

# PRESCIENT BOND QUANTPLUS<sup>®</sup> FUND

## MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

### INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to generate returns above the JSE All Bond Index over time, utilising active bond management combined with strategies which aim to reduce risk over time.

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund invests in cash and high-quality capital market instruments. A number of techniques are used to generate returns, including duration management, yield enhancements via credit exposure and risk management strategies, where these strategies are designed to provide downside protection.

### WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors requiring a specific allocation to the bond market but is prepared to give the fund manager some discretion to exercise his views on value in the bond market.

### RISK INDICATOR DEFINITION

These portfolios typically have moderate equity exposure or in the case of bond funds, longer duration bond exposure, resulting in some capital volatility over the shorter term. They are managed in such a manner that the probability of capital losses over one year periods is unlikely. These portfolios typically target returns in the region of 3% - 4% above inflation over the long term.

## RISK INDICATOR



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)			CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE		
<p>Bar chart showing annualised performance (%) for Fund and Benchmark from YTD to Since incep. The Fund generally outperforms the Benchmark, with a notable gap in the 10-year period.</p>			<p>Line chart showing cumulative performance (%) for Fund and Benchmark from Jun-03 to Jan-19. Both lines show a strong upward trend, with the Fund line consistently above the Benchmark line.</p>		
ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)			RISK AND FUND STATS		
	Fund	Benchmark	Since inception (p.a.)		
1 year	9.43	8.79		Fund	Benchmark
3 years	10.76	10.46	Alpha	-0.15%	
5 years	9.00	9.05	Sharpe Ratio	0.30	0.27
10 years	8.10	8.25	Standard Deviation	5.83%	6.98%
Since incep.	8.68	8.83	Max Drawdown	-9.25%	-9.78%
Highest rolling 1 year	19.83	21.23	Average Duration	6.21yrs	
Lowest rolling 1 year	-5.50	-5.61			

## FUND COMMENTARY

Global liquidity has been drying up as most developed market central banks are expected to continue tightening monetary policy. In the U.S., there has been a "triple-source tightening" in the form of the Fed's balance sheet reduction programme, increased issuance of bonds by the U.S. government and higher levels of interest rates. Recently, the Fed has signalled a more patient stance to its interest rate policy, and that it might be close to the end of its balance sheet reduction strategy. South African Bond yields have fallen in response to this dovish tilt. Emerging market bonds have enjoyed a strong rally in January and SA bonds in particular have seen a compression in their CDS spreads along with strong buying from foreigners. However, there are significant idiosyncratic factors at play that add to duration risk in South Africa. Prudent policy direction is imperative now both in terms of fiscal and monetary policy. The All Bond Index (ALBI) gained +2.90% for the month. The yield curve shifted down by approximately 30bps across the curve. The Fund was underweight duration compared to the ALBI. Holdings consisted of credit exposure through banks and State Owned Corporations, in both the bond and cash markets, to take advantage of the additional pick-up in yield. Credit exposure and the resulting yield pick-up contributed positively to performance. There were no detractors from performance.

# PRESCIENT

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

31 JANUARY 2019

## ABOUT THE FUND

### Fund manager:

Prescient Interest Bearing Team

### Fund classification:

South Africa - Interest Bearing - Variable Term

### Benchmark:

JSE All Bond Index

### Fund Size:

R16.9 m

### No of units:

133,318

### Unit price:

113.29

### Inception date:

30 June 2003

### Minimum Investment:

R10 000 lump-sum  
R1 000 per month

### Initial Fee:

0.00%

### Annual management fee:

0.86% (incl VAT)

### Fee class:

A1

### Fee breakdown:

Management Fee 0.75%

Performance Fees 0.00%

Other Fees\* 0.69%

**Total Expense Ratio (TER) 1.44%**

**Transaction Costs (TC) 0.14%**

**Total Investment Charge (TIC) 1.58%**

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

### Income distribution:

30 September 2018 - 4.10 cpu

31 March 2018 - 4.29 cpu



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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.

**Max Drawdown:** The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

**Average Duration:** The weighted average duration of all the underlying interest bearing instruments in the Fund.

## 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.

**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.

**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.

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