



**Investment Objective**

The Fairtree Global Real Estate Prescient Feeder Fund aims to provide access to high quality, international real estate assets that should benefit from capital appreciation while also delivering solid foreign dividends. The fund aims to outperform its benchmark by analyzing the central economic and political drivers in the various geographies, identifying global property sector trends and studying the specific physical property market and equity fundamentals.

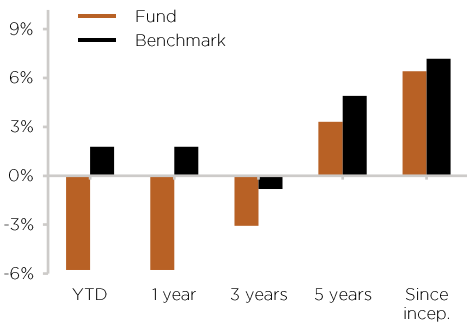
**Investment Policy**

The portfolio has a long term focus, and is well diversified across geographic regions, currencies, real estate sectors and stocks. We will combine our top-down fundamental property market research with rigorous statistical valuation analysis using our proprietary models. We aim to lower portfolio volatility by adjusting the stocks and cash levels actively, while still outperforming our benchmark. We practice active risk management on a portfolio, sector and stock basis including the dynamic use of targets and stops. The fund will invest primarily in real estate equities in the United States, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Europe and the UK.

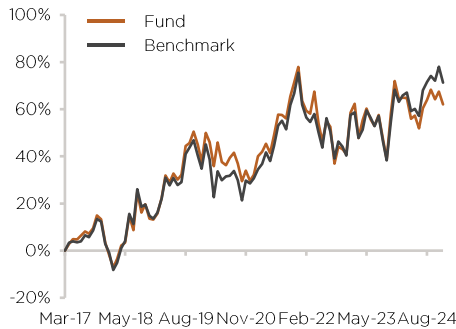
**RISK INDICATOR**



**ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**



**CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



Source: Performance calculated by Prescient Fund Services verified by the FSP  
Date: 31 December 2024

**ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark
1 year	-5.77	1.77
3 years	-3.07	-0.81
5 years	3.32	4.91
Since incep.	6.42	7.17
Highest rolling 1 year	37.32	38.12
Lowest rolling 1 year	-20.74	-20.08

All performance figures are net of fees.

**RISK AND FUND STATS**

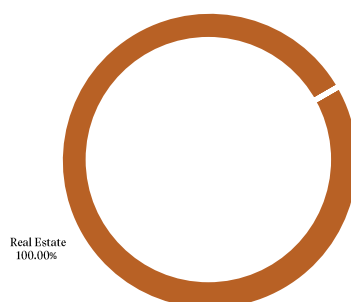
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	-0.75%	
Sharpe Ratio	0.01	0.04
Sortino Ratio	0.02	
Information Ratio	-0.06	
Standard Deviation	17.92%	17.34%
Max Drawdown	-23.03%	-21.20%
Max Gain	14.89%	13.32%
% Positive Months	53.19%	56.38%

Benchmark risk statistics for funds with intra-month inceptions dates are calculated using the monthly return series.

**ASSET ALLOCATION (%)**

	S.A	Foreign	Total
Cash	0.47	3.57	4.04
Property	0.00	95.96	95.96
Total	0.47	99.53	100.00

**EQUITY SECTOR EXPOSURE**



**FUND INFORMATION**

**Fund Manager:**

Rob Hart

**Fund Classification:**

Global - Real Estate - General

**Benchmark:**

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**JSE Code:**

FGREA1

**ISIN Number:**

ZAE000243390

**Regulation 28 Compliant:**

N/A

**Fund Size:**

R285.4 m

**No of Units:**

11,462,572

**Unit Price:**

158.16

**Inception Date:**

March 2017

**Minimum Investment:**

R50 000 lump-sum  
R1 000 per month

**Initial Fee:**

0.00%

**Annual Management Fee:**

1.25% (excl. VAT)

**Performance Fee:**

N/A

**Fee Class:**

A1

**Fee Breakdown:**

Management Fee	1.25%
Performance Fees	N/A
Other Fees*	0.55%

**Total Expense Ratio** 1.80%

**Transaction Costs** 0.07%

**Total Investment Charge** 1.87%

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

\*TIC Fees are calculated in respect of 12 months ending before 30 September 2024

