

# PRESCIENT CORE GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY FUND (B)

## MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT & GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT

### INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to deliver returns close to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index Total Return at low cost. Although the Fund is structured similarly to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, it is not a tracker fund and can out / underperform the MSCI Emerging Markets Index by small amounts over time.

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund follows an investment process which firstly endeavours to follow the composition of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index closely and secondly seeks enhancement opportunities to secure for investors an optimum overall return. The Fund can use derivatives to create exposure to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or subsets thereof in a low cost and efficient manner.

### WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors who are seeking long term capital growth through diversified exposure to the global markets by investing in a fund with a low tracking error relative to the MSCI Emerging Markets Index and who are cost conscious.

### 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		
1 year	5.94	7.50		
Since incep.	5.64	5.90		
Highest rolling 1 year	27.31	26.05		
Lowest rolling 1 year	-4.05	-2.94		

RISK AND FUND STATS (Since inception)			TOP 10 SHARES	
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark	% of Fund	
Alpha	-0.26%		Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	10.5
Sharpe Ratio			Tencent Holdings Ltd	4.5
Standard Deviation	19.97%	18.68%	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	2.2
Max Drawdown	-14.03%	-14.46%	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	2.2
Dividend Yield	2.63%	2.64%	HDFC Bank Ltd	1.5
PE Ratio	15.47	15.43	Meituan	1.3
			Reliance Industries Ltd	1.1
			China Construction Bank Corp	1.0
			ICICI Bank Ltd	1.0
			Infosys Ltd	1.0
			<b>Total</b>	<b>26.3</b>

ASSET ALLOCATION		SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)			
		Fund	Benchmark	Relative	
		Communication Services	9.4	9.4	0.0
		Consumer Discretionary	13.1	13.1	0.0
		Consumer Staples	4.8	4.8	0.0
		Energy	4.6	4.6	0.0
		Financials	23.7	23.7	-0.1
		Health Care	3.4	3.4	0.0
		Industrials	6.6	6.6	0.0
		Information Technology	24.2	24.3	-0.1
		Materials	5.7	5.7	0.0
		Real Estate	1.6	1.7	0.0
		Utilities	2.7	2.7	0.0
		Cash	0.2	0.0	0.2

# Prescient

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

31 DECEMBER 2024

## ABOUT THE FUND

**Fund Manager:**  
Prescient Equity Team

**Fund Classification:**  
Global - Equity - General Funds

**Benchmark:**  
MSCI Emerging Markets TR Net Index

**Bloomberg Code:**  
PR58BUSD

**ISIN:**  
IE00035JUFH9

**Fund Size:**  
\$44.3 m

**No of Units:**  
80,522

**Unit Price (cpu):**  
1,125.10

**Inception Date:**  
31 August 2022

**Minimum Investment:**  
\$2 500 per month

**Income Distribution:**  
Does not Distribute

**Initial Fee:**  
0.00%

**Annual Management Fee:**  
0.30% (no VAT)

(All performance figures are net of TIC)

Fee Breakdown:	
Management Fee	0.30%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Fees*	0.36%
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	<b>0.66%</b>
<b>Transaction Costs (TC)</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Investment Charge (TIC)</b>	<b>0.66%</b>

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

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## FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2022									-11.79%	-1.19%	15.01%	-3.14%	-2.91%
2023	9.59%	-8.06%	3.55%	-0.75%	-3.09%	5.08%	6.37%	-7.02%	-3.61%	-4.08%	9.24%	4.89%	10.49%
2024	-4.83%	4.19%	2.87%	-0.65%	1.59%	3.16%	1.35%	1.22%	6.24%	-4.00%	-2.80%	-1.91%	5.94%

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

## FUND COMMENTARY

### Market Context

Despite the pullback in December, equity markets generally delivered commendable returns in 2024. While the MSCI World Index gave back 2.61% this month, the index closed the year a solid 18.67% higher. The AI-fueled technology sector rally, coupled with a softer interest rate environment, were the major thematic contributors to this performance. Market participants, however, re-evaluated the pace of monetary policy moderation heading into 2025 on the back of a marginally higher inflation print and the looming uncertainties at the dawn of the second Trump term in the US. The S&P 500 Index closed the month down 2.38%, capping off an impressive 25.02% stand-out gain for the year.

European markets, with worsening economic fundamentals and political instability, were unfortunately on the other side of this spectrum. The Euro Stoxx Index lost 8.91% during this final quarter, eking out an underwhelming 2.20% return for the year.

In Asia, China's CSI 300 Index similarly had a negative final quarter from the relatively high September base levels, down 5.83% in US dollars amid a relentless property sector decline and muted consumer confidence. Japan's equity market was among the top-performing markets in local currency terms during a year that saw a significant shift in monetary policy; however, the weaker yen resulted in a 6.84% gain for the Nikkei 225 Index in US dollars.

The broader emerging markets lagged behind developed markets. The MSCI EM Index closed the final quarter down 8.01% in US dollars, bringing the 2024 return to 7.50%. The domestic equity market, despite significant drawdowns in the Rand and resources sector—down 9.12% and 10.26%, respectively, for the quarter—closed the year 13.44% higher.

### Fund Positioning

The Fund maintains the maximum effective exposure to the large- and mid-cap sectors of the market. This equity exposure consists of top three allocations to the technology, financials, and consumer discretionary sectors, with the largest share exposures to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing, Tencent Holdings and Alibaba.

### Outlook

As we cross over into 2025, we maintain our moderately positive outlook for the local equity market. The favourable valuation and sentiment indicators continue to underpin this view. We remain neutral on the listed property sector and have now moved from a moderately negative to a neutral view on US equities on the back of an improvement in the economic outlook.

### Fund Performance

The Fund has delivered a positive return in absolute terms over the last year however still lagging relative to the benchmark. This short term underperformance is reflective of the tough investment environment.

### Contributors and Detractors

The top contributors to the Fund's performance in December were Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (+%), Tencent Holdings Ltd (+4.8%), and Xiaomi Corp (+24.3%). Detractors included Meituan (-10.1%), NU Holdings Ltd/Cayman Islands (-17.3%), and Reliance Industries Ltd (-5.9%).

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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.

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

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

**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.

**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

**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.

**% 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.

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

**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.

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