

# 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 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 9 370 787

#### NAV

Class A: 2.1490

#### 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

Investment markets continue to intrigue and fascinate; October was no exception. After a period of robust developed market returns, it was the turn of emerging markets to produce strong returns during the past month. Developed equity markets lost ground in absolute and relative returns: the US equity market lost 2.6%, the UK market lost 4.9% (bringing its year-to-date return to -26.1%) and the German equity market lost all of 9.4%. Even the defensive Swiss equity market lost 5.9% in October. In contrast, the Indian equity market rose 4.1%, and China 0.2%, the net result being that the MSCI World index lost 3.1% (bringing the year-to-date return to -2.8%) while MSCI Emerging market index gained 2.0% (year-to-date return of -1.0%).

It was noteworthy that mid and small-sized companies outperformed their larger peers. The S&P Mid and Small Cap indices rose 2.1% and 2.5% respectively, versus the 2.6% decline of US large caps, although the year-to-date returns are heavily skewed in favour of large caps.

Emerging market currencies were firm during the month, as the dollar came under pressure. Strangely though, the DXY dollar index actually rose 0.2% on the month. Within the commodity price complex, precious metals were a bit weak but base metals and soft commodity prices were firm. The oil price lost 10.2% as a result of concerns about oversupply and slowing demand. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index was flat, posting a return of 0.1%.

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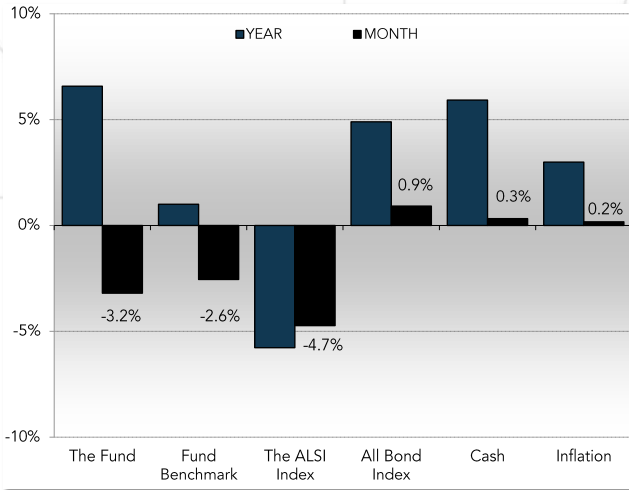
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**Local market returns**



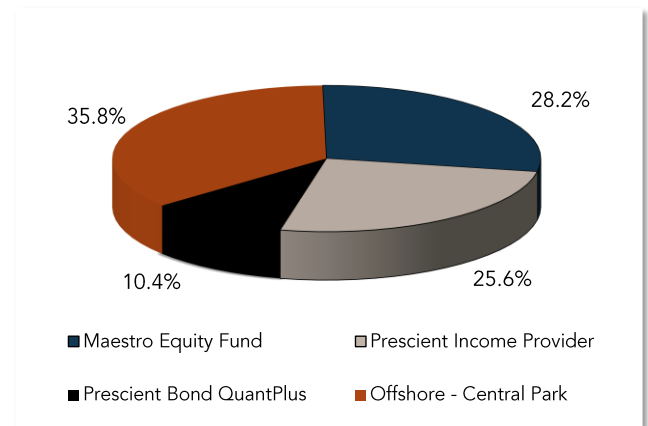
The Basic Material index lost 10.9% and the Financial index 5.8% although the Industrial index eked out a positive return of 0.4%. This all contributed to a decline of 4.7% in the All Share index. The Top40 index lost 5.1%, the Mid cap index lost "only" 3.1%. The Small cap index actually posted a positive return of 0.1%. The All Bond index rose 0.9%. In line with other emerging market currencies, the rand rose 2.7% relative to the dollar. Shares which disappointed during the month included the Satrix Resources Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) which lost 13.4%, Billiton 13.0%, Richemont 9.9%, and Firstrand and Transaction Capital each lost 8.8%. On a more positive note, MTN rose 2.9%, Naspers 6.8%, and Cashbuild 8.2%.

**Monthly fund returns**

During October the Maestro Balanced Fund's NAV fell 3.2% versus the Fund's benchmark which decreased 2.6%. The [Maestro Equity Prescient Fund](#) fell 3.5% versus the 4.7% decrease of the All Share index. The [Prescient Income Provider Fund](#) returned

0.3% against its benchmark return of 0.3%. The [Prescient Bond QuantPlus Fund](#) rose 0.7% versus its benchmark which increased 0.9%. [Central Park Global Balanced Fund](#) fell 6.1% in rand terms versus the 4.4% decrease of the rand benchmark.

**Asset allocation**



**Largest Holdings**

Investment	% of Fund
Naspers Ltd - N Shares	4.0%
Sygnia Itrix US	3.4%
RSA 8.50% R2037 310137	3.3%
Alibaba	2.9%
RSA 10.50% R186 211226	2.8%
Satrix Resi	2.7%
Sygnia Itrix World	2.5%
I2050 2.25% 2050	2.3%
Tencent	2.3%
iShares China CNY Bond ETF	2.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.3%</b>

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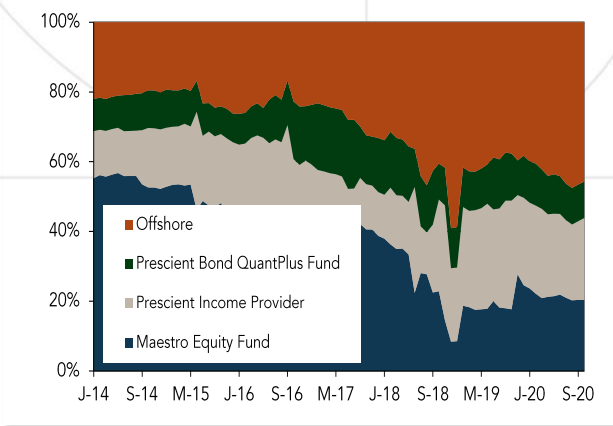
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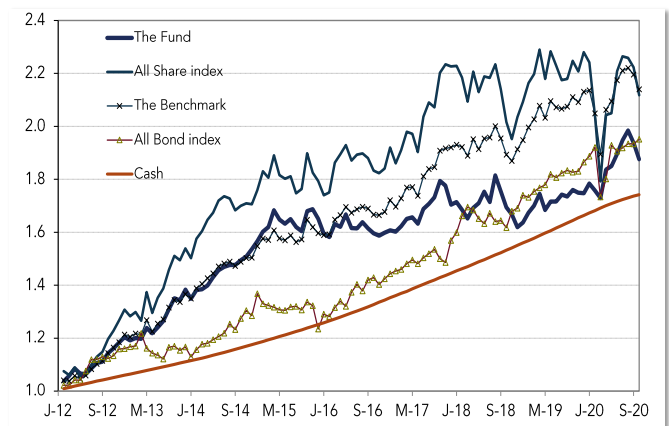
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## Historic sector allocation



## Historic performance



## Monthly and annual average return (%)

Investment	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 year	7 years
Maestro Balanced Fund	-3.2	6.6	1.5	2.2	4.8
Fund Benchmark	-2.6	1.0	3.7	5.3	6.8

## Monthly and annual average return (%)

Investment	YTD	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Maestro Balanced Fund	7.3	7.9	-5.0	6.6	-3.2	7.5	11.0	16.9	18.3	0.0
Fund Benchmark	0.0	11.2	-0.4	14.4	5.0	6.2	10.1	15.4	18.6	6.1

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