# **PPS GLOBAL EQUITY FUND**

As of 30 Sept 2025

# INVESTMENTS PRESCIENT

# **FUND DESCRIPTION**

The PPS Global Equity Fund is an actively managed, global equity fund that aims to provide investors with long-term capital growth. It takes advantage of investment opportunities in listed equities of companies in both developed and emerging market economies, utilizing a bottom-up and research driven approach.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to outperform the MSCI All Country World Index (or an equivalent index) after fees. Income is a secondary objective for this fund and is achieved by investing in companies with a strong potential to pay dividends in the future.

# **FUND OVERVIEW**

 Fund type
 UCIT

 Class
 A (USD)

 Portfolio category
 Global Equity

 Launch date
 30 January 2020

 Sub-manager
 Capital Group

Benchmark MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI)
Income distribution No distribution

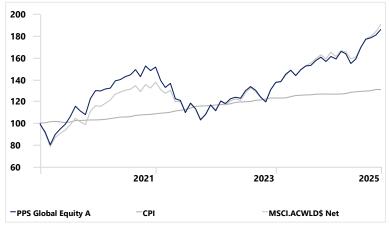
Trustee Northern Trust Fiduciary Services Limited

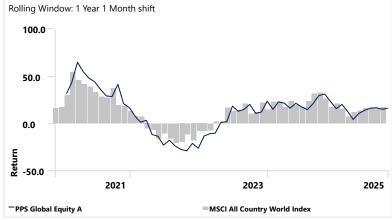
Risk profile Med-High

Investment manager PPS Multi Managers Proprietary Limited

# **ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE^**

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





<sup>^</sup>The investment performance is for illustrative purposes only. The investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown and income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

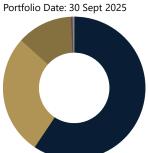
## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
PPS Global Equity A	20.30%	15.96%	21.74%	10.88%			11.86%
MSCI ACWLD in USD	20.03%	17.27%	23.12%	13.54%	11.28%	11.91%	12.35%

	YTD* 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
PPS Global Equity A USD Acc	17.17%	15.57%	23.47%	-26.49%	16.66%	_	_
MSCI All Country World Index	18.44%	17.49%	22.20%	-18.36%	18.54%	16.25%	26.60%

<sup>\*</sup>Periods less than one year are not annualised

# **REGIONAL ALLOCATION**



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	%
North America	59.4
• Europe	27.3
• Asia	12.6
<ul><li>Oceania</li></ul>	0.4
Africa	0.3
South America	0.0
Middle East	0.0

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# RISK METRICS\*\*

Metric	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	13.2%	12.5%
Maximum Drawdown	-10.6%	-9.6%
Percentage of Positive months	69.4%	69.4%
Information Ratio	-0.20	-
Sharpe Ratio	1.21	_

<sup>\*\*</sup>Risk metrics calculated over a 3 year period

Sources: Morningstar, PPS Multi-Managers

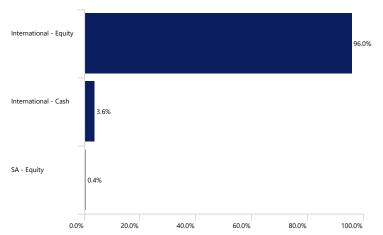
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#### ASSET ALLOCATION



#### PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation
Meta Platforms Inc	4.2%
Microsoft Corp	3.7%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3.5%
Broadcom Inc	3.4%
Tesla Inc	3.0%
Nvidia Corp	1.9%
Netflix Inc.	1.7%
ASML Holding	1.4%
Rolls-Royce Holdings Plc	1.3%
Unicredit	1.3%

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

	Fund
Highest	64.9%
Highest Month End Date	31 Mar 2021
Lowest	-29.2%
Lowest Month End Date	31 Oct 2022

### MSCI SECTOR ALLOCATION

Top 5 MSCI Sector	Allocation
Information Technology	19.4%
Industrials	17.1%
Consumer Discretionary	15.9%
Financials	13.3%
Health Care	10.3%

#### FEES (%)

Fees	1 Year
Manager Fee	1.35
Other Fees***	0.05
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.40

\*\*\*Other fees include underlying fees (where applicable): Audit fees, Custody fees, Trustee fees and VAT. The fund does not levy performance fees.

