# **Kruger Ci International Equity Feeder Fund February 2024**



### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The Kruger Ci International Equity Feeder Fund provides investors with exposure to the International Equity Fund. The investment objective of the portfolio is to provide long term capital growth. The underlying investment will invest a minimum of 80% of its assets directly and/or indirectly in global equities. The portfolio will have exposure to global equities and global equity linked securities which are listed on Recognised Markets. The Fund may invest in derivatives for the exclusive purpose of hedging exchange rate risk to which assets are directly exposed.

### THE KRUGER INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Hein Kruger: Chief Investment Officer

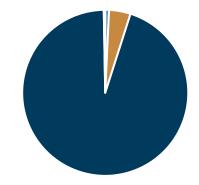
Mia Kriegler: Fund Manager

Bernard Van Wyk: Investment Committee Member
Anthonie Lombard: Investment Committee Member

### ABOUT THE FUND

Hein Kruger Internasionale Fondsbestuur (Pty) Ltd Investment Manager Regulation 28 Compliant No Global Large-Cap Blend Equity Benchmark Category Average (ZAR) **Equity Exposure** Minimum effective exposure of 80% The fund will maintain an exposure of at least Foreign Exposure 80% in foreign assets **ASISA Classification** Global - Equity - General Risk Profile High Transaction cut-off time 14:00 17:00 Valuation time

#### ASSET ALLOCATION



- SA Cash & Bonds 0.74%
- Global Cash & Bonds 4.19%
- Global Equity 94.79%
- Global Equity (Derivatives) 0.28%

Latest available data

### HISTORIC FUND PERFORMANCE (Annualised, net of fees)

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	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Kruger Ci International Equity Feeder Fund (Class A)	13.79%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Benchmark	24.23%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Highest return over 12 rolling months				21.71%
Lowest return over 12 rolling months				7.62%

#### **FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTARY**

#### International

February proved to be a robust month for stock markets globally, buoyed by resilient economic data and strong earnings reports, driving year-to-date gains. However, fortunes diverged for equity and fixed income investors as economic resilience prolonged expectations of rate cuts.

The earnings season continued, with five of the 'magnificent seven' companies reporting results for the previous quarter, broadly meeting or exceeding expectations. With over 90% of S&P 500 companies having reported, nearly three-quarters beat analysts' earnings forecasts, confirming that the US economy remained surprisingly strong.

Further substantiating this strength, the US composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) indicated continued expansion in February, alongside a report of the US economy adding 353,000 jobs in January, significantly surpassing the anticipated increase of 185,000 jobs.

In January, US headline inflation rose slightly higher than expected by 0.3% month-onmonth, primarily driven by increased food and shelter prices, partially offset by lower energy prices. Despite this slight monthly uptick, the annual inflation rate eased to 3.1%, down from 3.4% in December 2023. The overall inflation trend remains encouraging, supporting the argument that the Federal Reserve can maintain rates over the coming months and that they are unlikely to be convinced of an early interest rate cut in 2024.

Developed market equities gained 4.3%, while emerging market equities rose by 4.8%, led by a robust rebound in Chinese equities, up 8.4%, albeit from five-year lows at the start of the month. Conversely, bond markets struggled as signs indicated central banks would likely maintain rates for an extended period, with the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Treasury Index closing the month down 1.3%.

#### Local

On the local front, South Africa's headline inflation index rose slightly less than the anticipated 5.4% in January, reaching 5.3% year-on-year, up from 5.1% in December. The inflation rate was supported by lower fuel prices but offset by a notable 0.6% rise in food prices for the month. SA inflation is expected to moderate to around 4.5% by year-end

In the final quarter of 2023, SA gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 0.1% quarter-onquarter, compared to a 0.2% decline in the previous quarter, narrowly avoiding a technical recession. Over the past year, the economy expanded by 1.2%.

