

FUND OBJECTIVE & INVESTMENT POLICY

The fund aims to deliver medium to long-term capital growth over time. The fund invests in a diversified range of equities, preference shares, bonds, debentures, money market, fixed income, property markets and instruments based on the value of any precious metal. The equity allocation will be managed at a maximum effective exposure, including offshore equity, up to 75%. The fund is permitted to invest in listed and unlisted financial instruments in line with the conditions as determined by legislation from time to time. The fund will predominately invest in South African markets but is however permitted to include investments in offshore jurisdictions subject to the investment conditions determined by legislation from time to time. The fund complies with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act.

PORTFOLIO DYNAMICS**FUND MANAGER:**

High Street Asset Management (Pty) Ltd
- Ross Beckley, CFA

LAUNCH DATE:

19 December 2018

CLASSIFICATION:

South African – Multi Asset – High Equity

BENCHMARK:

75% FTSE/JSE All Share Total Return Index
25% SAFE South Africa Short Fixed Term
Interest Rate – Composite Index, net of fees

ISIN:

ZAE000264552

MINIMUM INVESTMENT:

Lump sum: R10,000
Monthly: R500

ADMINISTRATOR:

Prescient Fund Services (Pty) Ltd

CUSTODIAN:

Nedbank Investor Services

UNIT PRICE (cents):

113.91

FUND SIZE:

R110.45m

DISTRIBUTION:

Annually End of March (Optional)

FEES:

Initial Fund Fee: Nil
Exit Fund Fee: Nil

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT FEE:

Class A1: 0.75%

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE FEE:

5% of Growth Above the Hurdle Rate
(Hurdle Rate is 10% Per Annum)

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO:

TER incl VAT: New Fund
TIC incl VAT: New Fund
(only available after 12 months)

RISK PROFILE:

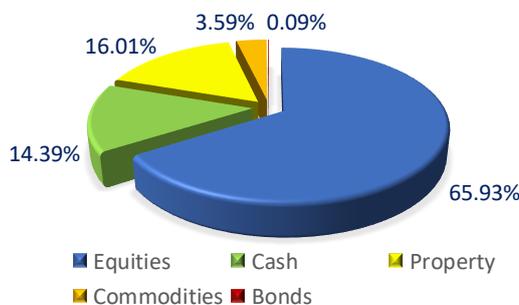
Moderate – High

RECOMMENDED TIME HORIZON:

5 years

% MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (NET OF FEES)

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
2019	FUND	0.06	5.22	3.66	3.49	-6.32	2.69	1.32	0.78	0.04	1.44			12.59
	BENCHMARK	2.26	2.70	1.31	3.33	-3.48	3.72	-1.62	-1.68	0.29	2.50			9.44
2018	FUND												1.17	1.17
	BENCHMARK												1.78	1.78

ASSET ALLOCATION**GEOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE****TOP 5 HOLDINGS****Equities**

Naspers
Master Drilling
Prosus
Mondi
Sasol

Property

Sirius Real Estate
MAS Real Estate
NEPI Rockcastle
RDI REIT

Bonds

African Bank

PERFORMANCE GRAPH

(Please note that the graph may only be displayed after 12 months)

ANNUALISED RETURNS

RETURN PERIOD	FUND	BENCHMARK
1 year	N/A	N/A
3 years	N/A	N/A
5 years	N/A	N/A
Since Inception	N/A	N/A
Highest rolling 1-year return	N/A	N/A
Lowest rolling 1-year return	N/A	N/A

Investment Management Commentary

The fund returned 1.44% for the month of October relative to a benchmark return of 2.50%, with the rand having appreciated by a modest 0.28% against the US dollar.

