



**Investment Objective**

The Fairtree Global Emerging Markets Prescient Fund is an actively managed global equity fund. The objective of the fund is to offer long term capital growth by investing in emerging equity markets or in companies that derive a significant portion of their revenue in emerging economies. The portfolio is constructed in a diversified manner and aims to provide returns above the index.

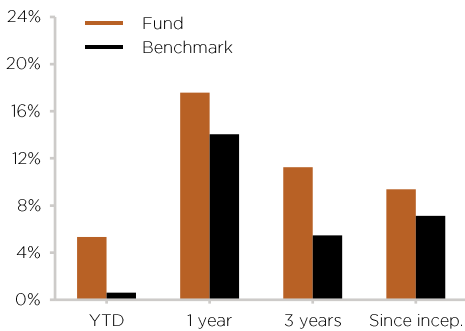
**Investment Policy**

The objective of the Fairtree Global Emerging Markets Prescient Fund is to provide investors with long term capital growth by investing primarily in large and mid-cap stocks within emerging equity markets, or in companies that derive a significant portion of their revenue, profits or asset base from emerging economies. Our investment philosophy is to buy quality companies, that are growing earnings, at attractive valuations below intrinsic value. In order to achieve this objective, the portfolio uses a quantitative screening process, based on various factors, to identify the most attractive opportunities. Fundamental research is then performed to determine the inclusion and sizing of positions.

**RISK INDICATOR**

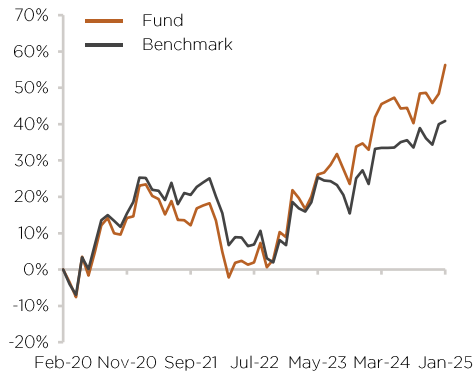


**ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**



Source: Performance calculated by Prescient Fund Services verified by the FSP  
Date: 31 January 2025

**CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



**ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark
1 year	<b>17.57</b>	14.03
3 years	<b>11.25</b>	5.46
Since incep.	<b>9.38</b>	7.11
Highest rolling 1 year	<b>30.17</b>	31.09
Lowest rolling 1 year	<b>-18.68</b>	-16.91

All performance figures are net of fees.

**RISK AND FUND STATS**

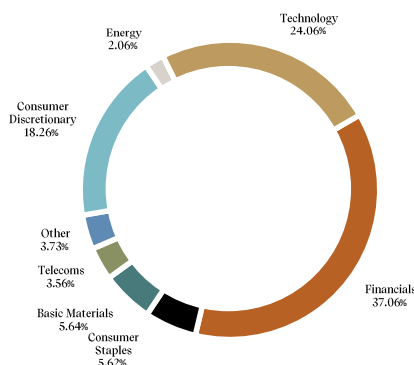
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	<b>2.27%</b>	
Sharpe Ratio	<b>0.24</b>	0.14
Sortino Ratio	<b>0.45</b>	
Information Ratio	<b>0.30</b>	
Max Drawdown	<b>-20.77%</b>	-18.62%
Max Gain	<b>12.06%</b>	11.20%
% Positive Months	<b>58.33%</b>	48.33%

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

**ASSET ALLOCATION (%)**

	S.A	Foreign	Total
Equity	9.19	89.39	<b>98.58</b>
Cash	0.48	0.28	<b>0.76</b>
Property	0.00	0.66	<b>0.66</b>
Total	9.67	90.33	<b>100.00</b>

**EQUITY SECTOR EXPOSURE**



**FUND INFORMATION**

**Fund Manager:**

Cornelius Zeeman and Jacques Haasbroek

**Fund Classification:**

Global - Equity - General

**Benchmark:**

MSCI Emerging Markets Index TR Net Index (ZAR)

**JSE Code:**

FGMPA1

**ISIN Number:**

ZAE000281507

**Regulation 28 Compliant:**

N/A

**Fund Size:**

R656 m

**No of Units:**

5,354,445

**Unit Price:**

152.10

**Inception Date:**

February 2020

**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 the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, with a high-water mark. Capped at 1.00% (excl VAT).

**Fee Class:**

A1

**Fee Breakdown:**

Management Fee	1.00%
Performance Fees	0.39%
Other Fees*	0.40%
<b>Total Expense Ratio</b>	<b>1.79%</b>
<b>Transaction Costs</b>	<b>0.84%</b>
<b>Total Investment Charge</b>	<b>2.63%</b>

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

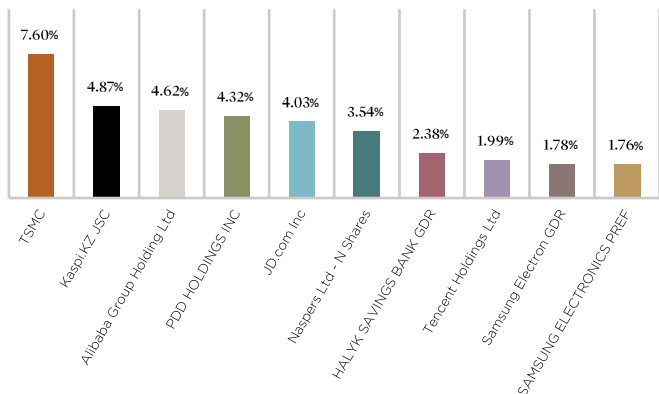
\*TIC Fees are calculated in respect of 12 months ending before 31 December 2024

