

**Fund Objective**

The Rock Capital IP Worldwide Flexible Fund is a moderate to high risk, flexible fund. The objective of this portfolio is to achieve capital appreciation over the medium to long term.

**Fund Universe**

Investments to be included in the ROCK CAPITAL IP WORLDWIDE FLEXIBLE FUND will, apart from assets in liquid form, consist of securities and financial instruments across the equity, fixed interest and property markets. The portfolio will typically be highly exposed to equities but the Portfolio Manager will have complete flexibility to vary the exposure to different asset classes as economic conditions vary. The portfolio will typically not hold more than 20 securities at any time.

**Manager Commentary**

The recent liquidity crises that affected several US banks during the last quarter appear to have largely stabilized. Consequently, many banks have reported record earnings for the second quarter. However, this stability has led to certain banks undergoing significant upheaval, resulting in either forced liquidation or their absorption by larger banking institutions.

Of current concern is the substantial amount of debt extended by these banks to commercial real estate companies. This concern stems from the fact that a significant number of recently constructed office buildings now stand unoccupied due to the implementation of remote work policies by numerous companies. Paradoxically, this shift, driven by the aftermath of the COVID-19 lockdowns, is perceived as a favourable development.

Despite these challenges, the equity markets are demonstrating notable strength. The three primary US stock indices have posted robust year-to-date returns and are positioned very close to their historical peak levels. This optimism among investors is largely attributed to several factors, notably the perception that the interest rate hike cycle is nearing its end, as evidenced by the Federal Funds rate reaching a threshold not witnessed in over two decades. Current options market data further supports the notion that the tightening cycle has likely concluded, with an 84.5% probability assigned to this outcome.

Additional support for market sentiment comes from the positive performance of corporate earnings. Approximately 70% of the companies that have published their financial results thus far have exceeded market expectations. Consequently, this trend has contributed significantly to the positive sentiment observed within the equity markets.

Furthermore, the projected timeline for an impending recession has been deferred to 2024, signalling a more favourable economic forecast.

However, it is essential to acknowledge potential future challenges that may impact the market. Notably, the spectre of tighter liquidity and the protracted persistence of elevated interest rates loom as potential sources of pressure. This scenario could arise due to core inflation not abating swiftly enough, warranting careful monitoring of market dynamics in the upcoming months.

**Fund Information**

Portfolio Manager:	Rock Capital Management (Pty) Ltd
Inception Date of Fund:	01-Oct-2014
Inception Date of Class:	01-Oct-2014
Benchmark:	CPI + 3%*
Classification	Worldwide - Multi Asset - Flexible
Regulation 28 compliant:	No
Income distribution:	Semi-Annual
Date of income distributions:	31 March, 30 September
Date of income payment:	2nd day of the following month or the next business day if the 2nd does not fall on a business day.
Min. lump sum investment:	R10,000
Min. monthly investment:	R1,000
Risk profile:	High
JSE code:	RCICA
ISIN Number:	ZAE000195525

**Portfolio Income in Cents Per Unit (cpu)**

Income Distribution	Class A	Class B	Class C
March 2023	0.6584	0.6568	0.9739
September 2022	1.5440	1.5414	1.8416

**Fund Net Asset Value (NAV) and Units in Issue**

Fund NAV	R 253 851 590		
	Class A	Class B	Class C
Units in Issue	8 671 410	1 880 257	221 915 187
Class NAV	R 9 446 263	R 2 043 720	R 242 361 606
NAV Price as at Month End	108.93	108.69	109.21

**Total Expense Ratio (TER) and Transaction Costs (TC) (incl. VAT):  
Jul 2020 - Jun 2023 ( 3 Yrs. Rolling %)**

TER and TC Breakdown	Class A	Class B	Class C
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.78%	1.78%	1.21%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.47%	0.47%	0.47%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	2.25%	2.25%	1.68%

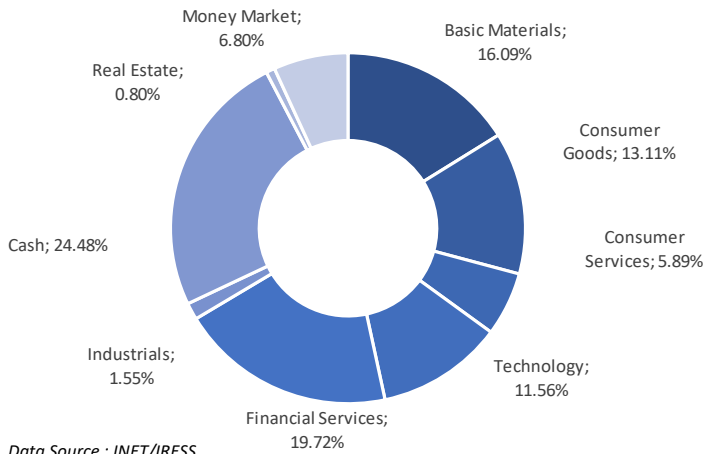
**Fee Structure**

	Class A	Class C
Annual Service fee (excl. VAT)	1.50 %	1.00 %
Performance Fee	n/a	n/a

Initial Advice Fee and Ongoing Advisor Fee is negotiable between the Investor and Appointed Financial advisor. This is not part of the normal annual service fee charged by the fund.

