure that we have sufficient 'insurance' in place to manage volatility in portfolios.

#### Actions the past quarter

During the quarter we removed the MitonOptimal Offshore Managed Flexible exposure in the fund and replaced this global indexation exposure by adding to the NinetyOne Global Franchise Fund and introducing the Allan Gray Equity Fund into the portfolio. The IP Prudential Equity and Excelsia 27Four SA Equity Funds were sold and replaced by introducing the Coronation Top 20 Fund and additional exposure to the IP Active Beta Fund.

## Fund Distributions (cents per unit)

	Α	В
31 Mar 2021	-	0.40
30 Sept 2021	0.55	2.78

## **FAIS Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

With multi-asset portfolios the investment manager, MitonOptimal South Africa (Pty) Ltd employs an investment strategy where specific collective investment schemes across a range of asset classes are selected and grouped together. This enable the management of the units in those portfolios in a cost and tax efficient manner. The investment manager re-invests 100% of all rebates received from the underlying managers. No other FSP receives a distribution fee from the investment manager. If another intermediary FSP is used, it is their responsibility to disclose any additional fees to you as the investor. The following fees are paid out of the portfolio's service charge and range as follows (excl VAT): IP Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd: Up to 0.15% p.a.; MitonOptimal South Africa: between 0.55% and 0.60%; Lisp Fee: 0.25%; Total Service Fee: 1.00% p.a. Excluding VAT.

#### **Foreign Disclosure**

The portfolio may include foreign investments and the following additional risks may apply: liquidity constraints when selling foreign investments and risk of non-settlement of trades; macroeconomic and political risks associated with the country in which the investment is made; risk of loss on foreign exchange transactions and investment valuation due to fluctuating exchange rates; risk of foreign tax being applicable; potential limitations on availability of market information which could affect the valuation and liquidity of an investment. All of these risks could affect the valuation of an investment in the fund.

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Fund size is of the A Class launched on 11/02/2005 and the B Class launched on 03/10/2011 combined. Please note: The Total Expense Ratio (TER) of the value of the financial product. The Transaction Costs (TC) relate to the buying and selling of assets underlying the financial product. Total Investment Charge (TIC) is the value of the financial product incurred as costs relating to the investment of the financial product. 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 TERs. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impacts Financial Product returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many factors over time including market returns, the type of financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. The EAC is a standard industry measure which has been introduced to allow you to compare the charges you incur and their impact on the investment returns over specific periods. Please visit http://www.ipmc.oc.za/ effective-annual-cost to access the EAC illustrator. You can request an EAC calculation from clientservices@ipmc.co.za or call us on 021 673-1340. The average return on an investment each year over a given time period. Collective Investment Schemes are generally medium to long term investments. The value of participatory interests or the investment may go down as well as up. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Collective investment schemes are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the manager. The Manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. The Fund is invested in portfolios of other investments. Transaction cut-off time is 14:30 daily. Valuation time is 20h00 for Fund of Funds. Prices

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