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### **PRESS RELEASE**

# PPS GLOBAL EQUITY FUND OUTPERFORMS BENCHMARK AND EXCEEDS USD 250 MILLION IN ITS FIRST YEAR ON THE PRESCIENT GLOBAL FUNDS ICAV UCITS PLATFORM

LONDON, DUBLIN and CAPE TOWN, 17 March 2021: Professional Provident Society Multi-Managers Proprietary Limited (PPS Multi-Managers), part of a mutual financial services company founded in 1941 in South Africa, has announced the first full-year performance of the PPS Global Equity Fund since launching on the Prescient Global Funds ICAV UCITS fund platform.

The fund, which currently has assets under management in excess of USD 250 million (as of 31 January 2021), has been designed for investors seeking long-term capital growth through a diversified portfolio of global equities and equity-related securities.

PPS Multi-Managers launched the retail share class of the PPS Global Equity Fund on 31 January 2020, and the fund delivered annualised performance, net of fees of 31.37% (USD) over the first one-year period to 31 January 2021. During the same period, the fund's benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) produced a total return of 17.59%. The retail share class therefore outperformed its benchmark by 13.78%, a considerable achievement amidst the COVID-19 effects experienced in the markets for most of 2020.

"We are pleased with the strong performance over the last year driven by good stock selection with positive relative returns generated across all five regions, and in 10 of the 11 sectors. This also speaks to the diversified nature of the portfolio, providing protection during the market sell-off in March, as well as capturing the upside in the strong market recovery over the remainder of the year", says Andriette Theron, Head of Research at PPS Investments.

"The PPS Global Equity Fund is managed by Capital Group, which was identified and selected through our vigorous investment management research process. As one of the largest global investment managers in the world, Capital Group has managed money since 1931 - through recessions, depressions and a world war. With their global in-house research team, they offer a unique perspective and view on the global marketplace. Through Prescient Global Funds ICAV, we are able to provide our members and investors with the ability to diversify their investments offshore and access this manager via the fund" says Anil Thakersee, Executive of Business Development at PPS Investments.

"Prescient is proud to be supporting an institution of the calibre and longevity of PPS and we congratulate them on their outperformance over the past 12 months in their first UCITS fund," said Rob Childs, Head of Business Development at Prescient Fund Services Ireland. "We believe that the Prescient Global Funds ICAV is the fund platform of choice for investment managers looking for institutional-quality UCITS infrastructure, enabling them to focus on their performance and their clients".

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### **ABOUT PPS INVESTMENTS**

PPS Multi-Managers form part of PPS Investments, which was established in 2007 and is the investment manager within the 80-year old PPS Group, South Africa's largest multidisciplinary society of graduate professionals with around 200 000 members. PPS Investments offers a comprehensive range of competitive investment solutions designed to empower investors at all life stages to plan, protect and provide for their financial goals. Having been the forefront of progressive, transparent investments since inception, the dynamic asset manager carefully designs its investments with the input and feedback from the graduate professional market – a client centric approach which both graduate professionals and general investors can benefit from.

Its flagship is the PPS Portfolio range which offers diversification across optimally combined, complementary asset managers. PPS Group is a mutual financial services company and shares 100% of its profits with its members. Thus, when PPS members invest with PPS Investments, whether in its single- or multi-manager funds, qualifying members benefit from increased profits into the PPS Profit-Share Account.

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The PPS Global Equity Fund is registered and approved for marketing in South Africa under section 65 of the CISCA. The PPS Global Equity Fund is a sub-fund of the Prescient Global Funds ICAV.

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