

# PRESCIENT CHINA BALANCED FUND

## MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

### INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to generate capital growth and to outperform Chinese inflation by 3% over the long-term. Returns can be volatile.

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund invests predominantly in mainland Chinese equities, bonds, money market and derivative instruments with an active asset allocation overlay. The Fund may also hold instruments listed in Hong Kong. Equity selection focuses on value, quality and momentum reversion. The Fund has a flexible mandate and can vary asset classes from 0% to 100%.

### WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors with a long term investment horizon who seek significant real returns and value the diversification benefits that an allocation to China can bring to a global portfolio even though the returns of the China Balanced Fund can be quite volatile in itself.

### RISK INDICATOR DEFINITION

These portfolios typically hold meaningful equity and/or offshore exposure which may result in significant capital volatility over all periods. Due to their nature expected long term returns are higher than for the other risk categories.

## RISK INDICATOR



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)			CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE	
ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)			RISK AND FUND STATS	
	Fund	Benchmark	<b>Since inception (p.a.)</b>	
1 year	-20.20	0.48	<b>Fund</b>	
3 years	-2.66	1.87	Alpha	3.84%
5 years	7.53	2.20	Sharpe Ratio	0.32
Since incep.	6.54	2.70	Standard Deviation	19.14%
Highest rolling 1 year	99.61	14.87		
Lowest rolling 1 year	-22.33	-2.43		
ASSET ALLOCATION			CURRENCY EXPOSURE	

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GLOBAL FUNDS

31 DECEMBER 2018

## ABOUT THE FUND

### Fund manager:

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### Fund classification:

UCITS

### Benchmark:

China CPI MoM + 3% USD

### Fund Size:

\$73.2 m

### No of units:

12,689,722

### Unit price:

141.00

### Inception date:

30 April 2013

### Minimum Investment:

\$1 000

### Income distribution:

31 March 2018 - 0 cpu

### Initial Fee:

0.00%

### Annual Management fee:

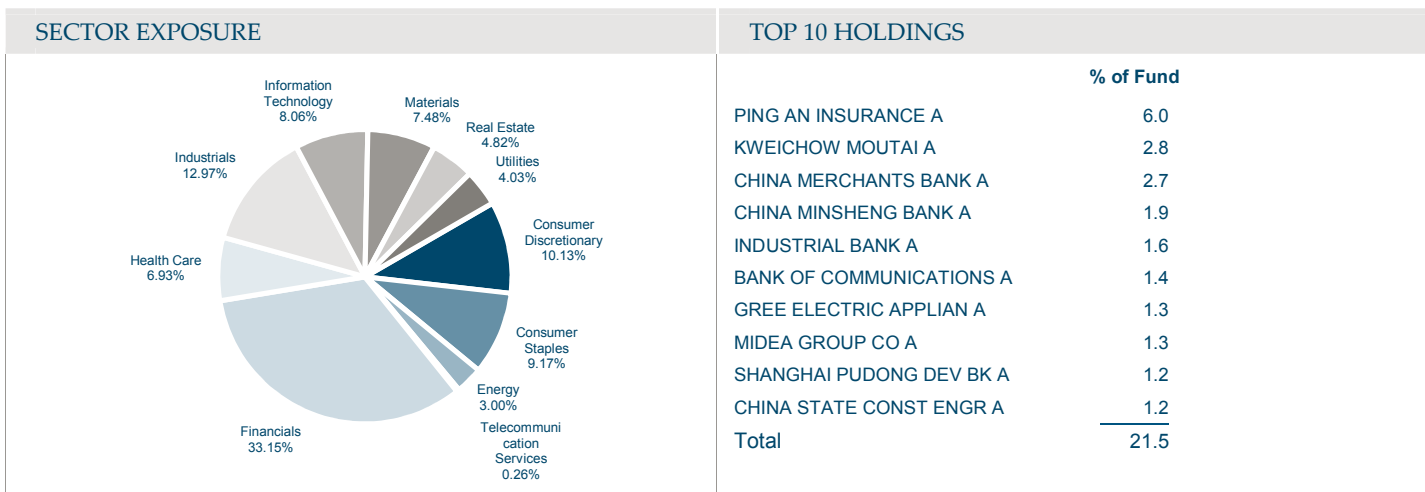
1.00%

### Fee breakdown:

Management Fee	1.00%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Fees*	0.52%
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	<b>1.52%</b>

\*Other fees includes underlying fee (where applicable): Audit Fees, Custody Fees, Trustee Fees and VAT

