

MAESTRO EQUITY PRESCIENT FUND

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Prescient

31 December 2024

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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

R15 286 325.93

NAV

Class A: 4 151.32

Number of units in issue (A class)

315 695.6107

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

Investment Manager

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Market Overview

The S&P500 index rose 25.0% during 2024 and the German equity market 18.9%. The Japanese and Hong Kong equity markets rose 19.2% and 17.7% respectively, helping the MSCI World index post a 2024 return of 17.0%. The attractive 2024 returns follow strong returns experienced in 2023, when the MSCI World index rose 21.8% (the US equity market rose 26.2%). Emerging markets fared poorly though, rising 5.1% during 2024. They were battered by a strong dollar, which rose 7.1%, as well as weak performances in markets like Brazil (-10.3%) and India (8.2%). The Chinese equity market rose 12.7%. In contrast to equity markets' performance, global bond markets endured a torrid year, finishing 2024 with an annual return of -1.7% (the global bond market rose 5.7% in 2023). Even the 2024 (dollar) cash return of 5.3% beat the bond market return. Within other asset classes, cryptocurrencies performed exceptionally well; Bitcoin rose no less than 119.5% during 2024. The oil price fell 2.9%, the gold price rose 25.5% in 2024, but palladium lost 20.0% of its value.

The MSCI World index lost 2.7% in December, with the US and Swiss equity markets declining 2.4% and 1.4% respectively. The German equity market gained 1.4%. The strong dollar, which rose 2.6% during the month, hurt emerging markets – the MSCI Emerging market index lost 0.3%, and emerging market currencies also suffered as a result. Global bond markets suffered when it became clear that US interest rates were unlikely to decline as much, or as fast, as some investors had expected. Consequently, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index lost 2.2% during December, and ended the year with a negative return of 1.7%. This was in stark contrast to the MSCI World index annual return for 2024 of 17.0%. The strong dollar also weighed heavily on the commodity price complex, with most commodities ending December sharply lower.

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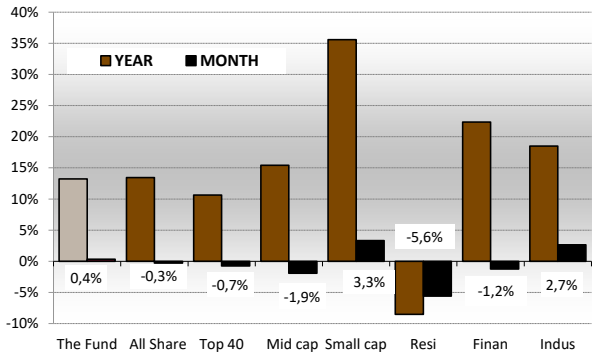
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Returns for periods ended 31 December 2024



Local market returns

The All Share index lost 0.3% in December, while the All Bond index lost around 0.3%. That brought the annual return on the All Share index to 13.4% and the All Bond index annual return to 17.2%. The Basic Material, Financial, and Industrials indices posted December returns of -5.6%, -1.2% and 2.7% respectively. Their respective annual returns covered a wide range, namely -8.5%, 22.4% and 18.5% respectively. The Large, Mid and Small cap indices December returns were -0.7%, -1.9%, and 3.3% respectively. Their annual returns were also disparate, being 10.7%, 15.4%, and 35.6% respectively. The rand wilted in the face of the strong dollar, declining 4.7% in December alone, bringing its depreciation against the dollar for the year to 3.1%.

Investment Manager comment

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund rose 0.4% in December, versus the 0.3% decline in the All Share index. The Fund’s significant global exposure drove the out-performance of the All Share index for the third consecutive month. Within the portfolio, the Satrix Resources ETF lost 6.6%, Standard Bank lost 6.4%, Capitec 3.9%, Billiton 2.2%, and Firstrand 1.3%. Boosted by the weak rand, the Sygnia MSCI US index

ETF rose 2.0%, the Core Shares S&P500 ETF rose 2.3%, Stor-Age 2.5%, the Sygnia MSCI World index ETF 2.8%, Hudaco 7.7%, Afrimat 8.9%, and Richemont 11.5%.

