

MAESTRO EQUITY PRESCIENT FUND

Orchestrating Your Wealth



Prescient

31 December 2023

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report

Investment objective

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund will be a general equity portfolio. The Manager in selecting securities for the portfolio will seek to follow an investment policy which will secure for investors an optimum overall return, that is to say the steady growth of income and the preservation of capital in real terms. In order to achieve these main objectives the investments to be acquired for the Maestro Equity Prescient Fund, shall comprise a mix of securities, financially sound ordinary shares, stock, financially sound preference shares, debenture stock, debenture bonds and unsecured notes as defined in the Act and the Deed, all to be acquired at a fair market value.

The Fund benchmark

The Fund will measure itself against the FTSE-JSE All Share Index.
ASISA Classification: South African-Equity-General.

Legal structure

The Fund is a scheme in the nature of a trust known as a collective investment scheme. The portfolio manager is Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, an approved Financial Services Provider in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, operating under license number 739. This portfolio operates as a white label fund under the Prescient unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

Fee structure

The maximum initial fee is 2.0%. The annual investment management fee is 1.75%. The annual total expense ratio (TER) for period ended 30 June 2023, in respect of class A was 2.28%.

Income declaration (annually)

79.51 cents per unit
31 March 2023

Fund size

R16 179 001

NAV

Class A: 3 713.59

Number of units in issue (A class)

356 520.9198

Fund inception date

1 July 2005

Management Company

Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd
PO Box 31142, Tokai, 7945

Trustee and auditor

Trustee: Nedbank Limited
Auditor: Ernst & Young incorporated

Investment Manager

Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Ltd

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Market Overview

The MSCI World index rose 4.8% during December and 21.8% for 2023 as a whole. The MSCI Emerging market index rose 3.7% and 7.0% respectively. The US equity market rose 4.6% in December and 26.2% for the year, while the German market rose 3.3% and 20.3% respectively. The market and sector most exposed to the effects of a reduction in interest rates, the tech-dominated NASDAQ, rose 5.5% in December and an astonishing 43.4% for the year. In our excitement though, let's not forget that the NASDAQ *lost* 33.1% in 2022, and the S&P500 18.2%. Consequently, the two-year un-annualized returns from the MSCI World index, the S&P500, and the NASDAQ are -1.9%, 3.3%, and -4.1% respectively. The US Large, Mid and Small cap indices gained 4.6%, 8.5%, and 12.6% respectively, from which you can deduce that a real "risk on" mentality prevailed throughout the month. The Indian equity market December gain of 7.8% was notable, as was the Swiss equity market total annual 2023 return of "only" 3.8%. Chinese markets fared poorly throughout the year, with the Hang Seng index and the Shanghai Composite index registering 2023 annual returns of -13.8% and -3.7% respectively.

Following two consecutive years of negative returns the global bond market regained some composure on the back of data supportive of lower interest rates in the future. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index rose 4.2% in December and 5.7% for 2023. It's 2021 and 2022 returns were -4.7% and -16.3% respectively. One should not under-estimate what a traumatic, volatile, and un-profitable period bond investors have endured during the past three years: at the end of 2023 the Bloomberg Global Aggregate bond index is still 15.6% lower than it was in December 2020. During the same period, global equity markets in the form of the MSCI World index rose 17.8%.

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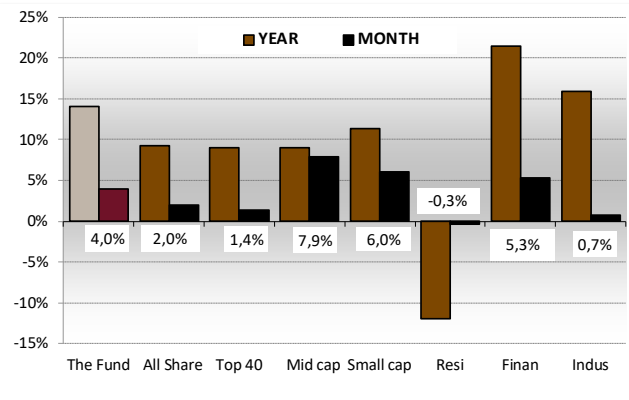


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The US dollar lost 2.1% during December and lost the same amount during all of 2023. The Swiss franc, one of our preferred currencies for many years now, rose 9.9% against the dollar during 2023, while the euro gained 3.5%. The weaker dollar had a mixed effect on commodity prices, although geopolitics played more than its fair share. The gold price rose 1.5%, the oil price fell 4.1%, palladium gained 10.9%, copper rose 1.8%, and the iron ore price rose 7.4%.

Returns for periods ended 31 December 2023



Local market returns

The All Share index also posted gains in December, but they were retarded by the firm rand, which gained 3.6% against the dollar. The Basic Materials, Financial, and Industrials indices posted gains of -0.3%, 5.3% and 0.7% respectively, bringing their respective annual returns to -11.9%, 21.5%, and 15.9%. The Large, Mid and Small cap monthly gains were 1.4%, 7.9% and 6.0% respectively and their annual returns ended at 9.0%, 9.0% and 11.4% respectively. The All Bond index rose around 1.9%, bringing its annual return to 10.1%, more or less in line with the All Share index 2023 annual return of 9.3%.

