



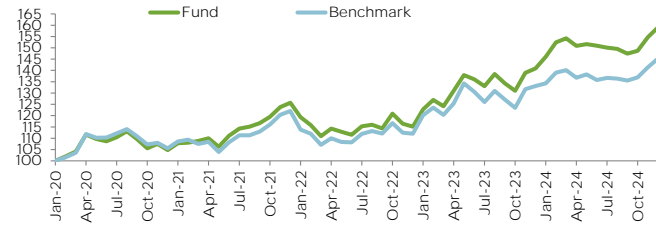
## FUND OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY

The ClucasGray Global Flexible Prescient Fund aims to provide medium to long-term capital and income growth over time by investing in a flexible portfolio of global asset classes and currencies. The Fund will invest in a diversified mix of global assets, including equities, bonds, property, preference shares, debentures, fixed interest securities and money market instruments. The Fund will employ asset and geographical allocations to reflect changing economic and market conditions to maximise returns over the long term.

## FUND INFORMATION

<b>Portfolio Managers:</b>	Guy MacRobert & JP Maritz
<b>Inception Date:</b>	31 January 2020
<b>Fund Size (ZAR millions):</b>	R 369.5 million
<b>Unit Price:</b>	155.25
<b>ASISA Category:</b>	Global Multi-Asset Flexible
<b>Benchmark:</b>	Market value-weighted average return of Global Multi Asset High Equity (50%) and Low Equity (50%)
<b>Min lump Sum:</b>	R10 000
<b>Min monthly investment:</b>	R1 000
<b>Issue Date:</b>	16 January 2025

## CUMULATIVE VALUE OF R100 INVESTED AT INCEPTION VS PEER GROUP (ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE)



The illustrative investment performance is shown for illustrative purposes only and 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.

## ROLLING 12 MONTH RETURN\*\*

	Highest	Average	Lowest
Fund Class B1	24.0%	9.1%	-8.4%

\* Fund performance is the net weighted average fee return for the fund  
 \*\* Highest Fee Class

## PERFORMANCE (NET OF FEES) AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	1 month	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years (Ann)	Since Inception (Ann)
Fund*	2.8%	5.4%	12.9%	12.9%	8.2%	9.9%
Class B1	2.8%	5.4%	12.9%	12.9%	8.1%	9.9%
Benchmark	2.8%	7.0%	9.1%	9.1%	6.0%	7.9%

## RISK & FUND STATS (ANNUALISED SINCE INCEPTION)

Sharpe Ratio	0.5
Standard Deviation	10.4%
Max Drawdown	-11.7%
% Positive Months	59.3%

## RISK INDICATOR

These portfolios generally hold more equity exposure than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios. In turn, the expected volatility is higher than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios. The probability of losses is higher than low risk portfolios, but less than high risk

LOW	LOW - MED	<b>MED</b>	MED - HIGH	HIGH
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## WHO SHOULD INVEST

The Fund is an ideal wealth creation vehicle for investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon.

## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY | DECEMBER 2024

Following a weak December, triggered by the US Federal Reserve scaling back the number of expected interest rate cuts for 2025, global equity markets ended the fourth quarter lower with the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) losing -1.0%. But all three major US indices, especially the tech-heavy Nasdaq, shrugged off any concerns and ended the quarter higher. Growth stocks (+3.9%) significantly outperformed value stocks (-4.1%) during the quarter. Developed markets, driven by the US, ended Q4 down -0.1% whereas emerging markets lost -7.8%. Revised interest rate cut expectations for 2025 negatively affected the World Government Bond Index (-5.4%) and the World REIT Index (-8.9%).

US markets performed particularly well following Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential election buoyed by expectation that his policies will lead to lower taxes and more de-regulation resulting in higher growth. US inflation rose for a second consecutive month to +2.7% in November from +2.6% in October, on an annualized basis, in-line with market expectations as food inflation accelerated. The US Fed announced another 25 basis-point (bps) cut during its December meeting, marking the third consecutive cut, but the big change was the expectation of only two 25 bps cuts in 2025 as opposed to the four cuts expected only three months ago. The Fed also revised its GDP growth forecast to 2.1% from 2.0% for the year ahead. The S&P 500 (+2.4%), Nasdaq (+6.2%) and Dow Jones Industrial Average (+0.5%) all moved higher during the quarter.

