# MAESTRO BALANCED FUND





31 July 2022

#### 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 27four 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. 27four Life Limited is a linked insurer governed by the Long Term Insurance Act. 27four Life Limited issues investment linked policies. This Fund operates as white label under the 27four 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 Fund Services.

#### Fund size R 9 511 814

NAV

Class A: 2.3107

Long term insurer 27four Life Limited (Reg. no: 2004/014436/06)

Auditor

SNG Grant Thornton International

Portfolio manager

Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Limited

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#### Market Overview

Developed equity markets significantly outperformed emerging markets: the MSCI World index rose 7.9% while the MSCI Emerging Market index declined 0.7%. The respective year-to-date returns are -15.0% and -19.3%, showing that developed equity markets have performed better for some time now. The US equity market rose 9.3% during July, and the techheavy NASDAQ index 12.4% (the latter index is still down 20.8% so far this year though). The S&P Mid and Small cap indices rose 10.8% and 9.9% respectively. The German equity market rose 5.5%, the Japanese market 5.3%, and the Swiss equity market "only" 3.8%. The Hong Kong market declined 8.4%, along with the Chinese equity market, which fell 4.3%. The Indian equity market, on the other hand, rose 8.6%, while the Russian market fell 16.0%, bringing its year-to-date return to -29.2%.

July proved to be a positive month for the bond markets too, as central banks around the world raised interest rates. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index rose 2.1% but is still down 12.8% so far this year (its decline is almost on par with the equity market's loss of 15.0%).

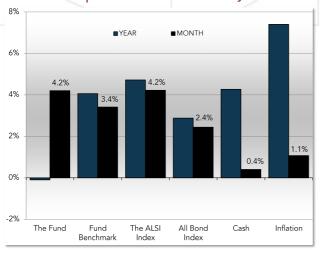
Turning to currency markets, the dollar continued to rise, gaining another 1.2% in July, bringing its year-to-date return to 10.7%. The firmer dollar put the commodity price complex under pressure, although the declining prices also reflected concerns regarding slowing economic activity around the world as prices (inflation) and interest rates around the world rise. The oil price lost 4.8%, the copper price lost 4.0%, and iron ore 3.7%. The platinum price lost 4.6% but the palladium price rose 4.0%.



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## Returns for periods ended 31 July 2022



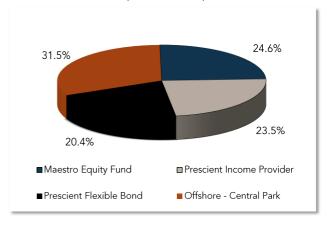
Turning to the South African market, the All Share index rose 4.2%, but only 2.5% in dollar terms, as the rand declined 1.7% in the face of the strong dollar. The Mid and Small cap indices rose 4.4% and 5.9% respectively. The Basic Material, Financial, and Industrial indices rose 0.8%, 4.6% 5.8% respectively. Their respective year-to-date returns are quite disparate though, at -6.4%, 3.4%, and -10.8%. The All Bond index rose 2.4%. Its year-to-date return of 0.5% now compares favourably with the comparable return of -12.1% from global bonds.

### Monthly fund returns

During July the Maestro Balanced Fund's NAV rose 4.2% versus the Fund's benchmark of 3.4%. The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund rose 2.2% versus the All Share index which decreased 8.0%. The Prescient SA Income Provider Fund rose 0.9% versus its benchmark return of 0.6%. The Prescient Flexible Bond Fund rose 3.2% versus its benchmark return of

2.4%. <u>Central Park Global Balanced Fund</u> rose 7.5% in rand terms versus the 5.6% increase of the rand benchmark.

### Asset allocation (% of Fund)



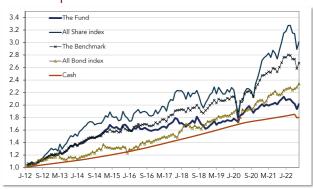
# Largest Holdings

Investment	% of Fund
R2048 8.75% 280248	20.3%
Satrix Resi	3.5%
Synia ITrix MSCI World	2.3%
Alphabet Inc	1.9%
Swiss Life Holdings	1.7%
HSBC Call	1.7%
Investec Call	1.5%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	1.5%
Afrimat Ltd	1.5%
Visa Inc	1.4%
Total	36.1%





# Historic performance



### Monthly and annual average return (%)

Investment	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 year	7 years
Maestro Balanced Fund	4.2	-0.0	5.3	3.6	2.9
Fund Benchmark	3.4	4.1	9.0	8.2	7.8

## Monthly and annual average return (%)

Investment	YTD	2021	2020_	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015_	2014_	2013_
Maestro Balanced Fund	-5.5	10.0	11.0	7.9	-5.0	6.6	-3.2	7.5	11.0	16.9
Fund Benchmark	-2.5	18.7	8.9	11.2	-0.4	14.4	5.0	6.2	10.1	15.4

Units in linked insurance policies should be considered as medium to long-term investments. The value of units may go up as well as down and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Unit prices are calculated on a net asset basis, which is the total value of all the assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (Brokerage, Securities Transfer Tax, VAT, Auditor's fees, Bank Charges, Custodian fees and the annual Management fee) from the portfolio divided by the number of units in issue. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of any underlying international investments to go up and down. Forward pricing is used. Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Limited and 27Four Life Limited are members of the Association for Savings and Investments of South Africa (ASISA).