# FUND COMMENTARY

The portfolio finished the behind the MSCI All Country World Index (5.44% vs -7.62%).

Equity markets saw a sizeable reversal in leadership during Q3, with gains concentrated in a narrow group of US growth and tech/Al names – similar to patterns in 2023-2024. This shift created headwinds following a strong first half of the year, which had shown early signs of a broadening in market leadership.

Importantly, history shows that the strategy has navigated similar environments successfully. During the concentrated markets of 2023-2024, the strategy delivered strong absolute and relative returns, generating outperformance from diverse sources despite the headwind of being underexposed to popular areas of the market such as the US, IT sector, and the five largest stocks in the index. This highlights the strategy's ability to generate diversified sources of excess returns across different economic and market environments.

Top 3 purchases in Q3 were across a range of sectors, Alphabet (addition), bioMerieux (new buy), and Wolters Kluwer (addition):
The fund added to its position in Alphabet (2.2% portfolio weight as at end of Sept 2025) The DOJ overhang due to Alphabet's anti-competitive behaviour has largely come off with the remedy turning out to be more favourable than expected. The probability and magnitude of downside outcomes i.e. ban on distribution and paid search, Alphabet's key revenue driver, has been reduced, and current valuations appears more reasonable with greater visibility on DOJ impact of earnings. However, certain risks remain as it is difficult to accurately predict the impact of search syndication requirements to earningsTop 3 purchases in Q3 were across a range of sectors, Alphabet (addition), bioMerieux (new buy), and Wolters Kluwer (addition):

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- New position started in bioMerieux (0.2% portfolio weight as at end of Sept 2025) a leader in the fast-growing Molecular diagnostics market with highly recurring revenue, and growing profitability. The company is strategically positioned towards several areas of the diagnostics testing market that could drive long-term growth.
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Largest sells in Q3 were Honeywell International, Sika, and an elimination of Novo Nordisk

- Eliminated a position in Honeywell International. The original growth expectations of earnings have been significantly reduced due to greater costs in portfolio break up and less growth in aerospace earnings than
- Trimmed a position in Sika (0.1% portfolio weight as at end of Sept 2025) construction materials company that reduce CO2 footprint of buildings. The demand backdrop across markets that Sika operates in including China, US, and Europe has remained weak with muted consumer sentiment tied to to broader macro uncertainty including elevated inflation and unique market factors e.g. China's weak property market.

  Position in Novo Nordisk was reduced (0.5% portfolio weight as at end of Sept 2025). Novo Nordisk saw a significant drop in price after it issued a profit warning in July, revised its forward-looking 2025 guidance
- downward, and announced a CEO change—leading to a share price drop of over 20% over the trading day. Novo Nordisk is a long-term holding in NPF, the fund continuously held Novo since 2003. Over this holding period, there have been varying degrees of conviction, at times it has been the top holding. However, over the last 1-2 years, we have been reducing the position as the balance of risk and return has changed and our conviction has become more balanced. We recognize that stock markets have seen significant volatility over the last 5 years. Our portfolio managers continue to hold the stock with a long-term lens, reassessing the potential of GLP-1 as a profit driver while weighing it against the long-term market size of obesity which remains a largely underserved market (expected \$150bn by 2030)

Portfolio managers anticipate that financial markets will assign higher risk premiums, particularly to US equities, due to the prevailing uncertainty and volatility of US policies. Despite observing a broadening of equity markets so far this year, the critical question remains whether these trends will be sustained and shape the next cycle of equity market investing.

We maintain that the broadening of equity market leadership would continue. This conviction lies in the fact that we are still in the early stages of a new macroeconomic environment and geopolitical realignment, with the US shifting away from the free-trade framework that has long supported globalisation and global stability.

Although tariffs are currently in the spotlight, it is worth highlighting that the global economy is also experiencing a rare confluence of major structural changes, which could drive earnings across a wider range of companies. These structural changes include accelerated digital disruption, innovation in healthcare, and an industrial renaissance that could set the stage for a multi-year capital expenditure supercycle. The portfolio was designed for such an environment – identifying companies that are well positioned to benefit from new and evolving long-term trends. This fund has adhered to it's policy objective.

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#### DISCLOSURES

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