

# FUND OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY

The Fund aims to generate income in excess of money market rates combined with modest capital growth by investing in a range of fixed income assets including cash, NCD's, preference shares, government and corporate bonds and inflation-linked bonds. The Fund may hold listed property and equity, with weightings limited to the sector classification limits. The Fund aims to generate a gross return of CPI plus 1% - 2% over a rolling 12 to 24 month period whilst having a high degree of capital stability. The average duration of the funds investments will typically be in the range of 2-4 years.

# FUND INFORMATION

Portfolio Managers:	Andrew Vintcent & Grant Morris
Inception Date:	15 February 2022
Fund Size:	R159.3 million
Unit Price:	106.56 cents
ASISA Category:	South African Multi-Asset Income
Benchmark:	Market value-weighted average return of ASISA category
Min Lump Sum:	R10 000
Min Monthly Investment:	R1 000
Issue Date:	16 January 2025
ISIN:	ZAE000307880

## WHO SHOULD INVEST

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

### **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 portfolios.

LOW	LOW - MED	MED	MED - HIGH	HIGH
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## PERFORMANCE (NET OF FEES) AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	Annualised Return Since Inception	Max Drawd
Fund <sup>1</sup>	0.4%	1.4%	8.6%	14.0%	9.6%	Max Gain <sup>4</sup>
Fund Class B1 <sup>2</sup>	0.4%	1.4%	8.5%	13.9%	9.6%	% Positive M
Benchmark	0.6%	1.8%	7.1%	11.8%	9.3%	
						<sup>1</sup> Fund perfe

# **ROLLING ANNUAL RETURNS**

	Highest	Average	Lowes
Fund Class B1 <sup>2</sup>	18.3%	9.6%	3.3%

# **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Corion Prime Income Fund	R213 Govt Bond
Nedbank NCD's	R2033 Govt Bond
FirstRand NCD's	R2O37 Govt Bond
R209 Govt Bond	I2029 Govt Bond
R2032 Govt Bond	BTI

The Top 10 holdings make up 77% of the total fund.

### YIELD AND DURATION

	Fund	RSA	
Gross Yield as of 31 Dec 2024	8.95%	Government Bonds, 30%	Specialist Fund, 18%
Fund Duration	2.80	I	Fulla, 10%

### DISTRIBUTIONS

Distribution Frequency Distribution Date Last Distribution

Quarterly 01 January 2.26 cents per unit

# **RISK & FUND STATS (ANNUALISED SINCE INCEPTION)**

Max Drawdown <sup>3</sup>			
Max Gain <sup>4</sup>			
% Positive Months			

-2.3% 3.2% 74.3%

rformance is the net weighted average fee return for the fund.

<sup>2</sup> Highest fee class.

<sup>3</sup> The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

<sup>4</sup> Largest increase in any single month.

Source: Prescient Fund Services 31 December 2024



# FEE STRUCTURE

TER	Class A1	Class B1
Annual Management Fee (excl. VAT)	0.65%	0.50%
Other Cost	0.23%	0.22%
VAT	0.10%	0.08%
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	0.98%	0.80%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.03%	0.03%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	1.01%	0.83%

#### QUARTERLY COMMENTARY | DECEMBER 2024

The fund delivered 1.4% for the quarter, ending up a pleasing 14.0% for the 12 months (and calendar year). The 12-month performance is ahead of the benchmark (11.8%) and more notably for unit holders, ahead of the fund's overall objective of generating CPI plus %-2% over a 12-to-24-month period. SA Bonds were the key driver of this performance, with the ALBI producing a return of 17.2% for the year. The performance of SA Bonds was in stark contrast to global bonds - the World Government Bond Index was down -2.9% in USD over the 12-month period. Bonds with inger duration (212 years) outperformed shorter to medium term instruments. The fund was well exposed to a combination of government (30%), corporate (8%) and inflation-linked bonds (5%) and benefitted from this allocation. An ancillary benefit to the fall in bond yields was that additional interest-rate sensitive sectors also performed strongly. Equities (8% of the fund) and property (6% of the fund) also performed well. The key property holdings namely Fairvest, Growthpoint, Redefine, Spear and SAC had a weaker quarter but were all up significantly over the

year. Whilst some near terms risks have surfaced globally with bond yields spiking, we continue to see a favorable backdrop for some further compression in domestic bond yields albeit to a far more limited degree than during the 6 months post the formation of the GNU during 2024. Domestic inflation remains well contained (although likely to rise off the current low base) and combined with the objective of stimulating growth in the economy, we still believe that the SARB could cut rates by a further 25 – 50 basis points during 2025.

We made a few changes to the fund during the quarter. These changes were principally aimed at managing the duration and yield of the fund. We completely sold our position in the ABS17 corporate bond and introduced a position in the R2033 bond. We have continued to build on the 2033 position and reduced the position of the R213 and invested additional funds into a combination of the R2033 and R209. In the property sector we trimmed our position in Growthopicin and introduced and position in Hammerson. Using cash on hand we bought additional NCD exposure in the I2m and I8m maturity range. We believe that the current asset allocation is well positioned to meet the funds' stated objective of generating real returns of CPI plus 1%-2%. The duration of the fund is 2.8 years with a gross running yield of 8.95%. During the quarter, the fund paid out a distribution of R3.4 m for Q4 (2.2 cents per unit).

The Fund has adhered to its policy objective. The number of participatory units at 31 December 2024 was 149 489 578. The current asset allocation versus the previous guarter is as follows:

Fund Asset Allocation	Q4 2024	Q3 2024
Bonds	43%	44%
NCDs	22%	20%
Domestic Equity	10%	10%
Property	6%	7%
Specialist Fund	18%	20%
Cash	40/	00/

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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 ot indicate the excess return the porfolio 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 it 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.cgam.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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