

# Prescient

31 January 2025

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 424 481.94

**NAV** Class A: 4 187.26

Number of units in issue (A class) 315 744.8472

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 Maestro Investment Management (Ptv) Ltd

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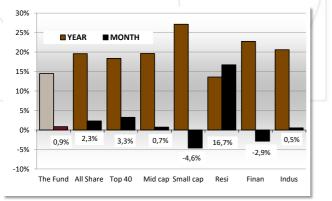
### **Market Overview**

When viewing the January market returns, bear in mind that the latter were weak in December, as many growth companies came under pressure and bond prices fell. January saw something of a rebound. The German equity market rose 9.2%, bringing its annual return to 28.6% in the process, higher than the annual return in the US equity market, of 26.3%. The US equity market rose 2.8% in January, while the tech-heavy NASDAQ rose 1.6%. The US Mid and Small cap indices rose 3.8% and 2.9% respectively. Another surprisingly good performer was the Swiss market, which rose 8.6% during January, as many of the defensive companies that are heavily weighted in that index recovered some of the composure lost during 2024. These robust developed market returns helped the MSCI World index to a 3.5% gain in January, ahead, yet again, of the MSCI Emerging market index, which rose 1.7%. Contributing to the underperformance of emerging markets was the respective 3.0% and 0.8% declines in the Chinese and Indian equity markets. The Brazilian market rose 4.9%; its annual return to end-January is -1.3%. Developed markets continue to significantly outperform emerging ones. The increase in global bond yields during December produced a -2.2%, but there was respite in store for bond investors during January. The Bloomberg Global Aggregated index rose 0.6% during the month, bringing their annual return to a paltry 0.3%. This in turn took some of the spark out of the dollar, which declined marginally during January. The weaker dollar brought some stability to commodity prices and to other currencies, most of which had a benign passage through January. That said, precious metals were relatively firm in January, with the gold, platinum and palladium prices rising 6.8%, 5.7% and 8.4% respectively. The price of bitcoin rose 9.6% to a record high, while the price of cocoa beans rose 16.7%, following its 15.2% increase in December.

"To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time." - Leonard Bernstein

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### Returns for periods ended 31 January 2025



### Local market returns

The All Share index rose 2.3%, led higher by the Basic Material index, which surged 16.7%. The Financial index lost 2.9% and the Industrial index rose a meagre 0.5% (although its annual return is now 20.6%). The Large and Mid cap indices rose 3.3% and 0.7% respectively, but the Small cap index lost 4.6%. The All Bond index rose 0.4% in January and the rand rose 1.0% against the dollar.

### Investment Manager comment

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund rose 0.9% in January, versus the 2.3% increase in the All Share index. The Fund's significant global exposure retarded its performance slightly. Within the portfolio, Afrimat lost 11.4% during January, Discovery lost 7.1%, Hudaco 6.5%, and Stor-Age 6.3%. On a more positive note, the Satrix Resource ETF rose 17.1%, in line with the Basic Materials index, and Richemont rose 30.7% following the announcement of very good results.

There were no material changes to the Fund's portfolio

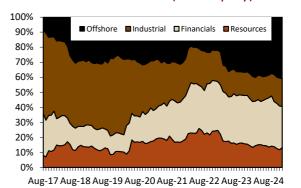
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The Fund adhered to its Policy objective during the month.

Largest holdings at 31 January 2025

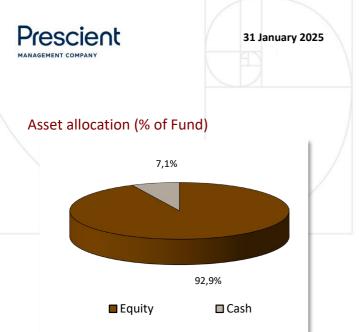
#### Investment % of Fund Sygnia iTrix MSCI World ETF 18.7% Sygnia iTrix US ETF 10.4% CoreShares S&P500 ETF 8.9% Satrix Resources (Resi) ETF 8.3% Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd 7.1% 6.5% **Discovery Ltd** Afrimat Ltd 6.1% **Firstrand Ltd** 5.7% Standard Bank Group 5.3% **BHP** Group Ltd 3.9% Total 82.0%



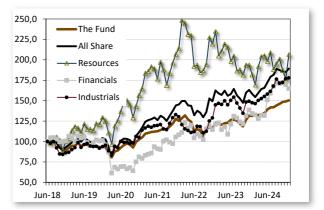
### Historic sector allocation (% of Equity)

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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	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years	15 years
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	6.0	14.5	6.5	10.3	5.8	3.9	7.7
FTSE-JSE All share index	5.7	19.6	9.2	13.1	9.3	9.0	11.7
ASISA SA General Equity category ave.	5.1	16.8	7.8	10.7	7.3	6.8	9.6

Source: Financial Times, Morningstar; 26 February 2025

### Calendar year performance (%)

Investment	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	0.9	14.0	-9.1	24.6	10.7	4.4	-13.4
FTSE-JSE All share index	2.3	9.3	3.6	29.2	7.0	12.1	-8.5

\*Performance is net of all fees and costs

Source: Financial Times; 26 February 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 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 31 December 2024 the TER for Class A units were as follows:

Management Fee	2.03%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Cost	0.79%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.82%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.01%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	2.83%

### 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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