## MAESTRO EQUITY PRESCIENT FUND



# Prescient

30 November 2024

Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report Investment objective

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund will be a general equity portfolio. The Manager in selecting securities for the portfolio will seek to follow an investment policy which will secure for investors an optimum overall return, that is to say the steady growth of income and the preservation of capital in real terms. In order to achieve these main objectives, the investments to be acquired for the Maestro Equity Prescient Fund, shall comprise a mix of securities, financially sound ordinary shares, stock, financially sound preference shares, debenture stock, debenture bonds and unsecured notes as defined in the Act and the Deed, all to be acquired at a fair market value.

#### The Fund benchmark

The Fund will measure itself against the FTSE-JSE All Share Index. ASISA Classification: South African-Equity-General.

#### Legal structure

The Fund is a scheme in the nature of a trust known as a collective investment scheme. The portfolio manager is Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, an approved Financial Services Provider in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, operating under license number 739. This portfolio operates as a white label fund under the Prescient unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

#### Fee structure

The maximum initial fee is 2.0%. The annual investment management fee is 1.75%. The annual total expense ratio (TER) for period ended 30 September 2024, in respect of class A was 2.68%.

Income declaration (annually) 47.43 cents per unit 31 March 2024

Fund size

R14 981 556.56

**NAV** Class A: 4 136.83

Number of units in issue (A class) 315 588.3559

Fund inception date 1 July 2005

Management Company Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd PO Box 31142, Tokai, 7945

Trustee and auditor Trustee: Nedbank Limited Auditor: Ernst & Young incorporated

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### **Market Overview**

Global equity markets - well, most of them - breathed a sigh of relief that the US election is a thing of the past. Not surprisingly, US equity markets posted the largest gains during November, rallying on US President-elect Trump's supposed "business-friendly" approach. The S&P500 rose 5.8%, bringing its year-to-date return to 28.0%. The mid and small cap sectors rallied even more, rising 8.7% and 10.8% respectively, although their respective year-to-date returns of 21.0% and 16.3% lag those of the large caps. The NASDAQ index rose 6.2%. The strong US markets helped the MSCI World index to a 4.5% gain in November, but the strong dollar - it rose 1.7% during the month - depressed emerging market returns. The MSCI Emerging market index declined 3.7%, highlighting just how disparate the returns between developed and emerging markets have been this year: the MSCI World and Emerging market indices' respective year-to-date returns to end-November are 20.2% and 5.4%. The German equity market rose 2.9%, and the Japanese equity market lost 2.2%. Hong Kong lost 4.4%, while the Chinese equity market rose 1.4%. The Indian equity market rose 0.5% but Brazil lost 3.1%.

Global bond markets were less enamored by the Trump victory, focusing on the effect of significant increases in government spending on an already-high budget deficit. The Bloomberg Aggregate Bond index rose 0.3% - its year-to-date return is now only 0.5% which doesn't come close to the MSCI World index comparable return of 20.2%. The strong dollar had a significant negative effect on the commodity price complex. The euro lost 2.7% against the dollar in November, although Bitcoin, another apparent beneficiary of Trump's victory, rose 37.9%, bringing its year-to-date return to an astonishing 128.3%.

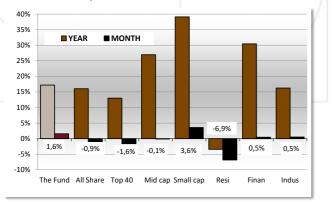
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### Returns for periods ended 30 November 2024



### Local market returns

The All Share index lost 0.9% during November, bringing its year-to-date (rand) return to 13.8%. The Basic Materials index lost 6.9%, due in large part to the weakness in commodity prices, while the Financial and Industrial indices each rose 0.5%. The large and mid-cap indices lost 1.6% and 0.1% respectively, while the small-cap index rose 3.6%. The rand lost 2.1% against the strong dollar, but the All Bond index rose 3.0%. Unlike global bond returns, the All Bond index year-to-date return of 17.5% is significantly ahead of the comparable 13.8% year-to-date return of the All Share index.

### Investment Manager comment

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund rose 1.6% in November, versus the 0.9% decline in the All Share index. The Fund's significant (37.0%) global exposure drove the outperformance of the All Share index for the second consecutive month. During November, the Satrix Resources ETF lost 6.0%, Billiton lost 3.5%, and Richemont 2.1%. Boosted by the weak rand, the Sygnia MSCI World index ETF rose 6.1%, Discovery Holdings rose 7.0%, the Core Shares S&P500 ETF 7.5%, and the Sygnia MSCI US index ETF 7.6%.

