

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 Term Fixed 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):

110.53

FUND SIZE:

R99.97m

DISTRIBUTION:

Annually End of March (Optional)

FEES:

Initial Fund Fee: Nil
Exit Fund Fee: Nil

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT FEE:

Class A1: 0.75% (excl. VAT)

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE FEE:

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

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO:

TER incl VAT: 1.73%
TIC incl VAT: 2.02%

RISK PROFILE:

Moderate – High

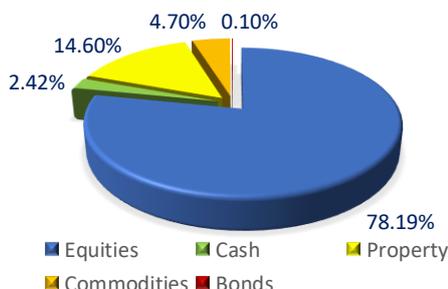
RECOMMENDED TIME HORIZON:

5 years

% MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (NET OF FEES)

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
2020	FUND	4.06	-4.62	-3.26										-3.98
	BENCHMARK	-1.13	-6.61	-8.95										-15.93
2019	FUND	0.06	5.22	3.66	3.49	-6.32	2.69	1.32	0.78	0.04	1.44	-0.84	1.91	13.78
	BENCHMARK	2.26	2.70	1.31	3.33	-3.48	3.72	-1.62	-1.68	0.29	2.50	-1.21	2.63	10.95
2018	FUND													1.17
	BENCHMARK													1.78

ASSET ALLOCATION



GEOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE



TOP 5 HOLDINGS

Equities

Prosus
Naspers
JD.Com
Mondi
Master Drilling

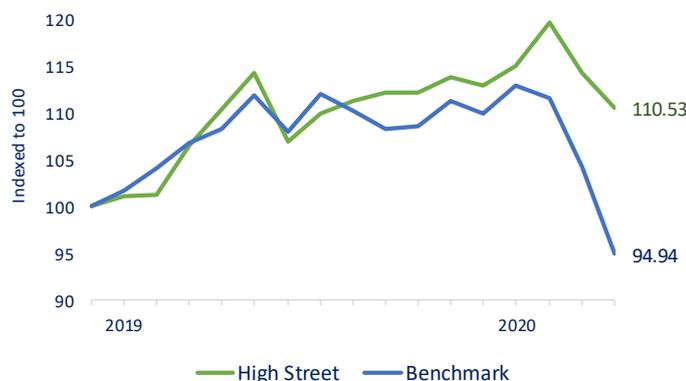
Property

Sirius Real Estate
Stenprop Ltd
RDI REIT
NEPI Rockcastle
MAS Real Estate

Bonds

African Bank

PERFORMANCE GRAPH



ANNUALISED RETURNS (NET OF FEES)

RETURN PERIOD	FUND	BENCHMARK
1 year	0.11%	-12.32%
3 years	N/A	N/A
5 years	N/A	N/A
Since Inception	7.61%	-3.73%
Highest rolling 1-year return	18.32%	10.95%
Lowest rolling 1-year return	0.11%	-12.32%

Investment Management Commentary

The fund returned -3.26% for the month of March relative to a benchmark return of -8.95%, with the rand depreciating by 13.9% against the US dollar. For the first quarter of the year, the fund returned -3.98% versus a benchmark return of -15.93%.

Few would've anticipated that the 26th US bear market (<20% decline) since 1928 would result from a viral outbreak. During the quarter, Covid-19 pushed stocks into a bear market territory, the quickest on record, and culminated in the worst first quarter return in the history for US equity markets. The outbreak has seen the implementation of worldwide shutdowns that have brought large economies to a halt. To counter this, central banks across the globe have been quick to institute extraordinary measures and deployment of fiscal stimulus by governments continues to ratchet up.

Locally, our equity market was down -21.38% for the quarter and a 21-day lockdown was implemented at midnight on 26 March. As of writing, South Africa had 1,187 confirmed Covid-19 cases with the lockdown seemingly having measured success in containing the spread of the virus. However, many will argue that the cases are vastly understated due to a lack of available testing. Irrespective of the exact number of cases, the economic ripples following the lockdown will be felt for many years to come.

As a fund manager, one must assess the implications this has on both the economy and financial markets. The US government recently approved a \$2trn stimulus package which is equivalent to 10% of their GDP. This was accompanied by a host of other drastic measures, yet economists are still expecting the economy to shrink by up to 34% in the second quarter. By comparison, South Africa was recently downgraded to junk status by Moody's with one of the prime factors being inflated debt levels which show no sign of abating. As a result, South Africa will be unable to implement such an extreme stimulus package, or it could risk facing a structural increase in debt financing costs – a very slippery slope. This places South Africa in a perilous position with unemployment, using the narrow definition, set to soar through 30%. Strong leadership and social cohesion will be required to stabilize the economy. Short of an impeccable effort in this department, the economic and social outlook is particularly grim. With this said, current valuations on South African focused companies are at, or near, historic lows which sets the foundation for potentially attractive returns going forward. We believe, bar a significant local effort, greater value exists on offshore facing companies as their share prices have, as a whole, also retraced by 20-30% over the quarter.

It is likely that market sentiment will find a bottom when the daily numbers of new infections in Europe, the UK and the US begin to decline; however, the reality of the impact on economies remains highly uncertain as we venture into uncharted territory. This, coupled with the marginal rates of return that financial stimulus can generate in solving a health crisis, make for a highly volatile few months as this virus ripples through the global economy and its populace. While it is impossible to call a bottom in financial markets, we believe that significant market routs set the base for generous returns going forward. According to Ned Davis Research, US equities lose 36% on average in a bear market. By contrast, stocks gain 112% on average during a bull market. With markets down over 20% from their recent highs, the fund has been actively allocating its cash resources and will continue to do so should there be further short-term market weakness.

As always, the large rand hedge component of the fund enables South African investors to protect the global purchasing power of their local savings, should they express concern with the prevailing political and economic climate in South Africa. As such, the fund will show a high correlation to the rand exchange rate – i.e. a weak rand will generally see strong fund performance, and vice versa, all else being equal.

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: High Street Asset Management (Pty) Ltd, **Registration number:** 2013/124971/07 is an authorised Financial Services Provider (FSP45210) under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (No.37 of 2002), to act in the capacity as investment manager. This information is not advice, as defined in the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (No.37 of 2002). Please be advised that there may be representatives acting under supervision.

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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)	
Base Fee (including administration)	1.04%
Performance Fee	0.50%
Other Fees	0.19%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.73%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.29%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	2.02%

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.