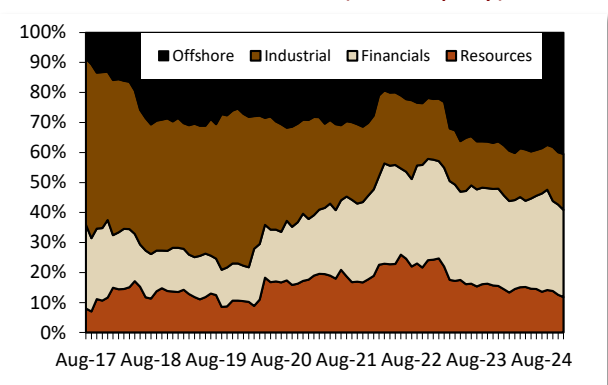
There were no material changes to the Fund’s portfolio during December.

The Fund adhered to its Policy objective during the month.

Largest holdings at 31 December 2024

Investment	% of Fund
Sygnia iTrix MSCI World ETF	18.6%
Sygnia iTrix US ETF	10.3%
CoreShares S&P500 ETF	8.8%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	8.7%
Satrix Resources (Resi) ETF	7.1%
Discovery Ltd	7.0%
Afrimat Ltd	7.0%
Standard Bank Group	5.4%
Firstrand Ltd	5.7%
BHP Group Ltd	3.9%
Total	82.6%

Historic sector allocation (% of Equity)



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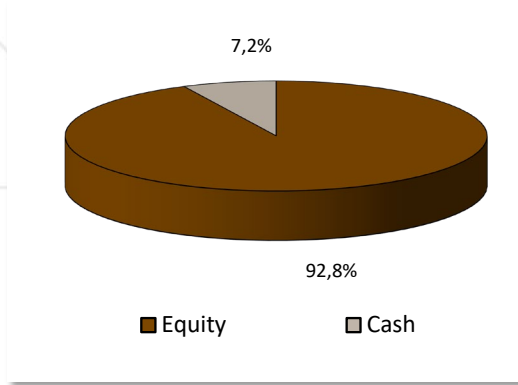
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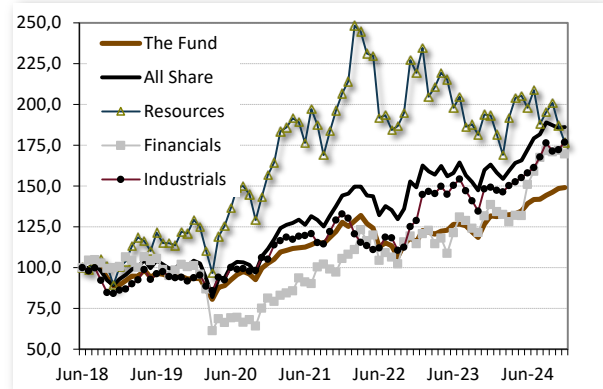
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Asset allocation (% of Fund)



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*	0.4	13.1	5.4	10.1	5.6	4.1	7.3
FTSE-JSE All share index	-0.3	13.5	8.7	12.2	8.9	9.0	11.2
ASISA SA General Equity category ave.	-0.1	13.3	7.6	10.2	7.2	7.2	9.5

*Performance is net of all fees and costs

Source: Financial Times, Morningstar; 20 January 2025

Calendar year performance (%)

Investment	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	13.1	14.0	-9.1	24.6	10.7	4.4	-13.4
FTSE-JSE All share index	13.5	9.3	3.6	29.2	7.0	12.1	-8.5

*Performance is net of all fees and costs

Source: Financial Times; 20 January 2025

Rolling return (%)

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

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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 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. 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.

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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The Management Company and Trustee are registered and approved under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act (No.45 of 2002). Prescient is a member of the Association for Savings and Investments SA.

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