

**FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund aims to deliver medium to long-term capital growth over time. The Fund is differentiated in the ASISA South African – Multi-Asset – High Equity category by focusing primarily on investments with international or Rand-hedge revenue streams. Elevated returns are targeted by utilising its full offshore and equity allowances. The Fund complies with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act.

**INVESTOR SUITABILITY**

The Fund is suitable for retail and institutional investors seeking maximum offshore exposure, within the bounds of Regulation 28. Therefore, it is appropriate for retirement savings and Tax-Free Savings Accounts. While volatility is expected to be less than an equity-only fund, investors must be willing to endure periods of short-term downturns. An investment horizon of 5+ years is recommended.

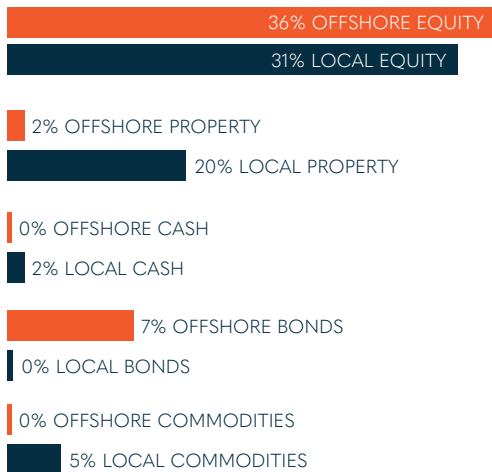


ANNUALISED RETURNS (NET OF FEES)		
	HIGH STREET	BENCHMARK
Since inception (CAGR)	13.67%	10.17%
5 years	13.33%	10.15%
3 years	11.03%	10.29%
1 year	23.19%	18.54%
Highest rolling 1-year return	48.93%	30.56%
Lowest rolling 1-year return	-23.61%	-10.44%

**TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

High Street Wealth Warriors Fund	Master Drilling Group
Bidcorp	NewGold ETF
Glencore	Primary Health Properties
iShares Global Corporate Bonds ETF	Reinet
MAS Real Estate	Sirius Real Estate

**ASSET ALLOCATION**



**ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE (NET OF FEES)\***



Benchmark: Category peer average (South Africa - Multi Asset - High Equity)  
Source: High Street Asset Management, 30/09/2024

**FUND DETAILS**

<b>Fund Manager</b> High Street Asset Management (Pty) Ltd (FSP No: 45210)	<b>Auditor</b> Ernst & Young Inc.	<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b> HISHEA1 SJ	<b>TER (VAT Incl.)</b> 1.50%
<b>Administrator</b> Prescient Fund Services (Pty) Ltd	<b>Regulator</b> Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)	<b>Inception Date</b> 19 December 2018	<b>Minimum Investment</b> Lump Sum: R10,000 Monthly: R500
<b>Management Company</b> Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd	<b>Fund Classification</b> South African – Multi Asset – High Equity	<b>Fund Size</b> R471m	<b>Redemption Frequency</b> Daily
<b>Depository</b> Nedbank Investor Services	<b>Base Currency</b> ZAR	<b>Number of Units Issued</b> 82m	<b>Annual Income Distribution</b> 31 March (if selected)
	<b>ISIN</b> ZAE000264552	<b>Unit Price (ZAR Cents)</b> 206.47	<b>Recommended Time Horizon</b> 5+ years

\* The investment performance is for illustrative purposes only. The investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown and income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.



**FEES (VAT INCL.)****Annual Base Fee (management & administration) \***

1.37%

**Performance Fee**

None

**Other Fees**

0.17%

**Total Expense Ratio (TER)**

1.54%

**Transaction Costs (TC)**

0.36%

**Total Investment Charge (TIC)**

1.90%

\* The investment in the High Street Wealth Warriors Fund is not subject to management fees.

**RISK METRICS**

	HIGH STREET	BENCHMARK
<b>Annualised Std. Deviation</b>	15.02%	9.51%
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	0.22	-0.03
<b>Sortino Ratio</b>	0.34	-0.05
<b>Maximum Drawdown</b>	-25.47%	-14.21%
<b>Time to Recover (months)</b>	18	5
<b>Positive Months</b>	68%	65%
<b>Tracking Error</b>	11.65%	-
<b>Information Ratio</b>	0.31	-
<b>Correlation to Benchmark</b>	0.63	-

**Monthly Fund Performance (%)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2024</b>	5.45	2.67	1.47	-2.30	2.73	-0.47	-2.01	0.55	1.78				10.05
<b>2023</b>	11.62	5.32	-0.54	6.73	11.51	-1.36	-1.10	2.2	-4.11	-3.84	12.09	3.86	48.93
<b>2022</b>	-6.56	-8.48	-2.56	-3.59	-3.58	0.98	4.56	0.26	-9.11	1.8	3.85	-3.05	-23.61
<b>2021</b>	4.03	2.26	0.85	1.3	-4.37	3.33	0.06	1.76	0.15	5.21	2.14	1.75	19.74
<b>2020</b>	4.06	-4.62	-3.26	11.88	1.83	7.01	2.78	3.98	-4.55	-0.50	1.60	0.77	21.65

**QUARTERLY COMMENTARY AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

For the quarter ended 30 September, the Fund returned 0.3%, versus the peer average of 5.8%. Fund performance was hampered by significant Rand strength with the currency appreciating by 5.4% against the US Dollar. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 10.1%, with the peer average returning 11.7%.

