

# MI-PLAN IP BALANCED DEFENSIVE FUND

As of 2024/09/30

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## FUND INFORMATION

<b>Inception date</b>	2004/05/31
<b>ASISA Category</b>	South African MA Low Equity
<b>Minimum investment</b>	Lump sum: R10 000; Monthly: R1 000
<b>Risk Profile</b>	Conservative
<b>Asset Composition</b>	Equity, Fixed Interest and Cash
<b>Regulation 28 Compliant</b>	Yes
<b>Benchmark</b>	South African MA Low Equity average
<b>Fund Size</b>	R 56 112 640
<b>Income distribution</b>	Quarterly

	JSE Code	Annual Management Fee (ex VAT)	TER (%)	TC (%)	TIC (%)	NAV	Units in Issue
<b>Fee Class</b>							
<b>B2: Institutional</b>	PIPB2	0.60%	0.86	0.02	0.88	R 23.08	95 969
<b>B5: Retail &amp; Clean</b>	PIPB5	0.75%	1.03	0.02	1.05	R 23.04	2 339 242

### Distributions per unit (Class B5) - CPU

2024-09	35.24
2024-06	30.61
2024-03	19.84
2023-12	17.40

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 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.

## 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.

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.

## OBJECTIVE

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

## 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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In our report last month, we reviewed the degree to which the US Federal Reserve was too restrictive in its monetary policy. It should have come as no surprise that the Fed cut by 50 bp at its September meeting and will probably cut by another 25 bp in November before entering a holding period. Whether these cuts will be enough to stave off a recession in 2025 has evoked a great deal of debate. The "no-recession" proponents point to the strength of the labour market, healthy consumer spending, low inflation forecasts, high real yields, and continued productivity gains from technological innovation and capital investment in the US. Conversely, the "pro-recession" camp highlights the lagged effect of monetary policy on the broader economy, some softening of the jobs market, and the decline in personal savings as potential precursors of future consumer expenditure. The latest escalation in conflict in the Middle East has the potential to unsettle volatility, strengthen the dollar, and increase oil prices. Any supply-side shock of this nature could further alter the market's current expectation of low inflation and sustained growth for the US in 2025. Our base case for the year ahead is that the US maintains a positive growth path, US inflation surprises to the upside, and interest rates don't decline as much as expected. The wild card in the mix is the extent to which China stimulated fiscally as well as monetarily. We are pleased to report an improvement in performance given the exposure to long domestic bonds, which we have lightened post-quarter end.

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](mailto:info@miplan.co.za) or [clientservices@ipmc.co.za](mailto: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.

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## PERFORMANCE As of 2024/09/30

### FUND PERFORMANCE

	MI-PLAN IP Balanced Defensive B5 Fund	South African MA Low Equity
1 Year	19.1%	16.4%
3 Years*	9.6%	9.3%
5 Years*	8.4%	8.5%
10 Years*	7.6%	7.3%
Fund - Highest annual return** (Rolling Maximum)		19.1%
Fund - Lowest annual return** (Rolling Minimum)		-5.8%

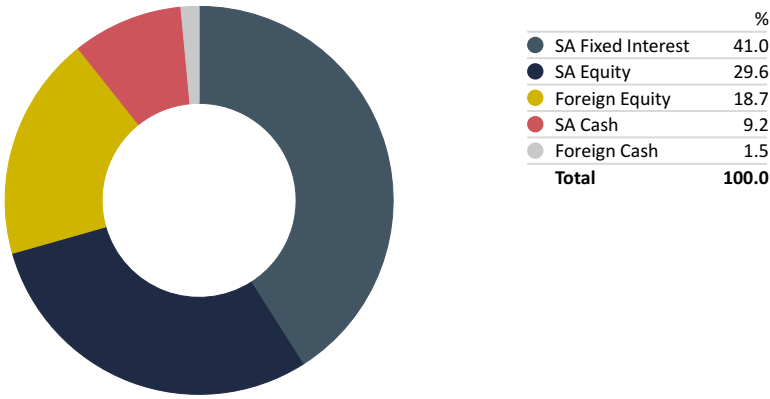
\* Returns are annualised if period is longer than 12 months.  
Annualised returns is the weighted average compound growth rate over the performance period measured. Fund returns shown are based on NAV-NAV unit pricings calculated from Morningstar for a lump-sum investment with income distribution reinvested (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

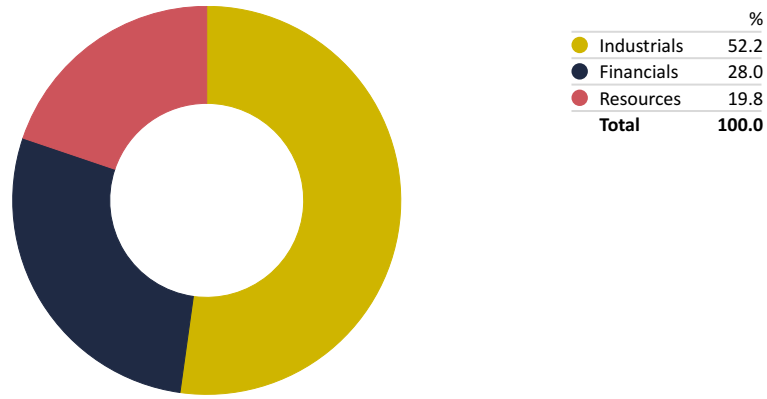
	% OF EQUITY
Naspers Ltd Class N	11.8%
Clicks Group Ltd	8.2%
Bidvest Group Ltd	6.6%
BHP Group Ltd	5.9%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	5.7%
Anglo American PLC	5.4%
NewGold Issuer Limited	5.0%
Nedbank Group Ltd	4.7%
Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA Class A	4.4%
British American Tobacco PLC	4.2%

## PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE As of 2024/09/30

### EFFECTIVE ASSET ALLOCATION



### SA EQUITY SECTOR ALLOCATION



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