

**GIPS Composite Name:** **Vunani Global Flexible Equity Composite [IPGLBFEXTBMK]** **December 2023**

**Benchmark:** **80% MSCI; 15% FTSE 3 Month US TB Index ; 5% STeFI**

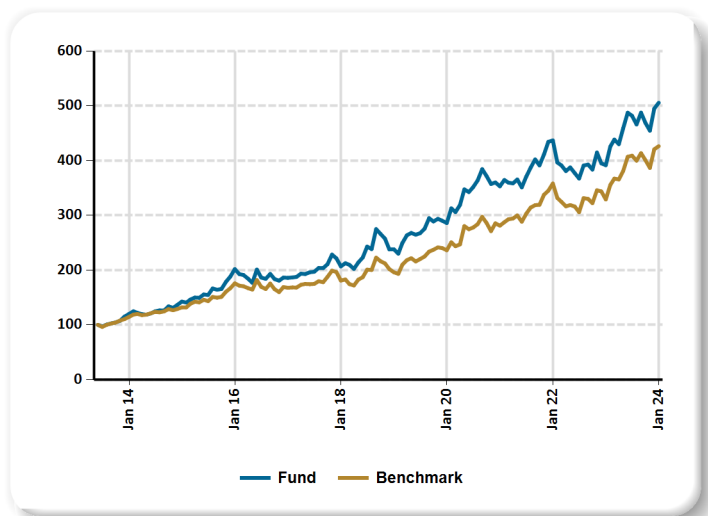
**Composite Creation Date:** **31 May 2013**

Period	Gross return	Bmk return	No of Portfolios	Total Assets (million)	% of Firm Assets	Total Firm Assets (million)	Dispersion	3 yr Ann Std Dev	Bmk 3 yr Ann Std Dev
01 Jun 2013 to 31 Dec 2013	19.72%	14.35%	1	131.28	1.08%	12,130.48	N/A	N/A	
01 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014	19.02%	15.29%	1	216.85	1.72%	12,612.31	N/A	N/A	
01 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	41.65%	33.28%	2	674.53	4.70%	14,362.23	N/A	N/A	
01 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016	-7.93%	-4.63%	2	621.08	4.25%	14,597.04	N/A	15.04%	12.47%
01 Jan 2017 to 31 Dec 2017	11.27%	7.90%	2	968.39	4.80%	20,191.39	N/A	15.65%	13.91%
01 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2018	15.12%	8.40%	2	1,423.56	5.35%	26,600.26	N/A	18.26%	15.79%
01 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019	20.13%	20.51%	2	2,098.39	5.25%	40,000.45	N/A	16.13%	13.64%
01 Jan 2020 to 31 Dec 2020	23.46%	19.01%	3	3,760.30	7.73%	48,623.29	N/A	16.97%	15.53%
01 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021	23.74%	27.36%	3	4,120.87	6.81%	60,546.26	N/A	13.26%	12.84%
01 Jan 2022 to 31 Dec 2022	-10.38%	-8.11%	1	2,002.25	3.56%	56,282.28	N/A	14.94%	14.86%
01 Jan 2023 to 31 Dec 2023	29.10%	29.75%	1	2,265.71	5.14%	44,043.77	N/A	15.28%	13.70%

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

### FUND PERFORMANCE



Global markets ended the year on a bullish note, encouraged by a moderating inflation outlook and the prospect of interest rate cuts in 2024.

Long-term interest rates fell sharply, with the yield on 10-year US Treasuries at 3.87% at year-end, down from 5.0% in mid-October, their highest level post the Global Financial Crisis.

After a period of consolidation between late-July and end-October, large capitalisation technology and growth shares drove markets higher, with the Nasdaq Composite Index's gain of 13.8% in the quarter, resulting in a total return of 44.7% in 2023. Long bonds participated in the rally, with the iShares +20 Year Treasury ETF gaining 12.9% in the quarter, not far off the return of Nvidia, which gained 13.8% in the quarter and 239% during the year.

The MSCI World Index gained 11.5% in the quarter and 24.4% during the year, while broad measures of Japanese and European equities, the Nikkei 225 and Stoxx Europe 600, gained 21.8% and 20.5% in US dollars respectively, over the course of the year. Attractive returns in absolute terms, but market structure being what it is, these markets were relegated to the underperformers list.

Emerging markets and the FTSE 100 posted disappointing returns of 10.1% and 13.6% over the year, whilst commodities, as represented by the Bloomberg Commodity Index, posted a negative return, of 7.9% during the year.

Having gained 27% in the third quarter, Brent Crude futures declined 19% in the fourth quarter.

Technology and technology-related sectors dominated the MSCI All Country World sector return rankings. The Information Technology (+51.4%), Communication Services (+38.1%) and Consumer Discretionary (+29.9%) sectors all posted strong gains, benefiting from the stellar performance of respective index heavyweights, such as Nvidia (+239%), Meta Platforms (194%) and Amazon (80%).

The Vunani Global Flexible Equity GIPS Composite delivered a US dollar return of 11.5% during the quarter ahead of the benchmark, which returned 10.0%.

Underlying equity performance contributed to relative performance, so did our decision to shift to a neutral position in equities at the end of the previous quarter and then to a modest overweight position in mid-November.

ASML Holdings N.V. (+27.5%), L3Harris Technologies (+21.7%), SAP SE (+18.5%) and Transdigm Group (+24.4%) were the biggest positive contributors to portfolio attribution during the quarter, along with Exxon Mobil (-14.1%), a notable benchmark constituent, which do not own.

Consumer Staples exposure in the portfolio detracted from performance during the quarter, with Reckitt Benckiser (-2.3%), Unilever (-1.3%), Estee Lauder (+1.7%) and Nestle (+6.0%), along with Health Care holding, Medtronic (+6.0%) detracting from relative returns.

**NOTES:**

- 1 COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION : The funds in the composite aims to provide investors with a high long-term total return. The objective is to deliver above benchmark returns over the longer term through investing primarily in a range of high-quality companies.
- 2 BENCHMARK CREATION : Published Index
- 3 FIRM DEFINITION : Vunani Fund Managers (Pty) Ltd is registered with the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) as a discretionary Financial Service Provider, License 608. The GIPS firm includes all portfolios managed by Vunani Fund Managers.
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- 7 LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF COMPOSITES : A complete list and description of all composites is available by emailing a request to [Info@vunanifm.co.za](mailto:Info@vunanifm.co.za).
- 8 LEVERAGE AND DERIVATIVES : The use of derivatives is limited to exchanged traded futures and options for the purpose of maintaining the correct exposure to asset classes whilst providing liquidity.
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- 11 DISPERSION : Vunani Fund Managers uses the standard deviation across portfolio returns represented within the composite for the full year to calculate dispersion. Portfolios must be in a composite for the full period for which dispersion is being measured.
- 12 FEE STRUCURE : A fee of 85 bps on market value
- 13 WITHHOLDING TAXES : Proceeds on sales and income are accounted for net of any withholding taxes until such time as any reclaimable portion is received.
- 14 Vunani Fund Managers negotiates fees with each individual client in line with the standard company fee schedule.
- 15 Additional information regarding policies for calculating and reporting returns is available on request
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- 17 Benchmark components, weights and the rebalancing process is available on demand.
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