**Income Distribution:**

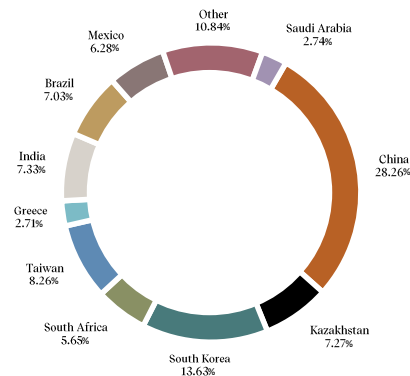
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TOP 10 HOLDINGS



COUNTRY EXPOSURE



FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2020		-3.55%	-4.21%	12.06%	-5.01%	6.63%	6.94%	1.82%	-3.69%	-0.33%	4.21%	0.39%	14.67%
2021	7.31%	0.30%	-2.56%	-0.75%	-3.49%	3.15%	-4.33%	-0.11%	-1.22%	4.20%	0.61%	0.58%	3.13%
2022	-4.03%	-7.62%	-6.73%	4.19%	0.49%	-1.06%	0.63%	5.29%	-6.29%	2.11%	7.40%	-1.25%	-7.90%
2023	11.85%	-1.82%	-2.47%	2.93%	5.05%	0.43%	1.72%	2.29%	-3.15%	-3.21%	8.32%	0.65%	23.66%
2024	-1.30%	6.74%	2.55%	0.65%	0.58%	-2.04%	0.11%	-2.90%	5.85%	0.12%	-1.94%	1.80%	10.17%
2025	5.33%												5.33%

MARKET COMMENTARY

The Fund returned 5.33% for the month, outperforming the benchmark significantly by 4.66%. Global markets saw a strong reversal in January, with the MSCI ACWI Index and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index increasing by 3.36% and 1.79%, respectively (all in USD).

US equities ended the month 3% higher, with the non-farm payrolls data showing 256 000 jobs were added to the economy and highlighting the robust US jobs market. The Federal Reserve held rates at the January meeting and scaled back the number of interest rate cuts expected during the year as core inflation eased to 3.2% in December. Shares of AI-related US companies experienced pronounced volatility following the release of Deepseek, a large language model from China that was trained at a significantly lower cost, yet still able to produce similar results to current US models. European shares started 2025 off strong, ending the month 6.9% higher. Europe benefited from a rotation out of US tech stocks in January, while worries over trade tariffs eased slightly. The ECB lowered interest rates by 25 basis points based on their assessment of the inflation outlook and stagnating economic growth in the region.

Within emerging markets, Brazil was the strongest performer over the month, increasing 12.4% off a low base and a stronger local currency. China increased slightly by 0.9% for the month, but underperformed the index as concerns around US tariffs on imported Chinese goods remained top of mind. India and Malaysia were the worst-performing emerging markets over the month, decreasing 3.6% and 4.7%, respectively, driven by growth concerns. At a sector level, Information Technology was the best performer over the month. However, our underweight position detracted from relative performance, followed by Financials, where our overweight position added to relative performance. The Fund's overweight exposure to the Consumer discretionary sector, driven by stocking, added meaningfully to relative performance over the month.

Noteworthy portfolio actions over the month included partially switching the positions in Prosus and Tencent into a new position in Naspers, while new positions were also initiated in Capitec, FirstRand, Truworths, Bidvest and Mr Price in South Africa. SA Inc. has pulled back approximately 10% over the last few months, offering an attractive entry point. Despite some concerning developments around expropriation without compensation (EWC) and a brief stint of loadshedding, we believe the South African economy is slowly moving in the right direction under the Government of National Unity (GNU). We saw the ANC backtracking on the role medical aids will play under NHI, and confidence levels and corporate credit are picking up. The existing position in Gold Fields was trimmed, while the positions in Richemont, NetEase, British American Tobacco and Brava Energia were exited into strength. Richemont reported a stellar quarterly revenue result, which led to a re-rating.

Notable contributors to the Fund's performance were positions in JD.com (+66 bps absolute, +58 bps relative), Alibaba (+62 bps absolute, +50 bps relative) and Pinduoduo (+55 bps absolute, +42 bps relative). Notable detractors from performance over the month included Prosus (-27 bps absolute and relative), Tencent (-17 bps absolute, +7 bps relative) and Axis Bank (-13 bps absolute, -10 bps relative).

The Fund's style and country positioning remain largely unchanged, with Kazakhstan as the largest overweight through positions in Kaspi and Halyk. The Fund remains underweight in Taiwan and India, where both markets continue to trade at elevated valuations compared to their history and emerging market peers.



**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.

**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.

**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**

The Fund will mainly invest in large and mid cap stocks within emerging equity markets, or in companies that derive a significant portion of their revenue, profits or asset base from emerging economies.

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