\* Prior to November 2019 the benchmark was MSCI Emerging Market Index

**Asset Allocation as at 31 August 2023**



Data Source : INET/IRESS

**Top Holdings - % Exposure as at 31 August 2023**

Anheuser-Busch Inbev Sa	8.89%
Mtn Group Ltd	8.20%
Thungela Resources Ltd	6.19%
Naspers	5.18%
Ninety One Plc	4.82%
Prosus Nv	4.61%
Pick N Pay Stores Ltd	4.30%
Exxaro Resources Ltd	4.11%
Anglo American Plc	4.09%
Telkom Sa Soc Ltd	3.19%

**\*Performance - Net of Fees**

\* Returns History above one year are annualised

Cumulative (%)	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund	-1.67%	1.62%	-4.39%	0.83%	5.16%	14.57%	29.13%	22.27%	39.06%
Benchmark	0.35%	1.96%	4.37%	5.73%	8.08%	19.07%	28.28%	46.21%	99.82%

Annualised (%)	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund	5.16%	7.04%	8.90%	4.10%	3.80%
Benchmark	8.08%	9.12%	8.66%	7.89%	8.15%

Monthly Performance	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Fund	2023	5.38%	0.08%	-2.21%	0.79%	-4.53%	2.95%	0.39%	-1.67%					0.83%
Benchmark	2023	0.35%	0.95%	1.25%	0.65%	0.45%	0.45%	1.15%	0.35%					5.73%
Fund	2022	-0.36%	1.44%	-0.13%	-0.74%	-0.30%	1.66%	2.81%	0.31%	-2.36%	2.63%	5.98%	-1.80%	9.24%
Benchmark	2022	0.75%	0.45%	1.05%	0.97%	0.85%	0.95%	1.35%	1.61%	0.55%	0.42%	0.50%	0.65%	10.57%
Fund	2021	1.60%	0.78%	3.02%	-0.41%	0.22%	-0.48%	0.69%	-0.83%	-0.95%	3.47%	-0.47%	1.97%	8.81%
Benchmark	2021	0.42%	0.59%	0.96%	0.89%	0.90%	0.37%	0.50%	1.25%	0.74%	0.51%	0.51%	0.75%	8.72%

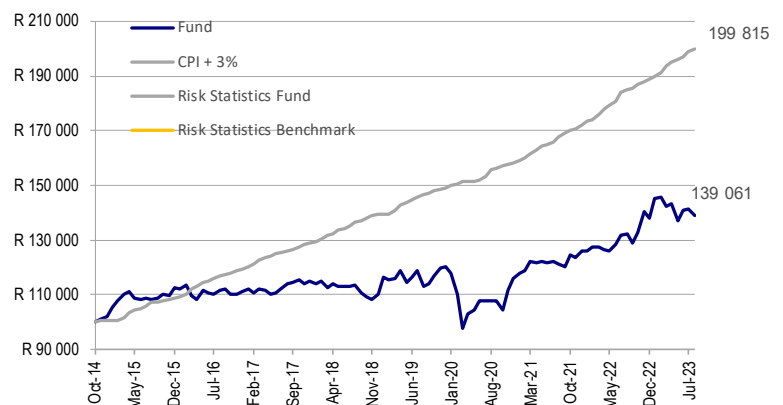
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Risk Metrics	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility *	8.46%	12.42%
Tracking Error *	11.73%	
Information Ratio	-0.37	
Correlation	0.43	
Beta	0.29	
Sharpe Ratio *	-0.45	
Highest Annual Return (Mar-2021)	25.06%	
Lowest Annual Return (Mar-2020)	-15.53%	
Alpha *	-4.34%	

\* Annualised

**Growth of a R 100 000 Invested since Inception**



**Volatility** is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index.

**Tracking error** is a measure of the risk in an investment portfolio that is due to active management decisions made by the portfolio manager; it indicates how closely a portfolio follows the index to which it is benchmarked.

**Information ratio** is a measure of the risk-adjusted return of a portfolio. In this case, it measures the active return of the manager's portfolio divided by the amount of risk that the manager takes relative to the benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio** is a measure for calculating risk-adjusted return. It is the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of total risk. The greater a portfolio's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been (i.e. a higher return with a contained risk profile, where the portfolio manager is not taking excessive risk to achieve those returns).

**Beta** is a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole.

**Alpha** is a measure of the active return on an investment. It represents the excess returns of a fund relative to the return of a suitable benchmark.

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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.

The total expense ratio (TER) was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the financial product. Transaction costs (TC) relate to the buying and selling of the 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 TER's. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the financial product and impacts the financial product returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time such as market returns, the type of financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

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 INET / IRESS for a lump-sum 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 INET / IRESS for a lump-sum investment with income distribution reinvested (after fees and cost). Performance numbers and graphs are sourced from Global Investment Reporting (Pty) Ltd.

**The Effective Annual Cost (EAC)**

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. You can contact clientservices@ipmc.co.za or call us on (021) 673-1340 for an Effective Annual Cost disclosure statement. Please visit <http://www.ipmc.co.za/effective-annual-cost> to address the EAC illustrator.