

# MAESTRO EQUITY PRESCIENT FUND



**PRESCIENT**  
MANAGEMENT COMPANY

31 March 2018

Minimum Disclosure Document

#### Investment objective

The Maestro Equity Prescient 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. The Fund falls under the South African Equity General ASISA classification as the Fund has a high risk profile.

#### The Fund benchmark

The Fund will measure itself against the FTSE-JSE All Share Index

#### 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 31 December 2017, in respect of class A was 2.32%.

#### Income declaration (annually)

10.89 cents per unit  
31 March 2017

#### Fund size

R77 500 998

#### NAV

Class A: 2 743.40c

#### 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: KPMG Inc.

#### Investment Manager

Maestro Investment Management

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## Market Overview

After the rude awakening of unprecedented market volatility in February, global equity markets staged something of a recovery in the early stages of March before being thrown off course again by the efforts of US President Trump to initiate a trade war, primarily with China. From their mid-month peak, the trade war spat all but ensured equity markets ended March lower than where they started the year. The US market closed down 5.7% from its intra-month peak and is now down 0.8% for the year-to-date.

More specifically, the MSCI World index declined 2.5% during March, and the MSCI Emerging Market index 2.2%. Leading emerging market declines were India, down 3.6% and China 2.8%, although smaller markets fell further: the Greek and Indonesian markets declined 6.6% and 6.2% respectively. Russia's 3.1% decline would have been worse, were it not for the 8.6% rise in the oil price. The Brazilian market was flat. Developed markets didn't fare much better: the US equity market declined 2.5%, the German and Hong Kong markets both fell 2.7%, and the Japanese market ended 4.1% lower. The tech-heavy NASDAQ index fell 2.9%, but rather surprisingly the US Mid and Small cap indices rose 0.8% and 1.9% respectively.

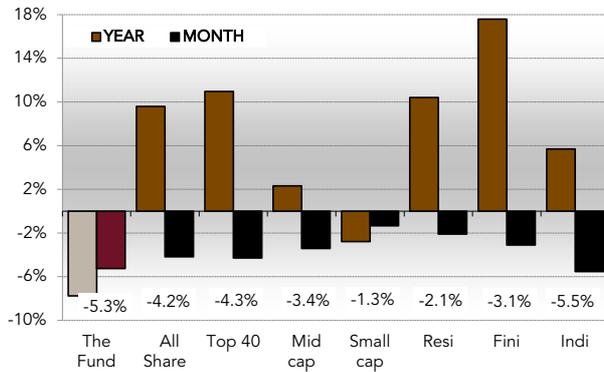
Global bond markets also experienced above-average volatility, but ended the month higher. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate bond index rose 1.1%. The dollar DXY index lost 0.6%, with the greenback ending lower against most currencies; the euro and sterling rose 1.3% and 2.3% respectively against it.

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**Local market returns**



Turning to local markets, the SA equity market was not spared the volatility and weakness. The All Share index fell 4.2%, led by the Industrial index, which ended down 5.5%, followed by the Financial index, which fell 3.1% and the Basic Material index, down 2.1%. The Large cap (Top40), Mid, and Small cap indices fell 4.3%, 3.4%, and 1.3% respectively. The Gold index rose 6.1% but is down 13.0% so far this year. The All Bond index continues to reap the benefits of the positive sentiment towards emerging markets on the part of global investors. The recent reduction in official interest rates and positive global bond markets added to the sentiment, resulting in the All Bond index ending the month 2.0% higher. The latter has risen 8.1% so far this year, while the rand has firmed 5.1% over the same period; the global bond market, by way of contrast, has risen by 0.4% during this period.

