

# **BENGUELA GLOBAL EQUITY FUND - B**

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT & GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT

#### PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT STRATEGY

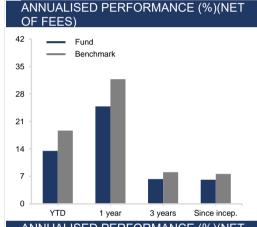
The Global Equity UCITS Portfolio seeks to deliver long-term capital growth that is superior to its benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index ("MSCI ACWI"). The Fund invests with a Quality style and the portfolio managers aim to select stocks that offer the highest intrinsic valuation upside relative to their quality as measured through our proprietary Benguela Quality Score. The portfolio was transitioned to the Ireland UCITS structure during October 2018.

#### **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**







**CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE** 

# ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)(NET OF FEES)

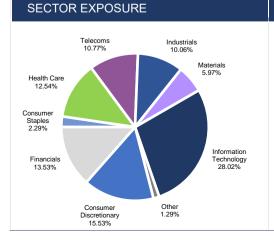
	Fund E	enchmark	Active Return
Since Incep.	22.59%	28.57%	-5.98%
Since Incep. Annualised	6.14%	7.62%	-1.48%
1 year	24.84%	31.76%	-6.92%
2 years	24.47%	26.16%	-1.69%
3 years	6.32%	8.09%	-1.77%
Highest rolling 1 year	24.84%	31.76%	-6.92%
Lowest rolling 1 year	-22.43%	-20.66%	-1.77%

# RISK AND FUND STATS

Since inception (p.a.)					
	Fund	Benchmark			
Alpha	-1.48%				
Sharpe Ratio	0.20	0.28			
Standard Deviation	14.02%	15.57%			
Max Drawdown	-25.49%	-25.63%			
Max Monthly Gain	8.70%	9.23%			
% Positive Months	60.98%	63.41%			

# \*All performance figures are net of fees.





	% of Fund
Apple Inc	6.19%
MICROSOFT CORP	5.54%
Meta Platforms Inc	3.46%
ALPHABET INC-A	2.94%
TSMC	2.67%
Tencent Holdings Ltd	2.49%
NVIDIA	2.47%
Procter & Gamble Co/The	2.29%
Royal Bank of Canada	2.10%
Novartis AG	2.06%
Total	32.22%

#### 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

## ABOUT THE FUND

Fund Manager:

Zwelakhe Mnguni

**Fund Classification:** 

Global - Equity - General

Legal Structure:

UCITS

Benchmark:

MSCI All Country World Daily TR Net USD

**Bloomberg Code:** 

PR20BUSD

ISIN:

IE00BK5LZ800

**Fund Size:** 

\$52.5 m

No of Units:

1,885,368

Unit Price (cpu):

1,225.86

Inception Date:

30 April 2021

**Minimum Investment:** 

\$10 000 000

**Initial Fee:** 

0.00%

**Annual Management Fee:** 

0.55% (no VAT)

#### Fee Breakdown:

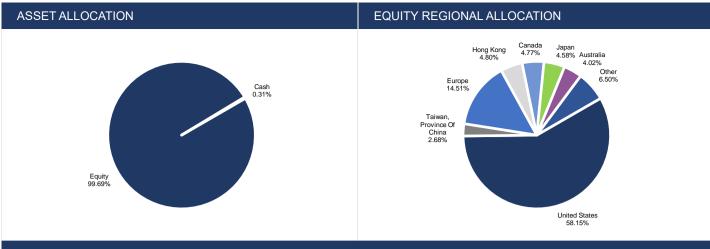
Management Fee	0.55%
Performance Fees	(0.04%)
Other Fees*	0.31%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.82%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.00%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.82%

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

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

Income Distribution:

Does Not Distribute



### **FUND MONTHLY RETURNS**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2021					1.41%	0.93%	1.38%	2.34%	-3.95%	3.11%	-3.09%	3.92%	5.92%
2022	-4.04%	-3.02%	0.80%	-6.35%	0.12%	-7.37%	4.06%	-3.08%	-9.09%	4.76%	8.70%	-2.04%	-16.66%
2023	7.39%	-2.96%	3.99%	1.80%	-1.11%	5.32%	3.85%	-2.89%	-3.99%	-2.60%	8.08%	4.48%	22.36%
2024	-0.08%	1.71%	1.85%	-2.75%	4.38%	2.39%	0.84%	1.91%	2.66%				13.50%

Source: Performance calculated by Prescient Fund Services verified by the FSP Date: 30 September 2024

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#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

The Portfolio has followed and complied with its policy objective.

