

# Flagship International Flexible Fund IC Limited

Minimum Disclosure Document - 31 December 2024



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## FUND MANAGERS

Flagship Global Team

NAV price per share (class 'A') | US\$ 108.9

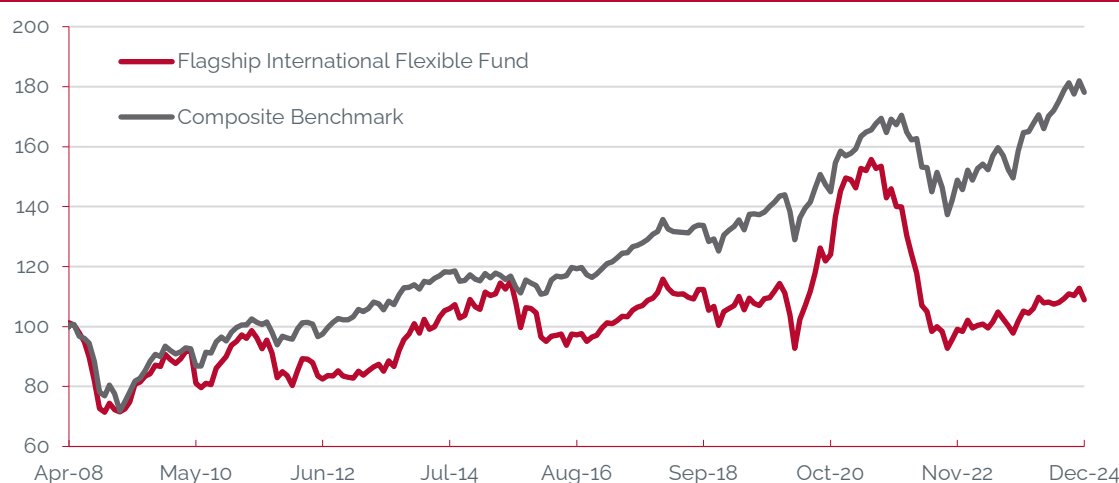
<b>Fund size</b>	\$23.5m
<b>Fund type</b>	Mixed asset fund
<b>Launch date</b>	02 April 2008
<b>Cell Manager</b>	Flagship Asset Management (Pty) Ltd
<b>Investment Manager</b>	IP Fund Managers Guernsey Limited
<b>Administrator</b>	Apex Administration (Guernsey) Ltd
<b>Custodian</b>	Butterfield Bank (Guernsey) Limited
<b>Dealing</b>	Daily
<b>Valuation point</b>	12.00pm (Guernsey time) on the relevant Dealing Day
<b>Dividend policy</b>	All income will be accumulated and invested

<b>Minimum initial investment</b>	\$10 000
<b>Benchmark</b>	50% MSCI World Equity Index 30% JP Morgan Global Bond Index 20% US\$ Overnight Call Rate
<b>Domicile</b>	Guernsey
<b>Subscriptions cut-off time</b>	The application form to subscribe must be completed and received, with cleared funds, by the Administrator by no later than 12.00 noon (Guernsey time) on the relevant Dealing Day.
<b>Redemptions cut-off time</b>	Written notice to redeem must be received by the Administrator by no later than 12.00 noon (Guernsey time) one Business Day before the relevant Dealing Day.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund is a multi-asset, globally diversified portfolio investing in equities, bonds, property, and money market instruments without restriction. It does not impose target bands across any of these classes and may deviate materially from its benchmark (50% equities, 30% bonds, and 20% money market). We seek to achieve our investment objective of long-term capital growth with an acceptable level of risk through an actively-managed portfolio of assets, spread over a broad range of asset classes, currencies, and geographies in varying proportions over time. The Fund should be viewed as a medium to long term investment.

## PERFORMANCE CHART



## FUND EXPOSURES

<b>Exchange Traded Funds</b>	<b>61.3%</b>
iShares MSCI ACWI UCITS ETF	9.8%
US Core Dividend Growth ETF	9.3%
Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF	9.0%
iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF	6.8%
Invesco Aerospace & Defense ETF	6.1%
iShares Russell 2000 ETF	4.2%
Invesco PHLX Semiconductor ETF	3.8%
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF	3.6%
VanEck Defense UCITS ETF	2.9%
Invesco S&P 500 GARP ETF	2.1%
Other equity holdings	3.5%
<b>Equity Funds</b>	<b>23.2%</b>
Flagship Global Icon Fund	23.2%
<b>Bonds</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Satrix Govi	0.0%
<b>Cash and Strategic Income</b>	<b>9.9%</b>
US Dollar	9.9%
Euro	0.0%
Other offshore cash	0.0%
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
Gold	5.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Apex Administration (Guernsey) Limited

