

# MAESTRO EQUITY PRESCIENT FUND



**PRESCIENT**  
MANAGEMENT COMPANY

31 December  
2016

## 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 30 September 2016, in respect of class A was 2.2%.

### Income declaration (annually)

9.2 cents per unit  
31 March 2016

### Fund size

R118 028 161

### NAV

Class A: 2 983.75c

### 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

Announcements from two major Central Banks, the European Central Bank (ECB) and the US Federal Reserve (the Fed) were the key events during December, closing off 2016, a year that will be remembered in history for its dramatic and unexpected political events. In the US, the Fed raised interest rates by 0.25%, only the second such move since the Great Financial Crisis of 2007/9. In Europe, the ECB hinted at the future reduction of their quantitative easing program.

Equity prices in developed markets ended a volatile 2016 on a high, with the MSCI World index gaining 2.3%. Emerging markets lagged during the month, with the MSCI Emerging Market index falling -0.1%. Within developed markets Germany's DAX was the outperformer, gaining 7.9% in December while Japan's Nikkei and the UK's FTSE100 rose 5.3% and 4.4% respectively. In the US the S&P500 rose 2.0%. Amongst the emerging markets, Trump's continued pro-Russian rhetoric assisted in Russia's RTS gaining an impressive 11.6%. Turkey's BIST100 gained 5.6% while China's Shanghai Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index were the laggards, falling 4.5% and 3.5% respectively. Global Bonds were generally weaker with the Barcap Global Aggregate Bond index falling 0.5%.

The dollar was strong, with the "DXY" dollar index rising 1.0% but the rand performed relatively well, gaining 2.6% against the dollar in December. Precious metals prices fell with the price of gold, platinum and silver falling 2.7%, 2.4% and 2.6% respectively. Base metals were also under pressure: aluminium, copper and nickel fell 2.1%, 4.7% and 9.8% respectively. A decision by OPEC to reduce the supply of oil led to the oil price gaining 10.0%.

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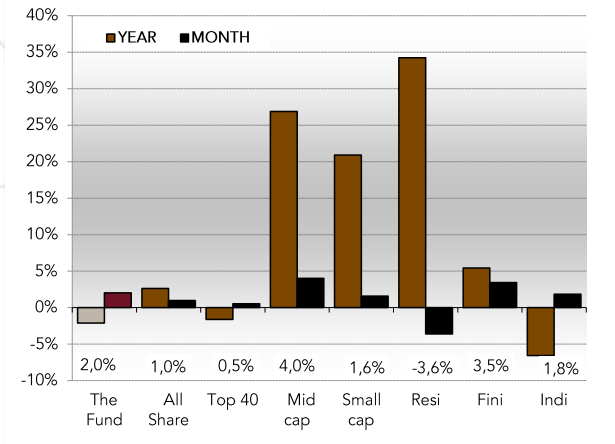
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**Local market returns**



Turning to local markets, the All Share index (Alsi) gained 1.0% which brought its annual return to 2.6%. The Basic Material index declined 3.6% during December but the index's annual gain of 34.3% was nevertheless impressive. The Financial index rose 3.5%, bringing its annual gain to 5.4%. The Industrial index gained 1.8%, but it lagged in 2016, declining by a disappointing 6.6%. The Gold index lost 4.0% during the month, but gained 30.4% over the year. The Top40 (large cap) index rose 0.5% during the month but fell 1.6% over the year. The Mid cap index gained 4.0% and the Small cap index rose 1.6% in December but over the year the annual returns were an outstanding 26.9% and 20.9% respectively. The All Bond index gained 1.6% during the month, which brought its 2016 return to 15.4%.