Despite geopolitical uncertainties and varying economic conditions globally during the quarter, investor sentiment improved due to indications of easing monetary policies from major central banks. The quarter was characterized by volatility as markets reacted to economic data releases and geopolitical events, but ultimately, the broader market movements reflected optimism about less dramatic economic growth slowdown. For the quarter ended September 30, 2024, the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) experienced modest gains, delivering a return of approximately 6.6%. This performance was driven by resilience in developed markets, which were buoyed by stabilizing inflation rates and positive corporate earnings announcements. Emerging markets outperformed their developed market peers, returning 8.9% for the quarter. The Benguela Global Equity UCITS Fund (BGEUF) returned +5.7% for the quarter, thereby underperforming the benchmark by -0.91% over the same period. For the 12 months period to 30 September 2024, the MSCI ACWI returned 32.4% while the BGEUF returned 25.9% thereby underperforming the benchmark by 6.5%. While this outcome is below expectations, our performance can largely be attributed to our cautious stance regarding a select group of influential companies known as the Magnificent Seven (M7)—Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, NVIDIA, Meta Platforms, and Tesla. These industry leaders have driven more than half of the index's gains this year, following their significant contribution to nearly two-thirds of the S&P 500's returns in 2023. Despite concerns about this concentration, their rise is somewhat justified as the M7 accounted for a major portion of the index's earnings growth in the first half of the year. Our approach diverges from the market consensus in that we remain skeptical about projecting the recent levels of extraordinary profitability far into the future. We expect to underperform when markets discard the discipline of considering valuations in their pricing of assets.

Below are the quarterly asset allocation changes:

	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Change
Equity	97.43%	99.69%	+2.26%
Property	-	-	-
Cash	2.57%	0.31%	-2.26%

### Portfolio Outlook

As we reflect on the past twelve months, our commitment to quality investing and disciplined valuation metrics remains steadfast despite the challenging landscape that the Benguela Global Equity Fund has faced. The volatility of the market has tested our strategies, particularly following a stellar performance period since our inception. Although we have encountered obstacles that impacted our short-term returns, we are proud to maintain a mid-table ranking in both the three and fiveyear Citywire standings, underscoring the resilience of our strategy over a longer horizon. One significant detractor from our performance has been our investment in Nvidia; shortly after establishing a small position, the Al hype drove valuations to levels beyond intrinsic worth. While this experience serves as a reminder of market exuberance, it highlights our commitment to thorough research and the importance of adhering to disciplined valuation practices. We will be providing clients with a detailed thought piece on Nvidia, where we will delve deeper into our investment rationale and lessons learned that will ultimately fortify our investment approach going forward. In reviewing our application of the fundamental law of active management, we identified key areas for improvement, particularly in portfolio breadth and transfer coefficient. Allocations to midcap companies, especially within the energy, education and healthcare sectors, have faced challenges including amongst others: reckless changes in strategy by management or hostile regulatory environments. In light of these lessons, we have adapted our strategy to reduce bet sizes on smaller companies while still respecting their quality and attractive valuations. Additionally, we recognize the need to enhance our exposure to Aldriven technology within the U.S. market, which is poised for substantial growth in the current environment. Looking ahead, our team is optimistic about the trajectory of the Benguela Global Equity Fund. With an information coefficient of 67% indicating a solid accuracy in our stock selection processes, we are well-positioned to refine our investment strategies moving forward. Our tracking error remains at a manageable 3%, supported by an active share greater than 80%, reflecting our deliberate differentiation from benchmark indices. Given the current volatile markets and a declining economic growth outlook, our quality investing approach is expected to perform favorably, enabling us to better serve our clients and enhance portfolio outcomes in the months to come. We are dedicated to leveraging our insights from the past year as we pursue opportunities aligned with our investment philosophy, ensuring a resilient and high-quality portfolio for our investors.

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#### **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.

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.

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.

#### **FUND 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.

% 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.

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.

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

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

#### **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 a reliable 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 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.

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Given the inclusion of foreign securities in the portfolio, there may be periodic constraints on liquidity as well as the repatriation of funds, caused by macroeconomic risks, political risks, foreign exchange risks, tax risks, settlement risks, and potential limitations on the availability of market information. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments with the understanding that there are no guarantees. Furthermore, kindly note that all documents, notifications of deposits, investment, redemption and switch applications must be received by Prescient Fund Services (Ireland) Limited before 10:00am (Irish time) and will be transacted at the net asset value price of the day. Where all required documentation is not received before the stated cut off time, neither Benguela Global Fund Managers nor Prescient Fund Services (Ireland) shall be obliged to transact at the net asset value price as agreed to. The fund is priced at 5pm (New York Time). For any additional information on Benguela's investment approach, and for our full prospectus and KIID (both in English) which are free of charge, kindly contact Benguela Global Fund Managers or go to www.benguelaglobal.com.

The Benguela Global Equity Fund is registered and approved under section 65 of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act 45 of 2002.

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