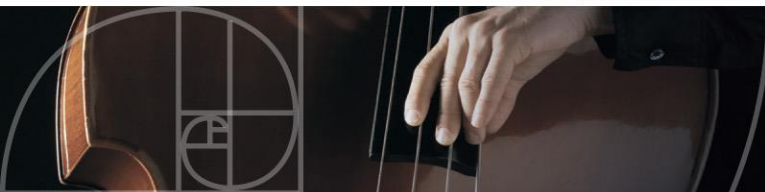


# MAESTRO BALANCED FUND



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#### Investment objective

The Fund's objective is to produce above average long-term returns whilst simultaneously aiming to assume less risk than is inherent in the market itself. The Fund adopts a conservative investment philosophy and is Regulation 28 compliant.

#### The Fund benchmark

The Fund measures itself against a benchmark of 50% All Share Index, 20% All Bond Index (ALBI), 20% Short term fixed income (STEFI) index and 10% against a Global Benchmark.

#### Legal structure

The Fund is a pooled portfolio on the Prescient Life Limited balance sheet. The appointed portfolio manager of the Fund is Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Limited, an approved Financial Services Provider in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, operating under license number 739. Prescient Life Limited is a linked insurer governed by the Long Term Insurance Act. Prescient Life Limited issues investment linked policies. This Fund operates as white label under the Prescient Life License.

#### Fee structure

There is no initial fee charged. The Maestro Growth Fund is a Fund with an annual management fee of 1.5% (excluding VAT). This is inclusive of investment consulting, all underlying managers, and administrative functions performed by Prescient Life.

#### Fund size

R 20 988 221

#### NAV

Class A: 1.9525

#### Long term insurer

Prescient Life Limited  
(Reg. no: 2004/014436/06)

#### Auditor

KPMG Inc.

#### Portfolio manager

Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Limited

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## Market Overview

What a remarkable year we have just put behind us. It was full of contradictions, ups and downs, good and not-so-good. I find myself saying this each year, but I can honestly not recall a year when it was not a more apt description of the year gone by.

The MSCI World index rose 1.3% during December, driven primarily by emerging market returns. The MSCI Emerging Market index rose 3.4%, boosted by a weak dollar. The greenback fell 0.7% against the euro and by far more against most emerging market currencies. Strong returns were seen in the Hang Seng, which rose 2.5%, and India, which rose 2.7%. Other notable gains were registered by Greece, up 8.4%, Turkey 10.9%, Brazil 6.2% and South Africa, which rose 9.8% in dollar terms, thanks to the remarkable 10.2% surge in the rand dollar exchange rate. Of the major global indices, only China (-0.3%) and Germany (-0.8%) declined. In the US, despite the view that the recent tax changes would benefit mid and small companies, the S&P Mid cap index rose only 0.1% and the Small Cap index fell 0.7%, compared to the 1.1% gain in the S&P500 (large cap) index.

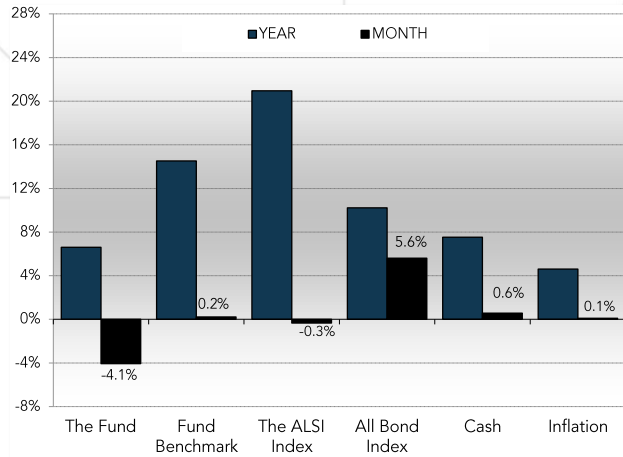
The weak dollar spurred gains across the commodity complex, with notable increases experienced by nickel, up 15.3%, aluminium 11.5%, copper 7.8%, iron ore 7.3%, and palladium 4.2%. The oil price rose 7.4%, having risen every month since June, and ended the year up 18.3%. Soft commodity prices were mixed but firmer in general.

