

PRESCIENT EQUITY FUND

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to achieve returns above the FTSE/JSE Africa Shareholder Weighted Total Return Index (SWIX). The equity selection is done purely on a bottom-up basis and risk is actively managed in the portfolio construction process to eliminate undue stock specific risk.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund uses quantitative techniques (multi-factor model) to build an active equity portfolio. The selection process targets those shares that offer the best economic value according to predefined income statement, cash flow statement and balance sheet matrices. The quantitative process maintains some positive index type characteristics, such as low turnover and thus lower cost and high liquidity.

WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors seeking broad based exposure to the South African equity market. This Fund is appropriate for investors with a long-term investment horizon.

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	
	Fund	Benchmark	Sector Average		
1 year	-9.04	-9.47	-9.45		
3 years	2.67	5.12			
5 years	4.92	7.02			
10 years	11.66	13.77			
Since incep.	8.75	10.53			
Highest 1 year	48.85	48.14	43.91		
Lowest 1 year	-35.23	-34.51	-32.20		

RISK AND FUND STATS (Since inception)			TOP 10 SHARES	
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark		% of Fund
Alpha	-1.78%	0.27	Naspers Ltd - N Shares	9.5
Sharpe Ratio	0.14	0.27	Firstrand Ltd	5.1
Standard Deviation	13.81%	13.69%	Sasol Ltd	4.8
Max Drawdown	-37.72%	-36.99%	Standard Bank Group Ltd	4.6
Dividend Yield	4.23%	3.77%	Anglo American Plc	3.9
PE Ratio	13.70	14.81	MTN Group Ltd	3.2
			Sanlam Ltd	2.8
			Remgro Ltd	2.8
			BHP Group Plc	2.6
			Bid Corporation Ltd	2.5
			Total	41.8

ASSET ALLOCATION	SECTOR ALLOCATION

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MANAGEMENT COMPANY

31 JANUARY 2019

ABOUT THE FUND

Fund Manager:
Prescient Equity Team

Fund Classification:
South Africa - Equity - General

Benchmark:
FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX All Share Total Return

Fund Size:
R72.4 m

No of Units:
83,196

Unit Price:
1,988.09

Inception Date:
30 November 2006

Minimum Investment:
R10 000 lump-sum
R1 000 per month

Income Distribution:
31 March 2018 - 59.64 cpu

Initial Fee:
0.00%

Annual Management Fee:
1.15% (incl VAT)

Fee breakdown:	
Management Fee	1.00%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Fees*	0.29%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.29%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.32%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	1.61%

*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
2006												4.05%	4.05%
2007	2.58%	1.92%	6.88%	4.97%	0.61%	-2.23%	0.71%	0.55%	3.81%	6.53%	-4.38%	-2.75%	20.15%
2008	-7.41%	11.70%	-3.25%	3.98%	2.48%	-6.72%	-4.95%	1.72%	-10.73%	-12.89%	0.40%	3.25%	-22.49%
2009	-4.87%	-9.16%	10.14%	2.81%	8.54%	-0.98%	8.78%	4.40%	0.47%	4.55%	0.21%	3.37%	29.96%
2010	-2.54%	1.56%	6.63%	0.45%	-4.17%	-2.74%	7.87%	-3.51%	9.59%	1.72%	0.55%	4.74%	20.77%
2011	-3.70%	0.97%	2.40%	2.08%	-0.44%	-1.12%	-1.70%	0.05%	-4.25%	8.49%	-0.59%	1.16%	2.79%
2012	4.36%	2.83%	0.49%	2.15%	-3.27%	1.39%	3.60%	1.52%	0.51%	3.11%	1.60%	3.84%	24.23%
2013	1.43%	-1.41%	0.28%	-1.35%	4.06%	-4.17%	3.69%	1.20%	5.81%	4.69%	-1.66%	3.49%	16.69%
2014	-3.67%	4.37%	4.40%	2.12%	1.49%	2.56%	2.15%	-0.02%	-3.28%	2.28%	1.66%	-0.19%	14.37%
2015	4.51%	2.87%	1.16%	3.22%	-5.35%	-0.21%	-0.78%	-2.89%	-0.38%	7.45%	-1.88%	-4.42%	2.56%
2016	-3.50%	-1.21%	8.04%	1.08%	-0.89%	-0.34%	2.24%	-2.62%	-1.51%	-3.06%	-1.97%	1.42%	-2.81%
2017	3.30%	-2.23%	2.19%	3.13%	-0.58%	-3.67%	5.89%	2.32%	-1.74%	6.66%	2.77%	0.06%	19.03%
2018	-0.75%	-1.00%	-3.27%	3.32%	-5.23%	0.12%	1.79%	1.10%	-4.52%	-4.77%	-1.43%	2.33%	-12.06%
2019	2.65%												2.65%

FUND COMMENTARY

It has been a very positive start to the year for equity investors. January saw global equity markets recover most of the losses that were suffered during the back-end of 2018. Despite a prolonged record-breaking partial government shutdown in the US, the S&P500 index gained a massive 7.87% over the month. This was the biggest one month gain since October 2015. Dovish comments from the US Federal Reserve, paired with renewed optimism regarding the outcome of the US and China tariff negotiations induced positive sentiment for risk assets. This was evidenced by a rally in most emerging market currencies relative to the US dollar.

Domestically, the rand strengthened as much as 7.4% whilst the FTSE/JSE All share index returned +2.69% for the month. From a broad sector level, this was led by the Financials (+6.75%), which is unsurprising given the strong rand. The most notable performance coming from ABSA Group, which rallied to close the month up +14.19%. The shares price movement occurred on the back of markets reacting positively to the announcement that long-standing CEO Maria Ramos will step down in April. The Industrials sector lagged the others and closed the month up only +0.99%. This was on the back of lower than expected earnings by some of the local retailers. The market swiftly punished the likes of Mr. Price, Shoprite and Massmart, they closed the month down -9.40%, -13.94% and -11.13% down respectively.

The fund returned 2.75% (gross of fees) marginally behind the benchmark index 2.77%.

Contributors to Performance:

The positions that contributed the most to the performance of the fund for the month were Naspers (+4.68%), Standard Bank Group (+9.05%) and Absa Group (+14.19%).

Detractors from Performance:

The largest detractors from the months' performance were Shoprite (-13.94%), Sasol (-5.78%) and Vodacom (-8.65%).

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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.

Dividend Yield: The weighted average dividend yield of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The dividend yield of each company is the dividends per share divided by the price.

PE Ratio: The weighted average price earnings ratio of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The price earnings ratio of each company is the price divided by the earnings per share.

Fund Specific Risks

% 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.

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.

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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