# MAESTRO EQUITY PRESCIENT FUND





## Prescient

30 June 2024

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)

47.43 cents per unit 31 March 2024

#### Fund size

R15 653 047

#### NAV

Class A: 3 880.79

#### Number of units in issue (A class)

329 331.0016

### 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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#### **Publication date**

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## Market Overview

For a change, emerging equity markets were generally stronger than developed ones, with the MSI Emerging Market index rising 3.6% in June. This was led by the 8.9% rise in the Indian equity market, although the Chinese market declined 3.9%. Brazil rose 1.5% and Russia 2.3%. The South African equity market rose 7.3% in dollar terms; it is worth noting that elections were also held in India. Election fever is sweeping the world, and the second half of this year is full of them. Surprise elections were announced in France and the United Kingdom, neither of which were well received by investors. The media will also not let us forget that US elections are now only five months away. Investors are watching, too, as US economic policies are coming under increasing scrutiny and are already weighing on investment markets.

The MSCI World index rose 1.9%, led by the US equity market, which rose 3.6%, bringing its year-to-date gain to 15.3%, by far the largest amongst major developed markets. The UK and German equity markets declined 1.3% and 1.4% respectively. The French equity market lost 6.4% in June.

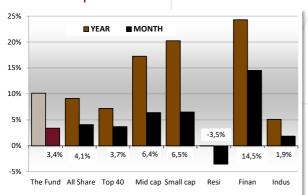
The global bond market continued to suffer from the headwind of delayed expectations of future US interest rate cuts. It now seems that we will only experience one rate cut this year, if at all, despite the relatively good news on the inflation front. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond index only rose 0.1%, reducing its year-to-date return marginally, to -3.2%. The political uncertainty, and evidence of a robust US economy, is supporting the dollar, too. It rose 1.1% during June. Commodity prices were mixed during June; the oil price rose 5.1%, but the price of copper declined by the same amount (-5.1%). The iron ore price lost 10.6%.



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## Returns for periods ended 30 June 2024



#### Local market returns

Investors celebrated the outcome of the June election by purchasing many "SA Incorporated" shares i.e. those with no foreign exposure. The bond market and property sector posted healthy gains, having been under pressure for some time. The All Share rose 4.1%, led by a 14.5% gain in the Financial index. The rand firmed 3.0%, despite the firm dollar, which in turn put pressure on the Basic Material index, which declined 3.5%. The Industrial index rose 1.9%. The All Bond index was a major beneficiary of a more positive outlook; perhaps more accurately it posted a relief rally, gaining 5.2% on the month. It is interesting to note that SA equity and bond markets have risen more or less the same extent so far this year, having posted gains of 5.8% and 5.5% respectively. This is in contrast to the global experience, where equity markets have risen 10.8% but bonds have declined 3.2%. The Large, Mid and Small cap indices posted June returns of 3.7%, 6.4% and 6.5% respectively.

#### **Investment Manager comment**

During May, the Maestro Equity Prescient Fund rose 3.4%, versus the 4.1% rise in the All Share index. During the year ended 30 June, the Fund rose 10.1%, ahead of the All Share

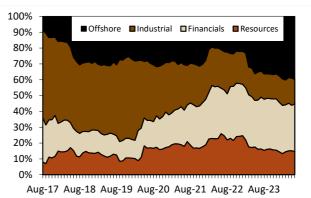
index return of 9.1% over the same period. The Fund's large offshore exposure of 33.4% retarded the returns for the month, given the rand's 3.1% appreciation against the dollar. During the month, Billiton lost 5.8%, and Richemont 4.5%. On the upside, Standard Bank rose 17.7%, Firstrand 18.3%, Discovery Holdings 22.8%, and Capitec 23.4%. The holdings in Ninety One and Renergen were sold, and the investment in Richemont reduced.

The Fund adhered to its Policy objective during the month.

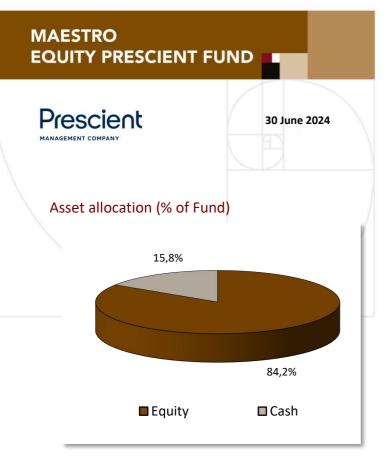
## Largest holdings

Investment	% of Fund
Sygnia iTrix MSCI World ETF	16.7%
Sygnia iTrix US ETF	9.0%
Satrix Resi ETF	8.0%
CoreShares S&P500 ETF	7.7%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	7.1%
Afrimat Ltd	6.8%
Firstrand Ltd	5.6%
Standard Bank Group	5.1%
Discovery Ltd	4.8%
BHP Group Ltd	4.3%
Total	75.1%

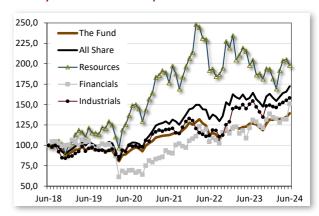
## Historic sector allocation (% of Equity)







## Five-year cumulative performance\*



<sup>\*</sup>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*	3.4	10.1	7.6	7.9	4.8	3.8	8.0
FTSE-JSE All share index	4.1	9.1	11.0	10.6	10.3	8.2	12.5

<sup>\*</sup>Performance is net of all fees and costs

## Calendar year performance (%)

Investment	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	5.7	14.0	-9.1	24.6	10.7	4.4	-13.4
FTSE-JSE All share index	5.8	9.3	3.6	29.2	7.0	12.1	-8.5

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## Rolling return (%)

Highest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	38.4%
Lowest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	-27.5%





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#### Disclaimer

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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. bankrupty), 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 March 2024 the TER for Class A units were as follows:

Management Fee	2.00%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Cost	0.58%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.58%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.00%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	2.58%

#### 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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#### Trustee

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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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