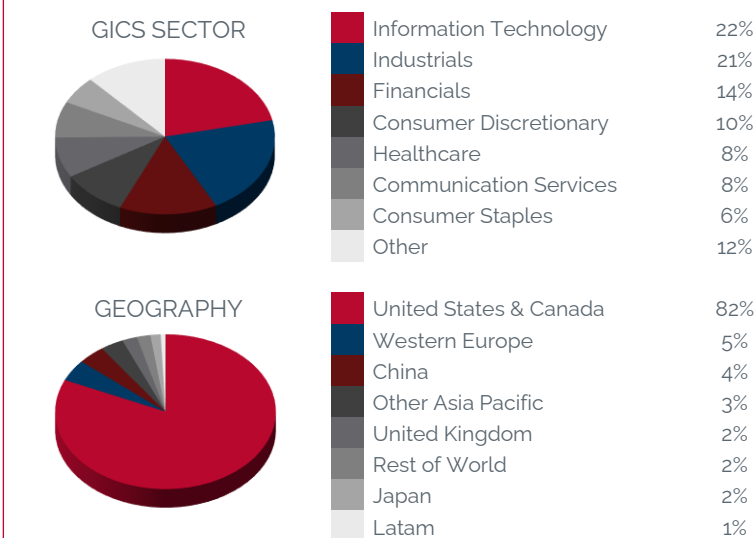
## PERFORMANCE

Annualised Performance (for periods > 1 year)	Fund	Benchmark	Outperformance
Since inception	0.5%	3.5%	-3.0%
10 Years	0.4%	9.0%	-8.6%
7 Years	-0.4%	6.2%	-6.7%
5 Years	-1.0%	4.4%	-5.4%
3 Years	-8.0%	1.5%	-9.5%
2 Years	5.3%	10.6%	-5.3%
1 Year	3.6%	8.2%	-4.6%
Year-to-date	3.6%	8.2%	-4.6%

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Fund</b>	21.9%	5.7%	-1.9%	-7.2%	14.7%	-9.9%	13.9%	27.1%	-3.7%	-29.7%	7.0%
<b>Benchmark</b>	10.2%	1.7%	-1.9%	3.4%	12.1%	-4.9%	14.6%	10.3%	7.6%	-14.5%	13.0%
<b>USD Cash</b>	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	1.0%	1.9%	2.1%	0.3%	0.0%	1.8%	5.1%

Source: Apex Administration (Guernsey) Limited. All returns have been calculated net of fees (the fees charged within the Fund and by the managers of the underlying funds are not guaranteed and may change in the future.). Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

## EFFECTIVE EQUITY EXPOSURE



Source: Apex Administration (Guernsey) Limited

## Flagship International Flexible Fund IC Limited Class A

USD |★★★★★

Morningstar Rating™ (Relative to Category)			28/02/2021
3-Year	Morningstar Return High	Morningstar Risk Above Average	Morningstar Rating™ ★★★★★
5-Year	Above Average	Above Average	★★★★★

## FEES - CLASS A

<b>Total Expense Ratio</b>	<b>1.90%</b>
Custody Fee	0.05%
Cell Manager Fee	1.50%
Management and Administration fee	0.30%
Other fund expenses	0.05%

## FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY - DECEMBER 2024

The Flagship International Flexible Fund returned -3.4% vs its composite benchmark which was down 2.1% (both in USD), as a hawkish tone from the US Federal Reserve meant there was no Santa rally to cap off another strong year for global equity markets.

The biggest contributors for the month were the Invesco Semiconductor ETF and the Invesco Equal Weighted S&P ETF, while the main detractors were the iShares Russell 2000 ETF and the iShares Equal Weighted S&P 500 ETF.

## INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

2024 proved to be another blockbuster year for US markets, but the absence of a December 'Santa rally' left investors slightly disappointed. The benchmark S&P 500 declined 2.4% during the month, while the small-cap Russell 2000 declined over 8%. The tech-heavy Nasdaq held up surprisingly well, ending 0.6% higher. Elsewhere, London's FTSE lost 1.3%, the Euro Stoxx increased 1.9%, Japan's Nikkei rose 4.5%, while the Hang Seng also ended 3.3% higher.

The US job market once again proved to be remarkably strong, with December's print of 256,000 new jobs much stronger than the 155,000 jobs expected. This was the 48th consecutive month of net hiring – the second longest streak on record. The last time the US economy experienced a loss of jobs was December 2020. The latest US inflation print was slightly less rosy, and improvement appears to have stalled as the numbers continue to be above the Fed's 2% target. This, along with the blowout jobs report, gave the Fed the data it needed to change their interest rate outlook for the year ahead.