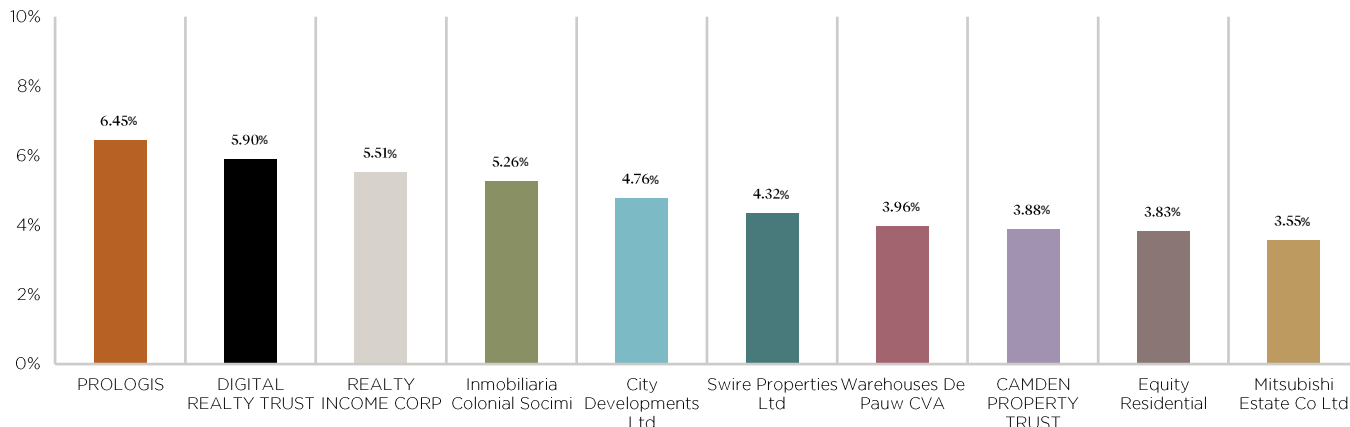
\*Please note that the management fee (1.09%) stated on the MDDs for October 2024, November 2024 and December 2024 (issue date 17 January 2025) was incorrect. The correct management fee is 1.25%.

**Income Distribution:**

31 March 2024 - 0 pcy



TOP 10 HOLDINGS



FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2017			2.81%	2.07%	-0.15%	1.58%	1.61%	-0.92%	2.21%	4.97%	-1.50%	-8.71%	3.38%
2018	-4.96%	-5.52%	3.91%	5.95%	1.16%	10.99%	-5.33%	14.89%	-6.92%	3.06%	-5.11%	-0.43%	9.42%
2019	2.34%	5.61%	7.87%	-2.21%	2.87%	-1.86%	1.51%	9.23%	0.89%	3.32%	-3.70%	-5.04%	21.67%
2020	8.93%	-2.56%	-6.98%	7.34%	-5.66%	-0.95%	2.24%	1.58%	-3.26%	-5.46%	3.46%	-3.25%	-5.85%
2021	1.99%	5.99%	1.34%	2.38%	-2.73%	5.26%	5.98%	-0.10%	-0.96%	5.99%	3.58%	3.86%	37.32%
2022	-8.06%	-2.59%	-0.82%	5.98%	-8.07%	-4.95%	5.85%	-1.55%	-10.20%	5.25%	-0.81%	-1.37%	-20.74%
2023	12.37%	2.39%	-8.89%	5.09%	3.14%	-2.81%	-1.75%	2.97%	-6.28%	-6.08%	14.02%	8.77%	21.94%
2024	-4.44%	0.35%	-0.07%	-5.36%	0.83%	-3.46%	5.67%	2.17%	2.70%	-2.43%	2.02%	-3.28%	-5.77%

MARKET COMMENTARY

In December, the underlying fund outperformed the benchmark by 52 bps as it decreased by 6.56%, while the benchmark decreased by 7.08%. The outperformance was driven by all three bites of the apple. The first bite of the apple, namely stock selection, increased by 18 bps. The second and third bites of the apple, namely region and sector allocation, increased by 12 bps. We held our usual moderate level of cash, which had a positive impact of 22 bps. December was a weak month for real estate globally as the Fed indicated fewer rate cuts in 2025 and the Bank of England held rates constant. All regions and US sectors within the index performed negatively this month.

Regionally, Japanese developers were the least negative, only down 1%, while Japanese REITs were down 4% for the month. We remain underweight in the region as demographic challenges continue, and rates are likely to rise relative to the rest of the world. Hong Kong was the second least negative region, as REITs were down 2% and developers were down 3%. We remain overweight in Hong Kong as valuations are attractive and macro factors have stabilised. Singapore was the third least negative region, with REITs down 3% and developers down 5%, where we are also overweight. Three regions performed below the index. The weakest performing region was Australia, down 12%, as inflation remains elevated and rate cuts continue to be delayed. We continue to underweight this geography. The second weakest region was the UK, down 8%, where we are overweight because of stock specifics rather than macro factors. The third weakest region was the US, where we have been underweight for most of the year given relatively full valuations and some sector fundamental weakness. Lastly, we are neutral on the EU, which was down 6%. The region has been challenged by weaker demand in some sectors; however, valuations are attractive in several sectors, including office.