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## FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
<b>2013</b>					4.51%	-13.12%	0.19%	7.00%	3.07%	-0.52%	2.80%	-2.92%	-0.40%
<b>2014</b>	-5.42%	-1.30%	-0.94%	-0.61%	0.17%	1.61%	9.98%	0.24%	4.42%	2.98%	8.33%	12.54%	35.19%
<b>2015</b>	0.21%	3.93%	13.58%	11.76%	2.82%	-5.32%	-11.92%	-8.55%	-1.21%	9.27%	0.40%	2.60%	15.26%
<b>2016</b>	-16.07%	-0.85%	11.20%	-0.76%	-0.26%	-0.59%	2.68%	2.81%	-0.84%	0.82%	3.29%	-6.25%	-6.94%
<b>2017</b>	2.78%	2.22%	0.50%	-0.69%	1.05%	5.91%	2.36%	3.54%	-0.59%	4.10%	-0.40%	1.34%	24.22%
<b>2018</b>	8.49%	-5.89%	-2.33%	-2.61%	-1.22%	-7.02%	-2.09%	-3.18%	1.41%	-5.94%	1.19%	-2.22%	-20.20%

## FUND COMMENTARY

The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) in USD terms lost -2.22% and -20.2% (market -27.6%) in December and for the year respectively. Since inception, it traded 6.53% per annum higher also in USD. Throughout 2018, the fund slightly underperformed a static 65% equity/35% fixed income portfolio with stock selection the primary detractor and asset allocation neutral. Stock selection alpha has seen a strong rebound from the mid-year lows, after a period in China where only large cap stocks outperformed. For more factor details, please refer to our quarterly commentary.

**Contributors to performance:** Volatility factor outperformed in December with the other 3 factors slightly up.

**Detractors from performance:** Market was down for the month.

Prescient uses a 4 factor model in the China Balanced Fund's equity selection process. The factors are often the result of biases in Chinese investors. The Fund seeks to look through these biases and invest in a logical and research driven process, thus outperforming the market. The factors identified are Value, Quality, Behaviour and Volatility. Over the long term all should outperform the market, yet each has its own cycle of outperformance and underperformance and by combining them we construct a portfolio that is expected to consistently outperform the market.

**Value:** The Value factor looks for cheaper stocks than average within its sector. Chinese investor tend to ignore value and go with the growth story, yet over time, value is one of the most consistent performers in China.

**Quality:** Unlike global stocks, high quality stocks in China are often ignored, stocks with high returns on equity, and strong consistent ability to generate profits are considered boring in China. As such over the long term quality stocks out-perform.

**Behaviour:** Chinese market over-reacts to any news or earnings release. We identify the stocks that have fallen most relative to their peers on small retail volume, understanding that it likely to be an over-reaction. By buying a portfolio of such stocks we know that on average it will outperform, as the overreaction fades, and the price.

**Volatility:** On aggregate the typical holding period of Chinese retail investors are less than 2 weeks, as such retail investors prefer volatile stocks over low volatility stocks. By extension low volatility stocks outperforms.

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## GLOSSARY

**Annualised performance:** Annualised performance show longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

**Highest & Lowest performance:** The highest and lowest performance for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.

**NAV:** The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

**Current Yield:** Annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security.

**CPU:** Cents Per Unit to the Glossary

**Alpha:** Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio:** The Sharpe ratio is used to indicate the excess return the portfolio delivers over the risk free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.

**Standard Deviation:** The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

## Fund Specific Risks

**Default Risk:** The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The issuers credit quality is vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

**Derivatives risk:** The use of derivatives could increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses in a Fund. As such, large changes in value and potentially large financial losses could result.

**Developing Market (excluding SA) risk:** Some of the countries invested in may have less developed legal, political, economic and/or other systems. These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than those in countries generally regarded as being more developed.

**Foreign Investment risk:** Foreign securities investments may be subject to risks pertaining to overseas jurisdictions and markets, including (but not limited to) local liquidity, macroeconomic, political, tax, settlement risks and currency fluctuations.

**Interest rate risk:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to be inversely related to interest and inflation rates. Hence their value decreases when interest rates and/or inflation rises.

**% Property risk:** Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in real estate itself. Real estate prices move in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic and political conditions, interest rates and tax considerations.

**Currency exchange risk:** Changes in the relative values of individual currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

**Geographic / Sector risk:** For investments primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors, their resulting value may decrease whilst portfolios more broadly invested might grow.

**Derivative counterparty risk:** A counterparty to a derivative transaction may experience a breakdown in meeting its obligations thereby leading to financial loss.

**Liquidity risk:** If there are insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments, the result may lead to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than expected.

**Equity investment risk:** Value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. bankruptcy), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

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