The rand continued its depreciation throughout February, ending 2.8% weaker against the US dollar. The decline was less pronounced than in January, primarily due to dollar strength, with the US dollar index gaining only 0.9% against its trading currencies. Nominal bonds followed suit, weakening alongside the rand, with the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index losing 0.6% for the month. Local equity markets diverged from the global trend in February, with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index dropping 2.4% for the month, largely attributed to a decline in resource shares.

The Kruger funds performed well, delivering the following returns during February 2024: The Kruger Ci Prudential Fund (1.8%); the Kruger Ci Balanced Fund (1.7%); the Kruger Ci Equity Fund (2.1%); the Kruger Ci International Flexible Feeder Fund (4.9%); and the Kruger Ci International Equity Feeder Fund (6.4%).

This document is a Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD) which contains key information about this fund. This MDD will be updated on a monthly basis. Sources: Performance sourced from Morningstar and Analytics Consulting, for the periods ending at the month end date of this MDD, for a lump sum using NAV-NAV prices with income distributions reinvested and is quoted net of all fees. CPI for all urban areas sourced from Factset. Asset Allocation and Top 10 holdings data compiled by Global Investment Reporting SA ("GIRSA")



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ABOUT THE FUND	
Fund Size	R 365.7 million
Fund Launch Date	1 July 2022
Class Launch Date	(A): 1 July 2022, (G): 1 July 2022
Opening Class NAV Price	(A): 100.00 cents per unit
Opening Class NAV Price	(G): 100.00 cents per unit
Frequency of pricing	Our daily NAV prices are published on our website and in the national newspaper
FUND FEES	

<b>FUND FEES</b>	
Initial Fee	Class A: 0.00%, Class G: 0.00%
Initial Advisory Fee	Maximum 3.00% (Excl. VAT)
Annual Service Fee	Class A: 0.12% (Excl VAT)
Annual Service Fee	Class G: 0.22% (Excl VAT)
Annual Advisory Fee	Maximum 1.00% (Excl. VAT)

INCOME DISTRIBUTION	
Income Declaration Dates	30 June and 31 December
Income Reinvestment/ Payout Dates	2nd working day in July and January
Last 12 months Distributions	29/12/2023: (A) 0.00, 30/06/2023: (A) 0.00
Class A: (cents per unit)	
Last 12 months Distributions	29/12/2023: (G) 0.00, 30/06/2023: (G) 0.00
Class G: (cents per unit)	

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS		
Total Expense Ratio	Class A: 1.61%, Class G: 1.69%	
Transaction Cost	Class A: 0.10%, Class G: 0.10%	
Total Investment Charge	Class A: 1.71%, Class G: 1.79%	
Calculation Period (Class A)	Class A: Inception to 31 Dec 2023	
Calculation Period (Class G)	Class G: Inception to 31 Dec 2023	

#### **DISCLOSURES**

#### **FAIS Disclosure**

The annual fees include a fee of up to 0.12% (Class A) or 0.22% (Class G) payable to Ci Collective Investments. These fees are stated exclusive of VAT. Please note that in most cases where the financial services provider (FSP) is a related party to the fund manager, the FSP/distributor may earn additional fees other than those charged by the fund manager. A FX fee of up to 0.05% (incl. VAT) on any FX transactions may be payable to Kruger International. Kruger International Mauritius (KIM) is the investment advisor on the International Equity Fund. The fund will invest in the International Equity Fund. KIM and SIP may earn an annual investment advisory fee of up to 1.00% on this investment. Kruger International does not charge an annual management fee against the value of investments that are placed in the International Equity Fund.