**Investment manager comment**

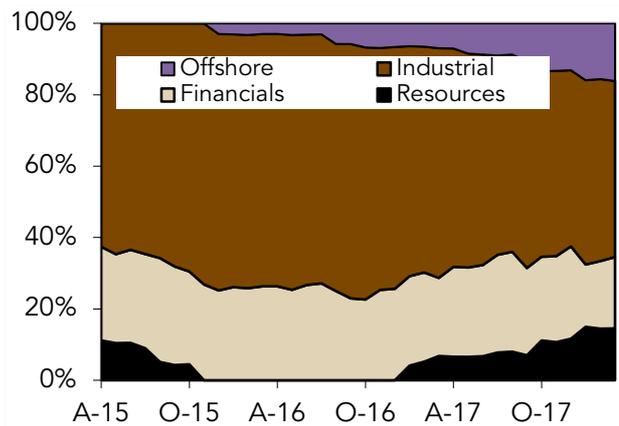
The return on the Fund was -5.4% versus the -4.2% All Share index return. Contributing to the declines was EOH, which fell 40.0% after posting disappointing returns and failing to allay investor concerns. Ascendis Health declined 16.4%, and

Naspers fell 11.4% on the back of global weakness in technology shares. On a more positive note, Cashbuild rose 2.5%, AdaptIT 2.7%, Afrimat 7.0%, and Echo Polska 24.8%.

**Largest holdings**

Investment	% of Fund
Naspers Ltd	17.4%
Sygnia ITrix MSCI World	8.0%
Discovery Ltd	7.9%
Sygnia ITrix MSCI US	7.7%
Afrimat Ltd	6.0%
BHP Billiton Plc	5.6%
Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd	5.4%
Glencore Xstrata Plc	5.2%
KAP Industrial Holdings Limited	5.0%
AdaptIT Holdings Ltd	4.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72.6%</b>

**Historic sector allocation (% of Equity)**



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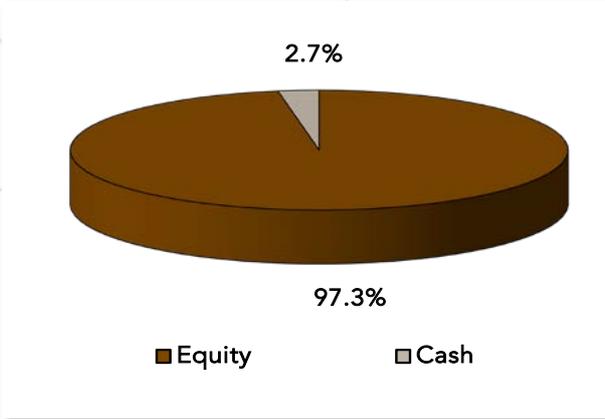
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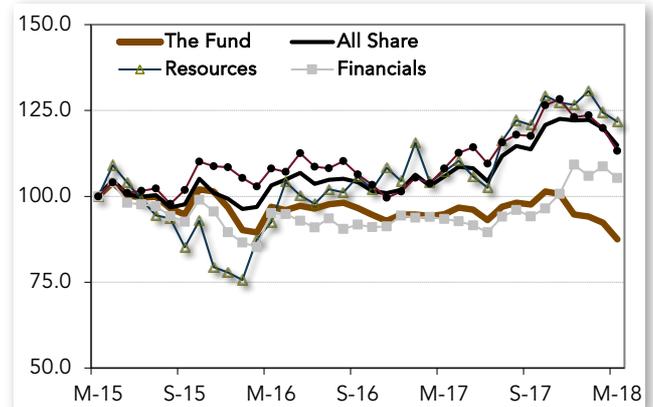
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## Asset allocation (% of Fund)



## Three-year historic performance



## Month and annual average returns (%)

Investment	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	-5.3	-7.8	-4.4	5.1	7.3	5.6
FTSE-JSE All share index	-4.2	9.6	5.1	10.0	11.4	9.7

\*Performance is net of all fees and costs

## Calendar year performance (%)

Investment	YTD	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	-7.7	0.0	-2.1	4.1	10.5	23.4
FTSE-JSE All share index	-6.0	21.0	2.6	5.1	10.9	21.5

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## Rolling return (%)

Highest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	41.9%
Lowest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	-34.5%

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## Glossary Summary

**Annualised performance:** Annualised performance show longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualised 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 2017 the TER for Class A units were as follows:

Management Fee	1.75%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Cost	0.32%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.07%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.25%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	2.32%

## 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.

## Contact Details

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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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