

# **Fairtree Select Equity Prescient Fund**

Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report - Class A1

30 September 2025

## **Investment Objective**

The Fairtree Select Equity Prescient Fund is an actively managed domestic general equity fund with a focus on maximizing total returns for the client. The objective of the fund is to create medium to long-term capital growth from a selection of high conviction, concentrated equity opportunities, predominantly within the South African market. The fund invests in securities across all sectors of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) which trade below intrinsic value or have capital appreciation potential.

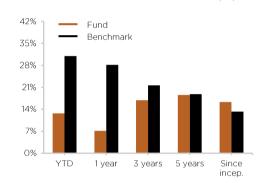
## **Investment Policy**

In order to achieve its objective, the portfolio will typically hold 25 shares. The fund is restricted to a maximum of 40 shares. The fund will invest across all industry sections ranging across large, mid and smaller cap shares. Although the portfolio manager will predominantly invest in South African markets, the manager may also include investments in offshore jurisdictions.

## **RISK INDICATOR**



## **ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**



# Source: Performance calculated by Prescient Fund Services verified by the FSP Date: 30 September 2025

## **ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark		
1 year	7.12	28.13		
3 years	16.88	21.59		
5 years	18.56	18.83		
Since incep.	16.31	13.26		
Highest rolling 1 year	92.10	54.24		
Lowest rolling 1 year	-27.81	-24.53		

All performance figures are net of fees

## **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



Dec-18 Dec-19 Jan-21 Feb-22 Mar-23 Apr-24 May-25

## **RISK AND FUND STATS**

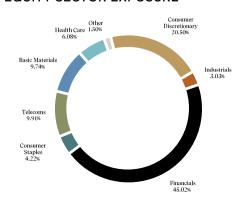
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	3.05%	
Sharpe Ratio	0.53	0.47
Sortino Ratio	0.86	
Information Ratio	0.31	
Standard Deviation	18.92%	15.32%
Max Drawdown	-33.63%	-28.12%
Max Gain	24.58%	14.18%
% Positive Months	59.76%	62.20%

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

## **ASSET ALLOCATION (%)**

	S.A	Foreign	Total
Equity	93.60	4.25	97.85
Cash	1.57	0.58	2.15
Total	95.17	4.83	100.00

## **EQUITY SECTOR EXPOSURE**



## **FUND INFORMATION**

#### Fund Manager:

Deon Botha

#### **Fund Classification:**

South African - Equity - General

## Benchmark:

FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX All Share Total Return

#### JSE Code:

FSEA1

#### ISIN Number:

ZAE000266664

#### **Regulation 28 Compliant:**

N/A

## Fund Size:

R2.6 bn

#### No of Units:

179,635,555

#### **Unit Price:**

233.83

## Inception Date:

December 2018

#### Minimum Investment:

R50 000 lump-sum R1 000 per month

## Initial Fee:

0.00%

## **Annual Management Fee:**

1.00% (excl. VAT)

## Performance Fee:

15% outperformance over Capped SWIX with a 1 year rolling highwater mark. Capped at 1.50% (excl VAT).

## Fee Class:

Α1

## Fee Breakdown:

Management Fee	1.00%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Fees*	0.18%
Total Expense Ratio	1.18%
Transaction Costs	1.18%
Total Investment Charge	2.36%

\*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 June 2025

## **Income Distribution:**

31 March 2025 - 4.14 cpu

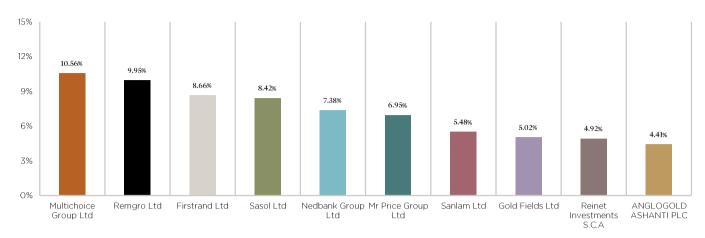


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## TOP 10 SA EQUITY HOLDINGS (AS AT 30 JUNE 2025)