This is a global equity fund which means that the fund may have a minimum equity exposure of 80% at all times. This fund is a feeder fund which means that it may only invest in a single unit trust, exchange rate swaps and assets in liquid form. A feeder fund is a fund that invests in a single fund of a collective investment scheme, which levies its own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for the feeder fund. Risk Reward Profile: High

Typically, the lower the risk, the lower the potential return and the higher the risk, the higher the potential return. There is no guarantee that returns will be higher when investing in a fund with a higher risk profile. The risk profile for this fund is rated as high, as it may invest up to 100% in equity securities, both locally and abroad. The risk refers only to volatility

### **RISK DEFINITIONS**

Equity markets are volatile and the price of equities fluctuate based on a number of factors such as changes in the economic climate, general movements in interest rates and the political and social environment which will also affect the value of the securities held in the unit trust, thereby affecting the overall value of the unit trust.

#### Currency Risk / Foreign Exchange Risk

This risk is associated with investments that are denominated in foreign currencies. When the foreign currencies fluctuate against the South African Rand, the investments face currency gains or losses

Unit Trusts pool the assets of many investors and use the proceeds to buy a portfolio of securities. There are regulations in place which limit the amount that a unit trust may invest in securities, thereby spreading the risk across securities, asset classes and companies.

#### Liquidity Risk

This relates to the ability of the unit trust to trade out of a security held in the fund at or near to its fair value. This may impact on liquidity and in the case of foreign securities, the repatriation of funds.

## Credit Risk

Credit risk arises where an issuer of a non-equity security or a swap is unable to make interest payments or repay capital, which could result in losses to the fund.

The fund may invest in total return swaps. Total return swaps are unlisted instruments issued by a bank to provide the return of a specific index. The value of the instrument is directly linked to the performance of the underlying equities in the index and will fluctuate in line with daily market movements. Some of the equity exposure in the fund could be derived through total return swaps instead of physically holding the

#### Inflation Risk

The risk of potential loss in the purchasing power of your investment due to a general increase of consumer prices.

#### Political Risk

The risk that investment returns could suffer as a result of a country's political changes or instability in the country. Instability could come from changes in the country's government, policy makers or military.

This risk relates to any change to tax laws or to the interpretation of existing tax laws which has an impact on the manner in which unit trusts are taxed.

#### Compliance Risk

This refers to the risk of not complying with the legislation, regulations, prescribed investment limits and internal policies and procedures by the manager or the fund manager

This document is not intended to address the personal circumstances of any Financial Services Provider's (FSP's) client not is it a risk analysis or examination of any client's financial needs. Collective Investment Schemes in Securities ("CIS") are generally medium to long terms investments. The value of participatory interests may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. Different classes of units apply to this fund and are subject to different fees and charges. A schedule of fees and charges is available on request from Ci. Ci does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of the fund. Forward pricing is used. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. International Investments may include additional risks such as potential constraints on liquidity and repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risk, political risk, foreign exchange risk, tax risk, settlement risk as well as potential limitations on the availability of market information. The fund may be closed from time to time in order to manage it more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. The Kruger funds are funds established and administered by Ci, and Kruger has been appointed to manage and market the funds. Ci retains full legal responsibility for this co-named fund. Additional information on the fund may be obtained, free of charge, directly from Ci. Ci is a Non-Voting (ordinary) Member of the Association for Savings & Investment SA (ASISA).

Total Expense Ratio (TER): The above TER % has been annualised and indicates the percentage of the value of the fund which was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the fund over the rolling 3 year period or since fund inception, on an annualised basis. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER's cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. Transaction Cost (TC): The above TC % has been annualised and indicates the percentage of the value of the fund which was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the fund. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the fund and impacts fund 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 fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Total Investment Charge is the TER plus TC which indicates the percentage of the value of the fund which was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the fund. The TER and Transaction Costs cannot be determined accurately because of the short life span of the Financial Product. Calculations are based on actual data where possible and best estimates where actual data is not available. Performance quoted is for lump sum investment with income distributions, prior to deduction of applicable taxes, included. NAV to NAV figures have been used and is quoted net of all fees. The annualised return is the return of the performance period re-scaled to a period of one year. Performance is calculated for the fund and individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, actual investment date, date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax.

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