

MI-PLAN IP BALANCED DEFENSIVE FUND

As of 2024/01/31

FUND INFORMATION

Inception date	2004/05/31
ASISA Category	South African MA Low Equity
Minimum investment	Lump sum: R10 000; Monthly: R1 000
Risk Profile	Conservative
Asset Composition	Equity, Fixed Interest and Cash
Regulation 28 Compliant	Yes
Benchmark	South African MA Low Equity average
Fund Size	R 73 186 084
Income distribution	Quarterly

Distributions per unit (Class B5) - CPU

2023-12	17.40
2023-09	21.99
2023-06	25.73
2023-03	20.27

INVESTOR PROFILE

This fund is suitable for investors with an investment time horizon of between 1 and 3 years who wish to have their fund managed to a specified real return target with appropriate risk controls.

OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to achieve stable capital appreciation with low volatility.

	JSE Code	Annual Management Fee (ex VAT)	TER (%)	TC (%)	TIC (%)	NAV	Units in Issue
Fee Class							
B2: Institutional	PIPB2	0.60%	0.85	0.03	0.88	R 21.11	625 405
B5: Retail & Clean	PIPB5	0.75%	1.02	0.03	1.05	R 21.08	2 845 696

The **Total Expense Ratio (TER)** of the value of the financial product was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the financial product. The **Transaction Cost (TC)** of the value of the financial product was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of underlying assets within the financial product. **Total Investment Charges (TIC)** of the value of the financial product was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the financial product. The TER, TC and TIC figures are inclusive of VAT. The period (annualised) was from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2023.

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 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 other factors over time including market returns, the type of financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

APPLICATION

The Mi-Plan IP Balanced Defensive Fund is a risk-managed balanced portfolio comprising a range of domestic and foreign asset classes. The fund also forms part of Mi-Plan's range of risk-controlled portfolios in a time-based process designed to integrate the portfolio construction or asset allocation framework with our proprietary financial planning software called MI-PLAN.

FUND MANAGEMENT



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As equity markets push higher and the consensus view of a soft landing becomes the narrative governing the outlook for 2024, the question is, "what is the consensus missing?". In broad terms, the consensus view holds that the Fed has to see a weak jobs market to be convinced that wage and other pressures will abate to achieve its inflation target of 2%. The Fed will "pivot" to achieve a soft landing as disinflation sets in. The answer lies in the non-conventional economic theory John Maynard Keynes set out over 100 years ago. In the Keynesian framework, full employment is achieved when there is sufficient aggregate demand to utilise all available resources, including labour, capital, and technology. It is the level of employment at which there is no involuntary unemployment or a significant output gap. Keynes argued that in a market economy, aggregate demand can fall short of the level needed for full employment due to various factors, such as a lack of private investment, weak consumer spending, or a decline in government spending. We, therefore, don't see the major risk coming from a broad economic slowdown but rather from increased volatility as liquidity dries up in both primary and secondary markets. The backdrop is still positive for equities but less so for bonds.

An analysis of factors affecting the adherence to the policy objective is contained in the fund manager commentary together with performance as reported. A detailed listing of changes from the previous quarter is available on request from info@miplan.co.za or clientservices@ipmc.co.za

Note: Effective 24 January 2024, the following changes were made to the fund:
- Name change from Mi-Plan IP Inflation Plus 3 fund to Mi-Plan IP Balanced Defensive fund.
- Benchmark change from CPI +3% to the ASISA – South African Multi Asset Low Equity sector average.
- Investment objective amended.

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 Manager retains full legal responsibility for the Fund, regardless of Co-Naming arrangements. Transaction cutoff time is 14:30 daily. Each portfolio may be closed for new investments. Valuation time is 15:00 (17h00 at quarter end). Prices are published daily and available in newspapers countrywide, as well as on request from the Manager. IP Management Company (RF) Pty Ltd is the authorised Manager of the Scheme contact 021 673 1340 or clientservices@ipmc.co.za. Standard Bank is the trustee / custodian - contact compliance - IP@standardbank.co.za. Additional information including application forms, the annual report of the Manager and detailed holdings of the portfolio as at the last quarter end are available, free of charge, from clientservices@ipmc.co.za. IP Management Company is a member of ASISA. A statement of changes in the composition of the portfolio during the reporting period is available on request. The performance is calculated for the portfolio. The individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. The fund is invested in portfolios of collective investment schemes that levy their own charges, and which could result in a higher fee structure for the fund.