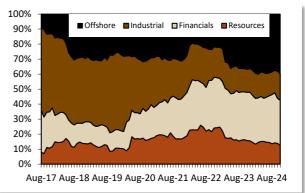
There were no material changes to the Fund's portfolio during October.

The Fund adhered to its Policy objective during the month.

#### Investment % of Fund Sygnia iTrix MSCI World ETF 18.2% Sygnia iTrix US ETF 10.2% Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd 9.2% CoreShares S&P500 ETF 8.6% 7.7% Satrix Resources (Resi) ETF 7.0% **Discovery Ltd** Afrimat Ltd 6.4% Standard Bank Group 5.9% Firstrand Ltd 5.9% **BHP** Group Ltd 4.0% Total 83.1%

### Largest holdings as at 30 November 2024

### Historic sector allocation (% of Equity)



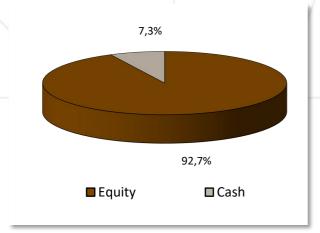
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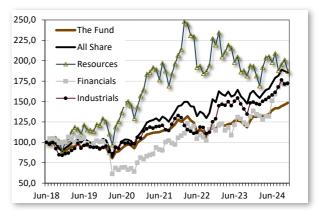
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### Five-year cumulative performance\*



\*The cumulative performance is for illustrative purposes only. Investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown. Income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

### Month and annual average returns (%)

| Investment                            | 1 month | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 7 years | 10 years | 15 years |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*        | 1.6     | 17.2   | 6.9     | 10.1    | 4.6     | 4.1      | 7.6      |
| FTSE-JSE All share index              | -0.9    | 16.1   | 10.5    | 13.0    | 8.9     | 9.0      | 11.5     |
| ASISA SA General Equity category ave. | -0.1    | 15.8   | 9.2     | 10.7    | 7.0     | 7.0      | 9.7      |

Source: Financial Times, Morningstar; 30 September 2024

### Calendar year performance (%)

| Investment                     | YTD  | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018  |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Maestro Equity Prescient Fund* | 13.0 | 14.0 | -9.1 | 24.6 | 10.7 | 4.4  | -13.4 |
| FTSE-JSE All share index       | 13.8 | 9.3  | 3.6  | 29.2 | 7.0  | 12.1 | -8.5  |

\*Performance is net of all fees and costs

Source: Financial Times; 30 September 2024

### Rolling return (%)

| Highest rolling 1-year return (since launch) | 41.9%  |
|--|--------|
| Lowest rolling 1-year return (since launch)  | -34.5% |

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### Prescient MANAGEMENT COMPANY Disclaimer

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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 participation investment in the value of all the assets has 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 madate. CIS prices are calculated on a net asset basis, which is the total value of all the assets in the portfolio had SIS and Jesons and less any permissible deductions (brokerage, STT, VAT, auditor's fees, bank charges, trutset and custodian fees and the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management fee) from the portfolio divided by the number of participatory interests (units) in issue. Forward pricing is used. The Fund's Total Exponse Ratio (TER) for all costs criticipators interests (units) in sizue. 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 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 value of free as at the last day of the month. This yield is subject to change as market rates and underlying investment schange. The Manager retains full legal responsibility for any third party-named portfolio. Where foreign ascertificators interest-the as and tertarge transaction of the sate of the availability on the nevationed in a portfolio there may be potential constraints on liquidi

#### Risks

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. Foreign Investment risk: Foreign securities investments may use subject to risks pertaining to overseas jurisdictions and markets, including (but not limited to) local liquidity, macroeconomic, political, tax, settlement risk: and currency fluctuations. Property risk: Investments in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic and political conditions, interest rates and tax considerations.

#### **Glossary Summary**

Annualized performance: Annualized performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualized performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

Highest & Lowest return: The highest and lowest returns 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.

#### Total Expense Ratio (TER)

As at 30 September 2024 the TER for Class A units were as follows:

| Management Fee                | 2.02% |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Performance Fees              | 0.00% |
| Other Cost                    | 0.66% |
| Total Expense Ratio (TER)     | 2.68% |
| Transaction Costs (TC)        | 0.01% |
| Total Investment Charge (TIC) | 2.69% |

#### Minimum investment:

Lump sum: R100 000 Debit order: R1 000

#### **Risk Profile:**

The Fund's risk profile is classified as high as listed equity investments make up the majority of the Fund's holdings. Generally, equities have a higher level of volatility compared with other asset classes, however the expected long term returns are higher than other classes.

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#### Investment Manager:

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