**Investment manager comment**

The Fund rose 2.0% outperforming the Alsi during the month. The Fund's annual return of -2.1% was disappointing. The relative underperformance compared to the Alsi can mainly be attributable to the lack of basic material shares, which rose strongly over the year. Taking a look at the performance of

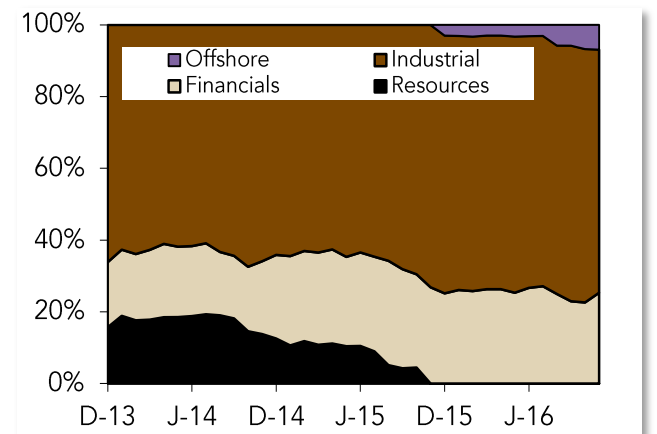
the Fund's holdings in December: the laggards during the month included Aspen which fell 2.2% and Naspers which declined 2.0%. On a positive note, CalgroM3 rose 12.2% and most retailers bounced back after a brutal November with Mr Price gaining 10.0%, Steinhoff 9.5% and Woolworths 9.4%. Sygnia rose 8.6% while Ascendis, Hudaco and Firststrand all gained 5.3% during the month.

**Largest holdings**

Investment	% of Fund
Naspers Ltd	11.0%
Steinhoff International Holdings Ltd	6.5%
Firststrand Ltd	5.1%
Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Ltd	5.0%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	4.0%
Old Mutual plc	4.0%
Consolidated Infrastructure Group	3.7%
EOH Holdings Ltd	3.6%
DB X-Trackers MSCI USA Index ETF	3.5%
Ascendis Health Ltd	3.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.8%</b>

During the month the holdings in Aspen Pharmacare and Discovery were increased.

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



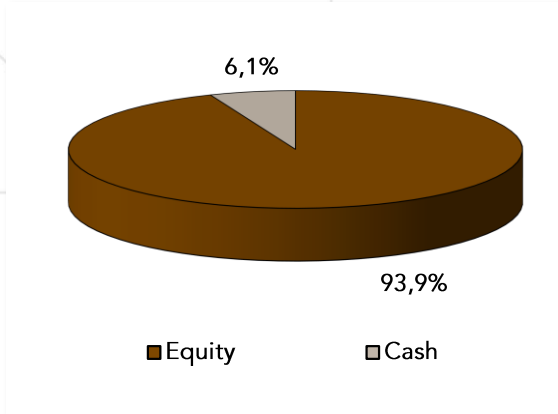
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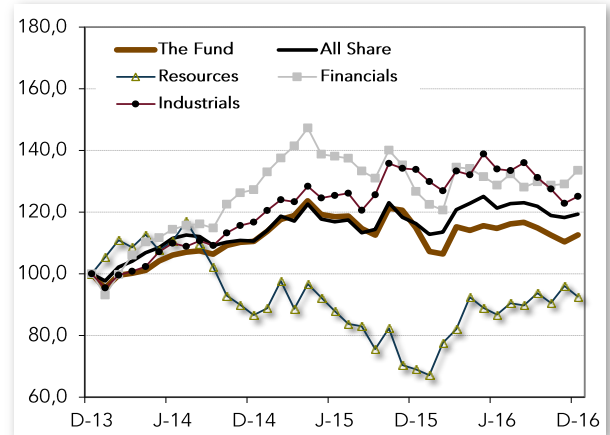


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Asset allocation (% of Fund)



Three-year historic performance



Month and annual average returns (%)

Investment	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years
<b>Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*</b>	2.0	-2.1	4.0	11.8	10.3	8.4
FTSE-JSE All share index	1.0	2.6	6.2	13.0	12.3	10.5

\*Performance is net of all fees and costs

Calendar year performance (%)

Investment	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*</b>	-2.1	4.1	10.5	23.8	25.5
FTSE-JSE All share index	2.6	5.1	10.9	21.5	26.7

\*Performance is net of all fees and costs

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 30 September 2016 the TER for Class A units were as follows:

Management Fee	1.75%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Cost	0.31%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.06%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.15%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	2.21%

## 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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