



# MAESTRO

Equity Fund

PRESCIENT  
MANAGEMENT COMPANY

March 2009

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund's objective is to produce above average long-term returns by investing in the South African equity market. It will simultaneously aim to assume less risk than the risk inherent in the market itself. The Fund adopts a conservative investment philosophy.

## FUND BENCHMARK (BMK)

The Fund will measure itself against the FTSE-JSE All Share Index. It will also use an internal benchmark, the Maestro Equity Benchmark, which consists of an equal weighting of the FTSE-JSE Top40 and Findi30 indices which effectively yields an index that is roughly equally weighted between the resource, financial and industrial sectors.

## 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 Consulting, an approved Financial Services Provider in terms of the Financial Services and Intermediary Act, operating under licence number 739, and the Financial Institutions (Protection of Fund) Act. 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 31 December 2008, in respect of class A, was 2.29%.

## FUND SIZE

R13 763 796

## MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Prescient Management Company Ltd  
PO Box 31142, Tokai, 7945

## TRUSTEE AND AUDITOR

Trustee: Nedbank Limited  
Auditor: KPMG Inc.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER

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## ENQUIRIES

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## MARKET OVERVIEW

We are living in a schizophrenic world: global equity markets are up 25% off their March lows and headlines are all about a "new bull market." Yet US car sales are falling at a rate of 40% a month, this year alone more than 2m US jobs have been lost, unemployment rates have soared past 8% and world trade has fallen off a precipice. There is no sign that the global economy is improving. Be that as it may, I bring good news about what we have dubbed a "hope rally." Global equity markets have rallied strongly since 9 March and continue to do so into April. During March the MSCI World index rose 5.6% but is down 13.9% for the year so far; the MSCI Emerging market index rose 12.5% - it's down only 1% this year. The latter was led by Korea, Russia up 26.6%, China 13.9% (up 30.3% this year alone) and South Africa 16.8% (in dollar terms). The dollar weakened 5.3% against the rand and commodity prices continued their steady gain. The hope that markets have seen their worst levels (a view we do not share) saw high beta assets rise strongly; this was supportive of the SA equity market. The firm rand did not deter the resource index from gaining 15.0%. This, together with strong financial and industrial returns, helped the All share index gain 11.0%. We will have more to say about the "hope rally" in the March Quarterly Report.

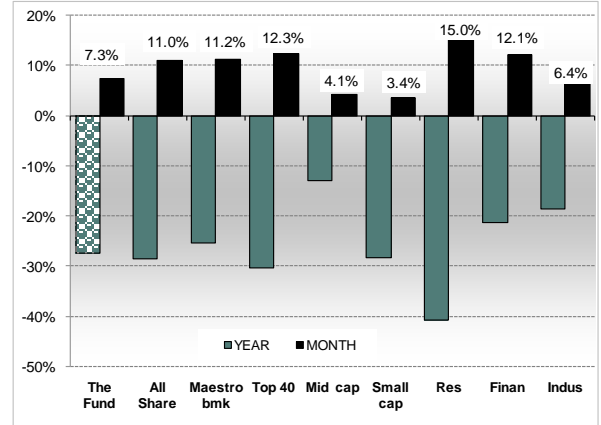
## INVESTMENT ADVISOR'S COMMENT

**During March the NAV rose 7.3%.** The Maestro equity benchmark and All Share Index rose 11.2% and 11.0% respectively. There were no major transactions on the Fund. It is worth noting that the Fund has a large weighting in mid and small caps. The March respective returns of these two indices were 4.1% and 3.4%, showing how strongly large caps lifted the market - that index rose 12.3%. This underscores our belief that the market strength has a lot to do with cash being committed to the equity market "for fear of missing the bottom." We believe that once a sustainable rally takes hold investors will be more discerning and will turn to the shares we hold dear, which are typically smaller in size but offer better value and in some cases are less risky. The leading gainers included Investec up 34.6%, Implats 33.4%, Cashbuild 23.6%, MTN 22.1% and Billiton 20.0%. The decliners included Jasco down 22.6%, Steinhoff 10.0%, Grindrod 7.9% and Digidore 5.4%.