Political instability in France and Germany combined with fears around a trade war with the US and weak consumer data resulted in the Eurozone underperforming during the fourth quarter as the Eurostoxx 50 declined by -1.8%. Eurozone Manufacturing PMI data for December was 45.1, missing market expectations of 45.3. It was the sharpest decline in manufacturing activity in three months, to extend the ongoing two-year contractionary streak. Ongoing economic weakness across the region led to the European Central Bank (ECB) cutting interest rates, for the fourth time this year, by 25bps. Inflation across the Euro area accelerated for a third consecutive month to +2.4% in December but the ECB expects inflation to move back to the 2.0% target during 2025. UK equities declined as bond yields moved higher and increasing uncertainty around its macro economic outlook weighed on sentiment. The autumn budget, which delivered larger than expected tax rises, did not help alleviate growth concerns. The annual inflation rate edged up for a second month to +2.6% in November from +2.3% in October, the highest rate in eight months. The Bank of England (BOE) left rates unchanged at 4.75% during its December meeting, in-line with market expectations. The FTSE 100 lost -0.3% during the final quarter of 2024 and leaving it +9.7% for the year.

Japanese equities moved higher over the final three months of the year as the Nikkei added +5.4% to bring its total return for the year to +21.3%. Part of this strong end of year return was due to Yen weakness which boosted exports and corporate earnings outlook going forward. The Bank of Japan (BOJ) decided not to raise interest rates during its December meeting, but it is widely expected the BOJ will raise rates early in 2025. Asia (ex-Japan) performed poorly following the election victory of Donald Trump amid fears of potential tariffs the year ahead. The MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index declined -7.4% dragged down by Indonesia, South Korea and the Philippines. Chinese equities also struggled on the back of tariff fears and ongoing weak local demand.

No changes to our portfolio holdings during the quarter. But we continued to add to some of our healthcare positions we initiated in Q3 namely Novo Nordisk and McKesson, which was funded out of existing cash and a reduction in our position in TotalEnergies. We did rotate some of our tech holdings, reducing our weights in Amazon and Booking Holding, following a strong run, into existing semiconductor positions ASML and TSMC.

The top-performing shares during the quarter were Deckers Outdoor, Amazon & Booking Holdings with the biggest detractors being Elevance Health, Novo Nordisk and Sirius Real Estate.

The stated objective of the fund is to provide long-term capital growth while maintaining a prudent risk-adjusted approach in allocating capital. The Fund has adhered to its policy objective.

The current asset allocation versus the previous quarter is as follows:

Fund Asset Allocation	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Foreign Equity	68%	70%
Foreign Cash	8%	3%
Fixed Income	18%	18%
Foreign Property	1%	2%
Local Cash	5%	6%

The number of participatory units as at 31 December 2024 was 237 919 263.



**FEE STRUCTURE**

TER	Class B1
Annual Management Fee (excl. VAT)	0.90%
Other Cost	0.16%
VAT	0.14%
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	1.20%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.11%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	1.31%

**DISTRIBUTIONS**

Distribution Frequency	Annually
Distribution Date	01 April
Last Distribution	1.45 cents per unit

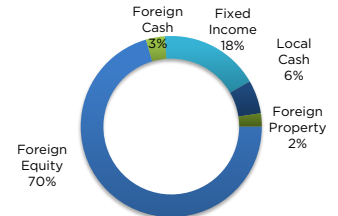
**TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Amazon	3.5%
Alphabet	3.2%
Visa	2.7%
TSMC	2.5%
Microsoft	2.4%

Emerson	2.3%
Bookings	2.3%
ASML	2.1%
McKesson	2.0%
LVMH	1.9%

**FUND ASSET ALLOCATIONS**

Asset Class	%
Foreign Equity	70.5%
Foreign Cash	3.4%
Fixed Income	17.8%
Local Cash	6.0%
Foreign Property	2.4%





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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 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 in order 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.

Where a current yield has been included for Funds that derive its income primarily from interest bearing income, the yield is a weighted average yield of all underlying interest bearing instruments as at the last day of the month. This yield is subject to change as market rates and underlying investments change.

The Manager retains full legal responsibility for any third-party-named portfolio. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. A list of fund specific risks is provided below. Please note that all documents, notifications of deposit, investment, redemption and switch applications must be received by Prescient by or before 13:00 (SA), to be transacted at the net asset value price for that day. Where all required documentation is not received before the stated cut off time Prescient shall not be obliged to transact at the net asset value price as agreed to. Funds are priced at either 3pm or 5pm depending on the nature of the Fund. Prices are published daily and are available on the Prescient website.

Performance has been calculated using net NAV to NAV numbers with income reinvested. The performance for each period shown reflects the return for investors who have been fully invested for that period. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestments and dividend withholding tax. Full performance calculations are available from the manager on request.

Alpha: Denoted 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.

% Positive Months: The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive returns.

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 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.

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.

Default risk: The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments (e.g. bonds) 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.

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.

For any additional information such as fund prices, brochures and application forms please go to [www.clucasgray.co.za](http://www.clucasgray.co.za)

**GLOSSARY SUMMARY**

**Annualised Performance:**

Annualised performance show 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 Returns:**

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.

**% Positive Months:**

The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

**Net Performance**

Unit trust performance is net (after) management fees have been deducted.

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