The medium-term budget speech was delivered by Tito Mboweni on 30 October where he laid bare the fiscal slippage and deteriorating finances of the South African government. While the tax shortfall of R52.5 billion was all but expected, what caught the market unaware was the forecast of the runaway debt trajectory. Earlier in the year debt-to-GDP was forecast to peak at 60.2% in 2024. This ratio has now been raised to over 70% for 2024 with no debt reductions forecast for the following years. This stark admission was not enough for Moody's to cut South Africa to junk at their bi-annual review on 1 November. Instead, they put us on 'negative watch' with most economists now expecting a downgrade to come through next year. The jury is still out as to how the rand will react to a downgrade should it materialize as expected. Some point to South African bond yields, now more attractive than that of the junk status nation of Brazil, and argue that they offer value at these levels with the bad news largely in the price. These attractive yields, they assert, should support the rand in the event of our status being downgraded. Others argue that a downgrade would trigger outflows of as much as \$15 billion from our bond markets as certain tracker funds are forced to cut their exposure to South Africa. This, they argue, would see the rand weaken considerably as a vast amount of funds exit our shores. High Street is of the view that a downgrade is largely in the price and any outflows will likely result in a short-lived deterioration in the rand which may end up recovering some of those losses over the medium term. More importantly to us is acknowledging that rating agencies don't drive currencies in the long term. They are driven by country fundamentals, and with our finances rapidly deteriorating we believe the rand will be inherently weak going forward bar some immediate government intervention to stabilise the ship – we have seen no evidence of this thus far. This view is corroborated by the previous month's economic data which continues to disappoint, consistent with the longer-term trend. A few key datapoints released during the month were:

- Economic unemployment (according to the narrow definition) for Q3 came in at 29.1%, up from 27.5% a year earlier
- Electricity consumption down 4.7% year-on-year for the month of August
- Core inflation (CPI) up 4.0% year-on-year for the month of September
- Vehicle sales down -0.9% year-on-year for the month of September
- Retail sales up 1.1% year-on-year for the month of August

The only consolation from the above data points is that inflation is well contained within the Central Bank's 3-6% target band. While we do not rule out 1-2 small cuts over the next year, we fail to see any material reductions in interest rates as the cloud surrounding a potential downgrade continues to linger. Under this economic climate Lesetja Kganyago, governor of the Central Bank, has very little room in which to stimulate growth by adopting an accommodative monetary stance.

As mentioned last month, we were invited to attend a Master Drilling site visit. We were very impressed by the potential which one of their new projects, a shaft boring system, has to offer. The pioneering systems being implemented are setting the trend on a global basis. The technology is anticipated to see mine shafts sunk at three times the speed of conventional methods while also enhancing safety standards. We believe this project, along with their other growth avenue of mobile tunnel boring, is not being appropriately valued by the market. This, coupled with a stabilisation in their core operation, makes Master Drilling a very compelling prospect at current share valuations. As such, we increased our holding in the counter and it is now our second biggest equity holding behind Naspers. Other notable activity during the month included: 1) increasing our Sasol position following the release of their results and a successful internal investigation into their US chemical plant project, 2) buying RDI REIT which is trading at a significant discount to its book value and offers an attractive foreign dividend yield, and 3) disposing of Trenchor following a deteriorating outlook in their major underlying holding, Textainer.

We believe the fund is well positioned to provide South African investors with a largely rand hedge product to aid in protecting the global purchasing power of their local savings, should they express concern around the prevailing political and economic climate.

Ross Beckley, CFA
Fund Manager

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The Manager retains full legal responsibility for any third-party-named portfolio. Where foreign securities are included in a portfolio there may be potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risks, political risks, foreign exchange risks, tax risks, settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. 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. For any additional information such as fund prices, brochures and application forms please go to www.prescient.co.za

FUND SPECIFIC RISKS

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Currency exchange risk:** Changes in the relative values of individual currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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.

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.

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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.

Investment Manager:
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This portfolio operates as a white label fund under the Prescient Unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

TER & TC

FEES (Incl VAT)	
Invest Management Fee	0.75%
Performance Fee	New Fund
Other Fees	New Fund
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	New Fund
Transaction Costs (TC)	New Fund
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	New Fund

The TER and TC ASISA Standard came into effect from 1 January 2016. This standard is to ensure that all ASISA members operate within the outcomes of TCF. Therefore, it is a requirement to disclose both the TER and TC numbers. Transaction Costs are not included in the calculation of TER hence we need to disclose both the TER and TC numbers separately and also Total Investment Charge which is the combination of TER and TC. This will impact the MDDs as we will have to disclose this and amend the disclaimer to cater for the definition of Total Costs.

Please note that the Total Expense Ratio and Transaction Costs cannot be determined accurately because of the short life span of the Financial Product and the funds. The TER will be available after one year.