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PERFORMANCE As of 2024/01/31

FUND PERFORMANCE

	MI-PLAN IP Balanced Defensive B5 Fund	CPI + 3%	South African MA Low Equity
1 Year	8.8%	8.3%	7.2%
3 Years*	6.8%	9.3%	8.1%
5 Years*	7.3%	8.2%	7.7%
10 Years*	6.9%	8.3%	6.9%
Fund - Highest annual return** (Rolling Maximum)			18.7%
Fund - Lowest annual return** (Rolling Minimum)			-5.8%

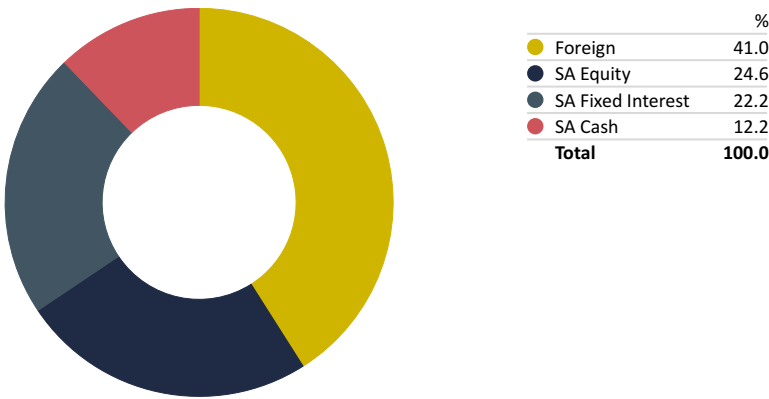
* Returns are annualised if period is longer than 12 months.
Annualised returns is the weighted average compound growth rate over the performance period measured. Fund returns shown are based on NAV-NAV unit pricings calculated from Morningstar for a lump-sum investment with income distribution reinvested (after fees and cost).
**The highest and lowest annual returns are based on rolling 1 year returns with 1 month steps.
Source: Morningstar

TOP 10 SA EQUITY HOLDINGS

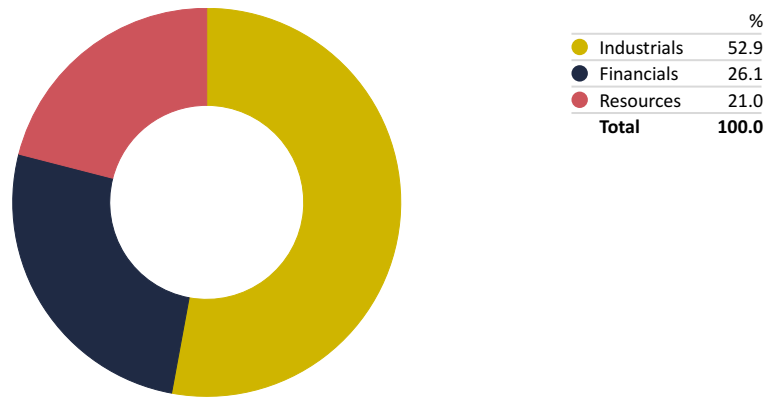
	% OF EQUITY
Naspers Ltd Class N	10.2%
Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA Class A	6.5%
Bidvest Group Ltd	6.4%
BHP Group Ltd	5.8%
Clicks Group Ltd	5.7%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	5.4%
Anglo American PLC	4.0%
British American Tobacco PLC	3.5%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	3.4%

PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE As of 2024/01/31

EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION



SA EQUITY SECTOR ALLOCATION



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