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**Local market returns**



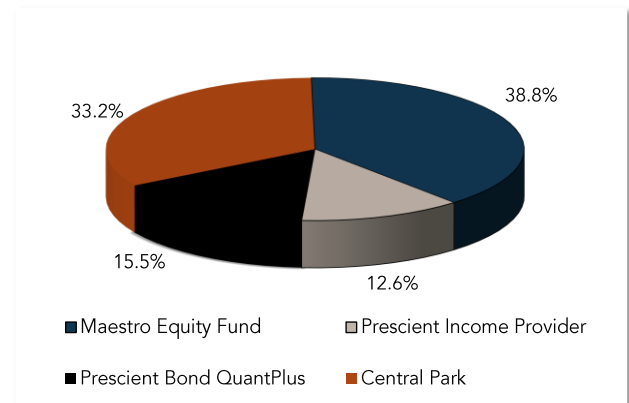
Turning to the local markets, the month was dominated by the spectacular and sudden collapse of the Steinhoff Group. Fear and panic sped like wildfire through the markets, taking shares like EOH and Echo Polska with it, for seemingly irrational reasons. To say that December was a terrible month on SA markets would be a gross understatement, but the All Share index will officially reflect a loss of only 0.3%. The Basic Material index lost only 0.5%, despite the firm rand and a 10.2% collapse in the Gold index. The rampant rand boosted the Financial index, which ended the month up 8.4% while the Industrial index lost 4.1%. The Mid cap and Small cap Index rose by 4.7% and 3.9% respectively.

**Monthly fund returns**

During December the Maestro Balanced Fund's NAV decreased by 4.1% versus the Fund's benchmark which increased by 0.2%. The [Maestro Equity Prescient Fund](#) decreased by 5.9% versus the 0.3% decrease of the All Share index. The [Prescient Income Provider Fund](#) returned 1.0% against its benchmark return of 0.6%. The [Prescient Bond QuantPlus Fund](#)

increased by 4.6% versus its benchmark increase of 5.6%. [Central Park Global Balanced Fund](#) declined 7.4% in rand terms versus the 8.4% decrease of the rand benchmark.

**Asset allocation**



**Largest Holdings**

Investment	% of Fund
Naspers	8.7%
Discovery	3.5%
Sygnia ITrix MSCI World	2.9%
Sygnia ITrix MSCI US	2.8%
Firstrand	2.6%
Aspen	2.4%
Billiton	2.1%
Standard Bank	2.0%
Afrimat	2.0%
Glencore	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.9%</b>

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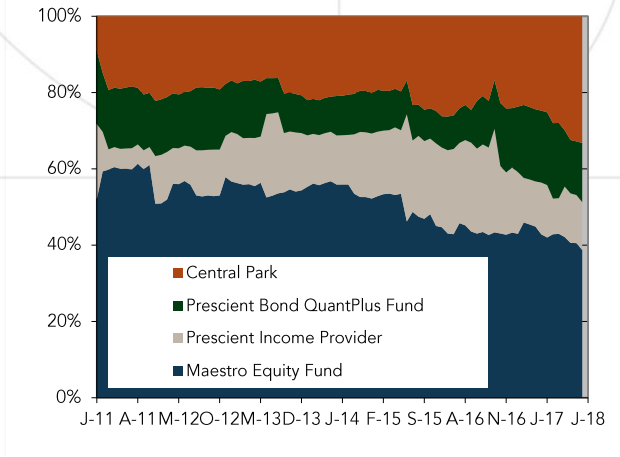
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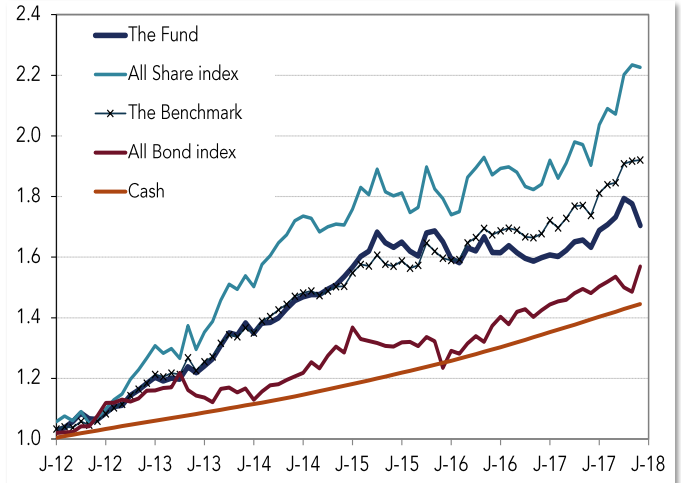
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## Historic sector allocation



## Historic performance



## Monthly and annual average return (%)

Investment	1 month	1 year	3 year	5 years	7 years
Maestro Balanced Fund	-4.1	6.6	3.5	7.6	7.9
Benchmark	0.2	14.5	8.5	10.1	10.7

## Monthly and annual average return (%)

Investment	Year to date	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Maestro Balanced Fund	6.6	5.6	7.5	11.0	16.9	18.3	0.0	13.0
Benchmark	14.5	5.0	6.2	10.1	15.4	18.6	6.1	14.0

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