

# IFM EQUITY FUND MARCH 2024

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT | CLASS E

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The IFM Equity Fund is a multi-managed fund whose primary objective is to maximise long term capital growth, through a spectrum of investments in the equity

### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

In order to achieve its objective, the IFM Equity Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of equity assets. In addition to participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes, the portfolio's investment universe may consist of equity securities, exchange traded funds, preference shares, debentures, debenture bonds, money market instruments, property shares and property related securities listed on exchanges and assets in liquid form. The portfolio may, from time to time, invest in listed and unlisted financial instruments. The Fund may also include the following unlisted financial instruments: forward currency, interest rate and exchange rate swap transactions for efficient portfolio management purposes. The IFM Equity Fund's equity exposure will always exceed 80% of the portfolio's net asset value.

## **RISK PROFILE: HIGH**

| Low Mod-Low Mod Mod-High High |
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- This portfolio has a higher exposure to equities than any other risk profiled portfolio and therefore tends to carry higher volatility.
- Expected potential long-term returns are high, but the risk of potential capital losses are high as well, especially over shorter periods.
- Where the asset allocation contained in this fact sheet reflects offshore exposure, the portfolio is exposed to currency risks.
- This portfolio is suitable for long term investment horizons.
- The portfolio is exposed to equity as well as default and interest rate risk.

### **INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURES**

**FUND NAME** 

IFM Equity Fund

ISIN NUMBER

ZAE000259966

**INCEPTION DATE** 

3 June 2019

**BENCHMARK** 

FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX Index (J433T)

**DISTRIBUTION DATES** 

Semi-annual declaration dates:

31 Mar and 30 Sep

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

Nest Asset Management (Pty) Ltd, an authorized Financial Services Provider FSP No: 46549 25 Culross Road Bryanston, Sandton

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### **CUSTODIAN/TRUSTEE INFORMATION**

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# MINIMUM INVESTMENTS

Not Applicable

**FUND CLASSIFICATION** 

SA General Equity

**UNIT PRICE** 

R124.29

**PORTFOLIO VALUE** 

R2.62 billion

**DISTRIBUTION (RPU)** 

Sep '23: 3.11 | Mar '24: 1.54

**TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO** Dec '23: 0.88%

### MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Itransact Fund Managers (RF) (Pty) Ltd

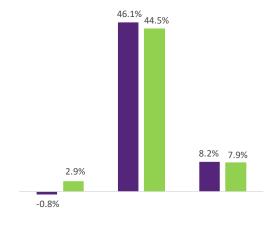
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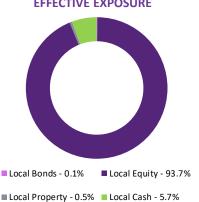
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## PERFORMANCE VS. BENCHMARK





## **EFFECTIVE EXPOSURE**



### **HOLDINGS**





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#### **FUND MANAGER COMMENTARY**

Throughout the month, the global financial markets have been weaving their way through an intricate tapestry of geopolitical uncertainties, pivotal economic data, and the strategic directions undertaken by central banks. In the United States, the Federal Reserve's March Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting heralded a wave of optimism. The dovish tone struck by Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell not only reassured investors, but also hinted at a potential easing of interest rates in the latter part of the year. This, combined with the Fed's upward adjustment of the 2024 GDP growth forecast from 1.4% to 2.1%, injected a notable dose of confidence into the markets. Such optimism helped temper fears that the Federal Reserve might maintain a tight monetary policy, which could risk nudging the economy toward recession. The sectors most responsive to economic cycles - industrials, materials, and energy - saw heightened activity, reflecting a greater attention as the month ended.

In the US, market performance was broad, with the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq 100 making significant strides, recording gains of +3.2% (YTD: +10.6%) and +1.2% (YTD: +8.7%) respectively. Across the Atlantic, the MSCI Europe ex UK Index firmed by +3.7% over the month (+8.3% YTD), despite emerging signs of economic slowdown in key economies. The UK's FTSE 100 Index also experienced a fruitful month, closing with a +4.8% gain (YTD +4.0%). Japan's equity markets continued on an upward trajectory, with the Nikkei Index climbing by 3.8% (YTD: +21.5%), although concerns over a depreciating yen lurking near JPY 152 against the US dollar - remained a focal point for potential governmental intervention in the forex markets.

On the domestic scene, the FTSE/JSE All Share Index ended the month stronger (up by +3.2%), although it is still negative on a year-to-date basis (-2.3%). This monthly rebound was largely led by a 15.4% surge in the resources sector (YTD: 0.8%), contrasting with a downtrend in the financial sector, which dipped by -3.5% (YTD: -7.1%).

## **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

- Additional information, including application forms, annual or quarterly reports can be obtained from IFM, free of charge or can be accessed on our website (www.itransactfm.co.za).
- Valuation takes place daily and prices can be viewed in the daily newspaper.
- Upon request the Manager will provide the investor with quarterly portfolio investment holdings reports.

### FAIS CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Please note that your financial advisor may be a related party to IFM. It is your financial advisor's responsibility to disclose all fees he/she receives from any related party. The portfolio's TER includes all fees paid by the portfolio to IFM, the trustees, the auditors, banks, the co-naming partner, underlying portfolios, and any other investment consultants/ managers as well as distribution fees and LISP rebates, if applicable. The portfolio's performance numbers are calculated net of the TER expenses. The investment manager earns a portion of the service charge and performance fees where applicable.

#### **FEES AND FAIS DISCLOSURE**

| Initial Fees (IFM) (Incl VAT)                     | 0.00%         |
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| Initial Advisory Fee (Max) (Incl VAT)             | 3.45%         |
| Ongoing Advisory Fee (Max) (Incl VAT)             | 1.15%         |
| Annual Management Fees (Incl VAT) Performance Fee | 0.86%<br>None |

### TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER) & TRANSACTION COST

| Total Expense Ratio        | 0.88% |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Portfolio Transaction Cost | 0.14% |
| Total Investment Charge    | 1.02% |

A Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure of a portfolio's annual expenses, fees and charges, expressed as a percentage of the average daily value of the portfolio. These expenses include the annual management fees, VAT, audit fees, bank charges and costs incurred in any underlying funds. A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER ratio imply a good return. The current TER ratio cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER ratios. Performance return information and prices are always stated net of the expenses, fees and charges included in the TER ratio.

The TER and transaction costs calculations are based on the portfolio's direct costs for the period ended 31 December 2023.

### FUND MANAGER



Simon du Plooy has a MSc Financial Mathematics degree. He spent five years in the banking industry, at Absa and RMB, where he conducted risk analysis for trading desks and hedge funds. He joined Corion in 2009 as part of the investment team and in 2013 took on the role as Portfolio Manager.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Valuation time 17h00

Transaction cut-off time 15h00

Payment reference Initials &Surname / Account Number

Please send proof of deposit to fax (011) 561 6812 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:admin@itransactfm.co.za">admin@itransactfm.co.za</a>

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