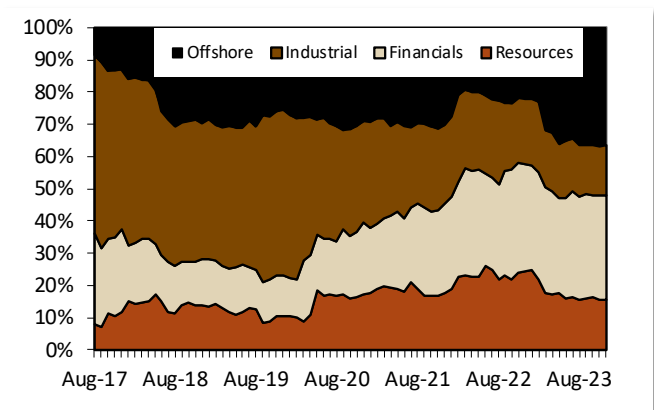
Investment Manager comment

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund rose 4.0%, double the 2.0% gain in the All Share index. Hudaco lost 1.6% in December, the only share in the portfolio to decline. Storage rose 6.2%, Discovery 8.0%, Firstrand 9.0%, Richemont 9.2%, Aspen 9.9%, Billiton 10.2%, Afrimat 11.6% and Renegen 32.2%. At the end of December, 80.6% of the Fund's assets were exposed to equity markets, while the remaining 19.4% was retained in cash. The Fund adhered to its Policy objective during the month.

Largest holdings

Investment	% of Fund
Sygnia iTrix MSCI World ETF	14.9%
Sygnia iTrix US ETF	7.8%
Satrix Resources ETF	7.4%
CoreShares S&P500 ETF	6.6%
Afrimat Ltd	5.8%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	5.3%
Firstrand Ltd	5.2%
BHP Group	5.1%
Discovery Holdings Ltd	4.9%
Standard Bank Group	4.8%
Total	67.9%

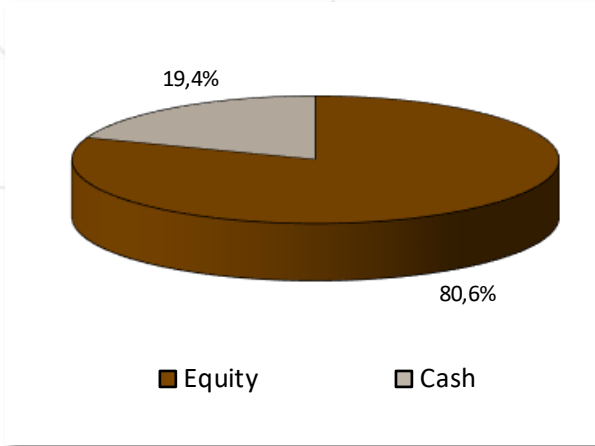
Historic sector allocation (% of Equity)



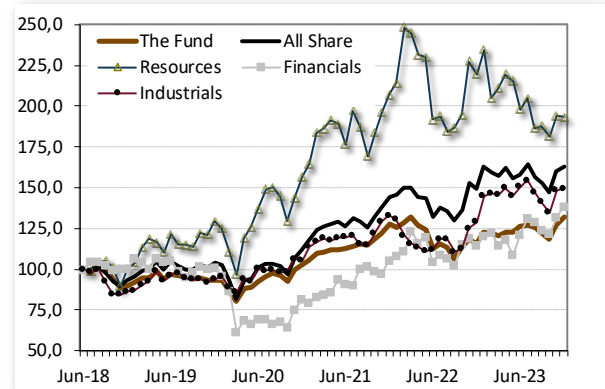
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Asset allocation (% of Fund)



Five-year cumulative performance*



*The cumulative performance is for illustrative purposes only. Investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown.

Month and annual average returns (%)

Investment	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years	15 years
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	4.0	14.0	8.9	8.3	3.7	3.8	8.1
FTSE-JSE All share index	2.0	9.3	13.5	11.9	9.9	8.8	12.4

*Performance is net of all fees and costs

Calendar year performance (%)

Investment	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	14.0	-9.1	24.6	10.7	4.4	-13.4	0.0
FTSE-JSE All share index	9.3	3.6	29.2	7.0	12.1	-8.5	21.0

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Rolling return (%)

Highest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	38.4%
Lowest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	-34.5%

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Risks

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. 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. 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. 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.

Glossary Summary

Annualized performance: Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualized 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.

Total Expense Ratio (TER)

As at 31 December 2023 the TER for Class A units were as follows:

Management Fee	2.00%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Cost	0.52%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.52%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.09%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	2.61%

Minimum investment:

Lump sum: R100 000

Debit order: R1 000

Risk Profile:

The Fund's risk profile is classified as high as listed equity investments make up the majority of the Fund's holdings. Generally equities have a higher level of volatility compared with other asset classes, however the expected long term returns are higher than other classes.

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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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