Global equities continued their momentum in the third quarter. The MSCI World Index returned 6.6% in USD (0.7% in ZAR) as cooling inflation and the commencement of rate cuts by several central banks supported a positive environment for equities. This strong return was despite several bouts of market volatility, most notably in early August, where the MSCI World Index fell 8.3%. This decline was largely driven by weaker U.S. economic data, a rate hike by the Bank of Japan, and low summer liquidity. Investor sentiment recovered towards the end of the quarter, with the US Federal Reserve's highly anticipated rate cut in September, a softer stance from Japan, and fresh stimulus in China, fueling a strong rally.

Domestically, the JSE delivered another strong quarter, with the JSE All Share Index returning 9.6%, driven by improving investor sentiment towards South African assets. The SARB cut the repo rate by 25 bps during the quarter, as SA's CPI inflation eased from 5.6% in February to 4.4% by August. In August, the IMF projected SA's economy to grow by 1.0% in 2024, noting that while the economy has shown resilience amid disruptions, persistent structural challenges could hinder growth.

The offshore equity component of the fund weighed on performance, compounded by stock-specific developments that pulled down individual holdings:

- The weakest performer was US cybersecurity company CrowdStrike, which returned -27% in USD. In July, the stock plunged over 30% in a single week due to a faulty software update that caused IT outages across millions of Microsoft Windows devices. This led to widespread disruption, with system wide outages for many of CrowdStrike clients, including banks, airlines, and hospitals. Although the medium-term financial impact is difficult to estimate, we believe CrowdStrike remains a long-term market leader. In our view, the outage was an isolated 'Black Swan' event, which presented a long-term buying opportunity to add to our holding.
- UnitedHealth was the leading performer, achieving a return of 15% in USD. The US health insurer reported strong second-quarter earnings, surpassing expectations for both revenue and profit, with revenue growing 13%. These results alleviated investor concerns regarding rising medical costs, after the company had recently flagged a surge in demand for non-urgent surgeries and outpatient services.

The local equity component performed strongly despite the strong Rand appreciation:

- Prosus was the largest contributor, returning 16% in the quarter, driven by its holding in Chinese tech giant Tencent. All of Prosus' gains occurred in the final two weeks of the quarter, following the People's Bank of China's announcement of its most aggressive stimulus package since the pandemic. The stimulus primarily targets China's property market, which has been in a sharp decline since its peak in 2021. With 70% of household savings tied to real estate in China, the property crisis has severely impacted consumer confidence and the economy. While many analysts are sceptical of the size of its potential impact, the announced stimulus has acted as a significant catalyst for the Chinese equity market.
- Mondi was the largest detractor, posting a -6% return. Despite reporting earnings in line with expectations for the first half of 2024, the stock fell heavily as management cited rising personnel and operating costs, along with higher maintenance shutdowns planned for the second half. However, they also noted "improving market conditions with stronger order books and higher sales volumes". With container board (Mondi's second-largest market) pricing recovering, we remain confident in Mondi as a market leader with a cost-advantaged asset base. Furthermore, Mondi's gearing remains very low which could allow for either a special dividend or a share buyback program.

The Fund's property component rebounded strongly in the quarter, buoyed by the prospect of lower rates. German residential property company LEG Immobilien was the top performer, delivering a return of 23% in EUR. LEG reported strong earnings and raised its full year funds from operations forecast, with management noting a positive recovery in German residential property prices. During the quarter, we initiated a position in Primary Health Properties, a REIT listed on the JSE and London Stock Exchange, with a portfolio of primary healthcare properties across the UK and Ireland. The company offers exposure to defensive, stable income, supported by long-term leases averaging 10 years, with 90% of income backed by the government (NHS).

The Fund's NewGold ETF holding delivered a strong return of 7%, as gold rallied to new all-time highs. The gold price continues to be supported by elevated central bank buying and heightened geopolitical risks, alongside expectations of global interest rate cuts.

During the quarter, a position was initiated in the iShares Global Corporate Bonds ETF and ASML, a Dutch semiconductor equipment manufacturer. The Fund's Starbucks, Elevance Health and Meta Platforms positions were fully exited.



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**FUND SPECIFIC RISKS**

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**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 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.

**WHY IS THIS FUND IN CATEGORY 4 ?**

The Fund is rated as 4 due to exposure to shares and stocks, and the nature of its investments which include the risks previously listed. The price of shares and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount they have invested. As the investments of the Fund are in various currencies and the Fund is denominated in South African Rands your shares may be subject to currency risk.

**WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN?**

They rate how a fund might behave and how much risk there is to your capital. Generally, the chance to make large gains means a risk of suffering large losses.

A **Category 1** fund is not a risk-free investment - the risk of losing your money is small, but the chance of making gains is also limited.

With a **Category 7** fund, the risk of losing your money is high but there is also a chance of making higher gains. The seven-category scale is complex (for example, 2 is not twice as risky as 1).

For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

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