## **FUND MONTHLY RETURNS**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
2018												2.77%	2.77%
2019	2.69%	3.64%	-1.13%	3.62%	-4.28%	5.13%	-0.98%	-2.96%	0.53%	5.35%	-1.80%	4.37%	14.45%
2020	-0.30%	-12.60%	-23.83%	24.58%	6.92%	11.96%	5.03%	0.96%	-3.67%	-0.86%	7.12%	6.71%	14.57%
2021	4.22%	2.41%	4.26%	-0.04%	1.84%	-6.56%	6.17%	-1.77%	-2.51%	6.31%	2.03%	3.23%	20.50%
2022	-1.51%	7.44%	5.61%	0.64%	-1.78%	-4.93%	4.17%	0.57%	-2.34%	6.27%	4.31%	-2.48%	16.14%
2023	7.54%	-0.10%	2.78%	3.97%	-3.47%	-0.02%	3.25%	-0.47%	-0.93%	-4.70%	8.44%	0.84%	17.56%
2024	-3.52%	-3.77%	5.88%	5.76%	1.21%	2.81%	1.93%	0.88%	5.43%	-1.19%	-2.81%	-1.04%	11.46%
2025	3.54%	0.58%	4.01%	-1.43%	3.05%	-0.42%	2.79%	2.64%	-2.49%				12.72%

## MARKET COMMENTARY

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) increased by 6.6% in September 2025. The FTSE/JSE Shareholder Weighted Index (SWIX) also increased by 6.6%, and the FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (Capped SWIX) increased by 6.5%. The rand strengthened by 2.2% during the month. Industrials and Resources increased by 1.3% and 26.4% respectively, while Financials decreased by 1.9%.

Over September, iron ore increased slightly by 0.4% to US\$98.5/t, and thermal coal decreased by 3.7% to US\$86.4/t. Brent crude oil decreased by 1.3%, closing the month at US\$66.0/bbl. Gold was up by 11.9% to US\$3859.0/oz, and platinum increased by 14.9% to US\$1575.7/oz. Palladium increased by 14.3% to US\$1261.3/oz.

September 2025 saw global markets taking their cue from a more dovish Federal Reserve, which responded to clear signs of a cooling US economy by cutting rates by 25bps. The rate cut provided a tailwind for US equities and bonds, while a flight to safety amid a US government shutdown propelled gold to record highs.

The August Non-Farm Payrolls report, released in early September, showed a stark slowdown in job creation. The US economy added a mere 22,000 jobs, falling significantly short of the 75,000 forecasted by economists. The unemployment rate also ticked up to 4.3%. This weaker-than-expected data solidified market expectations for a rate cut and signalled to the Fed that downside risks to employment were materialising.

In South Africa, the SARB maintained a cautious easing bias, refraining from cutting rates. On the reform tape, incremental progress was visible in logistics: operational metrics at key ports improved off a low base and open access rail processes continued to advance, even as system performance remains uneven. Policy signals were broadly constructive, with authorities highlighting completion of grey list remediation steps and noting encouraging dialogue on US trade preferences. High frequency activity data stayed mixed—vehicle sales remained robust into August, while retail indicators reflected a consumer still rebuilding balance sheets, but corporate tax and personal income tax collections pointed to resilient formal sector earnings and wage dynamics.

Global risks remain elevated and highlight the complex interplay of factors shaping the global financial landscape. The dramatic rally in gold underscored the growing investor uncertainty and a flight to safety in the face of economic and political headwinds.

The Fund experienced a trying month, as the opportunity presented in domestic-facing industrials, retail, and financials vastly underperformed the miners on the JSE. We see lots of opportunity for excellent risk-adjusted returns at present and expect earnings leadership to change on the domestic bourse over the coming months.



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Glossary

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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.

High Water Mark: The highest level of performance achieved over a specified period.

Performance Fee Cap: The maximum performance fee that can be charged over a specified period.

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.

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

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).

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

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

\*\*Norporty 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

The portfolio is a high conviction, concentrated portfolio of listed equities across all sectors of the JSE. The portfolio is comprised of our best bottom up ideas, whilst balancing sector specific risks and macro influences. The combination of macro factors and a bottom up fundamental research driven approach, helps us to identify exceptional investment cases that should deliver market beating performance. We actively manage risk and optimize return by managing position sizing. We continually reassess risks and potential returns in changing circumstances, ensuring appropriate portfolio changes to protect capital, while keeping a firm focus on longer term compounding of returns.

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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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