The Fed's hawkish message that followed made it clear that the rate-cut-party will not continue, with the previous expectation of four cuts in 2025 now pulled back to no more than two. This cloudy outlook sent major indices down more than 3% in one trading session and turned out to be the main factor behind a lacklustre month of returns for US markets.

December saw a myriad of geopolitical events, and the increased market volatility saw the VIX index spike 30%. In South Korea, President Yoon briefly tried to enforce Martial Law, but parliament quickly intervened and voted 190-0 against the decree. Yoon now faces impeachment proceedings. In Syria, President Bassar Al Assad's regime crumbled spectacularly as rebel forces took Aleppo and Damascus in a matter of days, bringing an end to the brutal Assad era. Lastly, Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau stepped down, as support for his vision of Canada within his own party waned. Canada has seen a steep rise in housing costs, rising unemployment and an increase in the number of Canadians visiting food banks.

### Fees Applicable

#### Investment management fee:

0.30%

#### Custody fees

0.05%

#### Cell manager fees:

Class A Shares: 1.50%

Class B Shares: 0.00%

Class C Shares: 0.65%

#### Performance Fees

Class A: No performance fee is applicable

Class B: No performance fee is applicable

Class C: No performance fee is applicable

#### TER

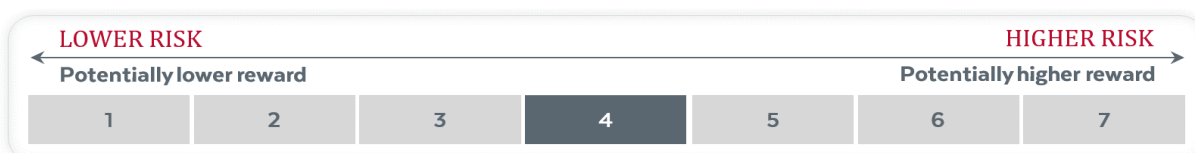
The Flagship International Flexible Fund Class A USD has a Total Expense Ratio (TER) of 1.90%. Financial year-end TER 2.00%. The Total Expense Ratios (TERs) are the percentages of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. A current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TERs. The TER to 30 June 2024 is based on data for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024. Cost ratios are calculated using historical actual and/or estimated data and are provided solely as an indication/guide as to the annual expenses/costs that could be incurred. These ratios do not represent any current/actual charges or fees.

### Risk Considerations and Important Information

- Collective investments are generally medium to long term investments. The value of units may go down as well as up, and past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. Investment in the Fund entails risks which are detailed in The Supplement.
- Fund share prices per class are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total value of all assets in the portfolio attributable to a share class including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (such as brokerage, taxation, auditor's fees, bank charges, director and custodian fees and the annual management fee) from the portfolio, divided by the number of Fund shares of the class in issue.
- Portfolio performance is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis. Dividends will be paid in accordance with the Scheme and Cell Particulars.
- Collective investments are traded at ruling prices. Commission and incentives may be paid. All performance is calculated Total Return, Net of all fees and commissions and in US dollar terms. Forward pricing is used. Up to date Fund prices per share are available on [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) or upon request from the Manager or Administrator.
- Annualised returns are period returns re-scaled to a period of 1 year. This allows investors to compare returns of different assets that they have owned for different lengths of time. Actual annual figures are available to investors upon request. Investment performance calculations are available for verification upon request. The performance is calculated for the Fund. The individual investor performance may differ, as a result of various factors, including the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax.
- The Fund may invest in other collective investments, which levy their own charges. This could result in a higher fee structure for the Fund.
- A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager.
- Fluctuations in the value of the underlying assets and the income from them and changes in interest rates mean that the value of the Fund and any income arising from it may fall, as well as rise, and is not guaranteed.
- Deductions of charges and expenses mean that you may not get back the amount you invested.
- The fees charged within the Fund and by the managers of the underlying funds are not guaranteed and may change in the future.
- Notwithstanding ongoing monitoring of the underlying assets within the Fund, there can be no assurance that the performance of the Fund will achieve its stated objectives.
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- The Manager has the right to close the Fund to new investors, in order to manage it more efficiently, in accordance with its mandate.
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- The Fund will contain shares or units in underlying funds that invest internationally. The value of your investment and the income arising from it will therefore be subject to exchange rate fluctuations.
- Foreign securities may have additional material risks, depending on the specific risks affecting that country, such as: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information.



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