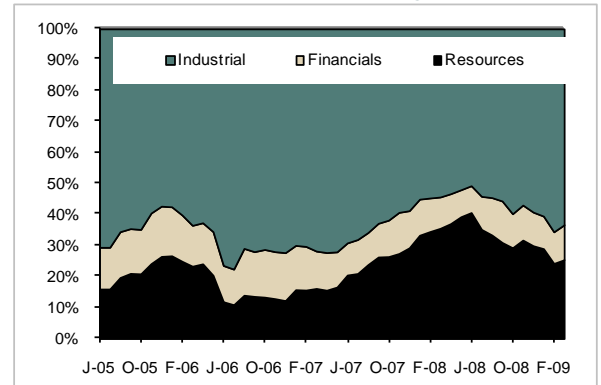
## LARGEST INDIVIDUAL HOLDINGS

Cashbuild	6.4%
MTN Group Ltd	5.7%
Mr Price	5.3%
Exxaro	5.3%
Aspen	5.1%
BHP Billiton plc	4.9%
Grindrod Ltd	4.4%
City Lodge	4.0%
Investec	4.0%
Sasol	3.6%
<b>Total (% of Fund)</b>	<b>48.7%</b>

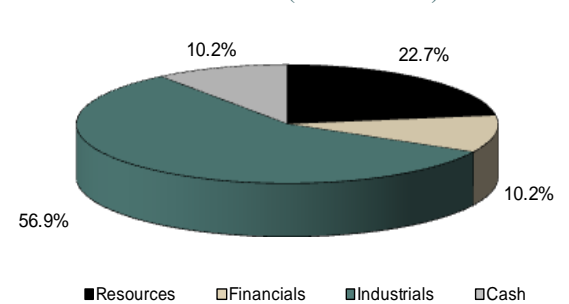
## MARKET RETURNS



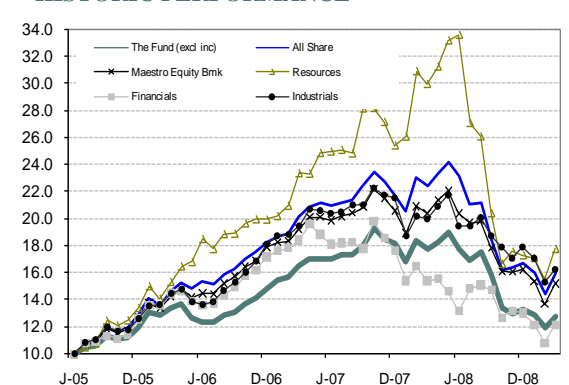
## SECTOR ALLOCATION (% OF EQUITY)



## ASSET ALLOCATION (% OF FUND)



## HISTORIC PERFORMANCE





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**HISTORIC RETURNS – CLASS A**

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2005	NAV Fund <sup>1</sup>						1000.00	1052.64	1064.69	1133.23	1112.53	1123.78	1201.08	
	All Share Maestro Equity Benchmark							5.26%	1.14%	6.44%	-1.83%	1.01%	6.88%	20.10%**
								7.20%	2.01%	9.70%	-2.42%	2.30%	8.08%	29.42%**
2006	NAV Fund <sup>1</sup>	1304.49	1292.39	1343.91	1347.50	1267.41	1234.21	1232.41	1292.71	1313.47	1369.63	1414.76	1482.83	
	All Share Maestro Equity Benchmark	8.61%	-0.93%	3.99%	2.08%*	-5.94%	-2.62%	-0.15%	4.89%	1.61%	4.28%	3.29%	4.74%	25.57%
		9.24%	-3.22%	7.11%	4.27%	-2.70%	3.39%	-1.48%	5.44%	2.36%	4.56%	2.66%	4.17%	41.24%
2007	NAV Fund <sup>1</sup>	1551.44	1569.60	1646.48	1699.85	1698.82	1703.96	1731.96	1734.23	1792.24	1928.09	1849.07	1812.33	
	All Share Maestro Equity Benchmark	4.70%	1.17%	4.90%	4.28%*	-0.06%	0.30%	1.64%	0.13%	3.35%	6.93%	-4.21%	-2.10%	22.51%
		2.22%	1.52%	6.37%	3.49%	1.74%	-0.94%	0.95%	0.67%	5.02%	4.78%	-3.17%	-4.40%	19.18%
2008	NAV Fund <sup>1</sup>	1659.39	1815.66	1756.22	1824.88	1892.31	1767.12	1680.10	1742.42	1564.90	1326.71	1282.78	1314.95	
	All Share Maestro Equity Benchmark	-7.67%	9.41%	-3.27%	4.76%*	3.70%	-6.62%	-4.92%	3.71%	-10.2%	-15.2%	-3.31%	2.51%	-26.23%
		-5.58%	12.44%	-3.04%	4.21%	3.71%	-4.37%	-8.71%	0.30%	-13.2%	-11.7%	1.27%	1.52%	-23.22%
2009	NAV Fund <sup>1</sup>	1270.53	1179.69	1265.70										
	All Share Maestro Equity Benchmark	-3.38%	-7.15%	7.29%										-3.75%***
		-4.26%	-9.85%	11.02%										-5.17%***
														-6.45%***

<sup>1</sup>Fund not available to the public  
\*Adjusted for income distribution  
\*\* 6-month period  
\*\*\*Year to date

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