December was challenging for all US property sectors in terms of stock price performance. The least negative sector was data centres, down 4%, where we are marginally overweight. We have increased our weight slightly as we expect hyperscale demand to remain robust, which should improve cash flows. Lodging was down 5%, but we have no exposure to the sector, given weak fundamentals and tourism demand. Shopping centres were down 6%, and we remain overweight on the back of robust transactions and reduced tenant risk. Residential and malls were also both down 6%. Net leases were down almost 8%, and we remain neutral in the sector because of decent valuations and fundamentals, although external growth has been difficult to achieve. The weakest performing sector was self-storage, down 14%, as demand and rent continue to show weakness, and we remain underweight. Offices were down 10%, but we remain overweight as valuations are attractive and fundamentals are getting less weak at the margin. The third weakest sector was industrial, down 9%, where we were marginally underweight. We expect guidance for 2025 to be more conservative after having to reduce guidance in 2024. Our most underweight sector is healthcare, which also performed below the index, down 8% for December.

The best performing stock for the month was Hong Kong investment property stock Swire Properties, which was up 2%. The rest of the stocks performed negatively. The second and third least negative stocks were Hang Lung Properties, a Hong Kong and China retail property stock, and Mitsubishi Estate, the Japanese developer, both down 1%. At the opposite end of the spectrum, the weakest performing stock was Mirvac Group, an Australian diversified stock, which was down 18% due to housing affordability issues as domestic rates remain elevated. The second and third weakest performers were US storage stocks, Extra Space, down 16% and CubeSmart, down 14%. Storage demand has decreased steadily throughout the year, resulting in weaker growth and forecasts.

The year ended with negative performance across most regions, emphasising the importance of stock picking moving forward. Following a review of our US stocks, we remain underweight as we seek better opportunities in our European and Asian regions where valuations are more favourable. We are looking forward to a better year ahead as we expect more capital raises, transaction activity and deal flow, which should be accretive to earnings.

\*Commentary is based on USD returns, gross of investment charges, as at the close of US markets (16h00 EST) on the last trading day of the month. This may differ from ZAR returns, which are shown net of investment charges, as at 15h00 CAT on the last trading day of the month.



## Glossary

**Annualised Performance:** Annualised performance shows 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.

**Alpha:** Denotes 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.

**Sortino Ratio:** A measure of the risk-adjusted return of a portfolio. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but only penalises the returns falling below a user specified target, or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalises both upside and downside volatility equally.

**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.

**Max Gain:** Largest increase in any single month.

**% Positive Month:** The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

**Total Expense Ratio (TER%):** The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product.

**Performance fee incl. in TER (%) PF (%):** The Performance Fee is a payment made to the Fund Manager for generating outperformance and is generally calculated as percentage of outperformance, often both realized and unrealized.

**Transaction Costs (TC%):** The Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the net asset value of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product.

**Total Investment Charges TIC (%) = TER (%) + TC (%):** The Total Investment Charges (TIC), the TER + the TC, is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product. It should be noted that a TIC is the sum of two calculated ratios (TER+TC).

## Specific Risk

**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.

## Disclosure

The portfolio has adhered to its object and there were no material changes to the composition of the portfolio during the quarter.

## Risk Indicator Definition

This portfolio is permitted to invest in foreign securities which, within portfolios, may have additional material risks, depending on the specific risks affecting that country, such as: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. Investors are reminded that an investment in a currency other than their own may expose them to a foreign exchange risk.

## Disclaimer

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) should be considered as medium to long term investments. The value may go up as well as down and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS's are traded at the ruling price and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing. The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. There is no guarantee in respect of capital or returns in a portfolio. A CIS may be closed to new investors in order for it to be managed more efficiently in accordance with its mandate.

CIS prices are calculated on a net asset basis, which is the total value of all the assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (brokerage, STT, VAT, auditor's fees, bank charges, trustee and custodian fees and the annual management fee) from the portfolio divided by the number of participatory interests (units) in issue. Forward pricing is used. The Fund's Total Expense Ratio (TER) reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. During the phase in period TER's do not include information gathered over a full year. Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

A Feeder Fund is a portfolio that invests in a single portfolio of a collective investment scheme which levies its own charges, and which could result in a higher fee structure for the feeder fund.

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This portfolio operates as a white label fund under the Prescient Unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

Performance has been calculated using net NAV to NAV numbers with income reinvested. The performance for each period shown reflects the return for investors who have been fully invested for that period. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestments and dividend withholding tax. Full performance calculations are available from the manager on request.

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