

## Fund Objective

The fund will, apart from assets in liquid form, consist solely of participatory interest in the approved, Sigma Select Global Leaders Fund under the Prescient Global Funds ICAV, an open ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between funds, domiciled in Ireland. The investment objective of the underlying fund is to outperform the Benchmark, as measured by the MSCI ACWI, over the long term. The underlying fund will seek to achieve its objective primarily through investing of up to 100% of its net assets in global equities which are listed or traded on Recognised Exchanges, or subject to the investment restrictions set out in the supplement.

## Fund Strategy

The Fund capital is allocated to a carefully considered blend of independently managed global and specialist equity strategies.

The Fund is constructed by optimally blending the various manager styles and strategies to achieve the return target over the long-term.

A rigorous investment process underpins the identification and selection of managers according to their key strengths and specialisation.

These managers include the best active stock-pickers that the fund manager has encountered globally and they all have long term track-records of successfully generating superior returns for their investors.

Each manager is constantly assessed relative to their appropriate benchmarks and must consistently comply with the fund manager's stringent due diligence criteria.

The Fund exposure is constantly monitored and reviewed, and may be adjusted from time to time, having regard to the prevailing market conditions.

## Fund Information

<b>Fund Size</b>	R252.1 mil
<b>Unit Price</b>	R1.73
<b>Units in Class</b>	322 950
<b>Fund Class</b>	A1
<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	Jonathan Selby
<b>Risk Profile</b>	High
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI AC World Index
<b>Minimum Investment</b>	Lump Sum : R5 000 Debit Order : R500 p.m.
<b>ISIN</b>	ZAE000277349
<b>ASISA Classification</b>	Global - Equity - General
<b>Fund Domicile</b>	South Africa
<b>Fund Currency</b>	ZAR
<b>Dealing Frequency</b>	Each Business Day
<b>Pricing Frequency</b> <sup>1</sup>	Each Business Day
<b>JSE Code</b>	PRSFA1
<b>Inception Date</b>	2019/09/16
<b>Portfolio Category</b>	SA Unit Trust
<b>Distributions</b>	Annual
<b>Distribution History</b>	None

<sup>1</sup> Prices are available from sources such as [www.profile.co.za](http://www.profile.co.za), directly from Prescient Management Company or Ginsburg & Selby Private Wealth.

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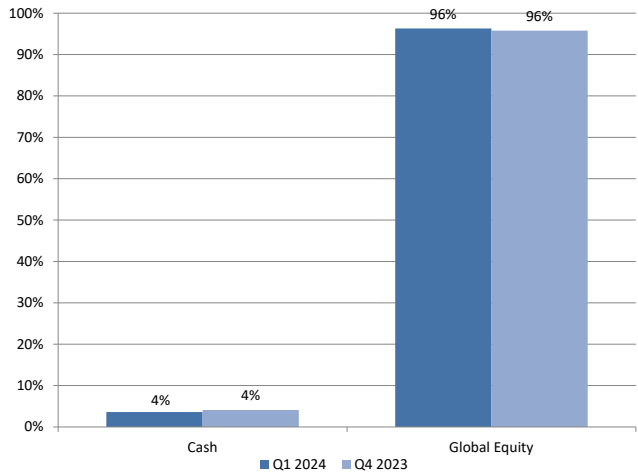
## Top Holdings

Top Holdings	% of Portfolio
<b>Veritas Izoard Fund</b>	18.54%
<b>Egerton Capital Equity Fund</b>	18.53%
<b>Lindsell Train Global Equity Fund</b>	9.86%
<b>Metropolis Value Fund</b>	8.19%
<b>Sands Capital Global Growth Fund</b>	7.41%
<b>Platinum Asia Fund</b>	7.18%
<b>Contrarius Global Equity Fund</b>	6.99%
<b>Lyrical US Value Fund</b>	6.95%
<b>Orbis Global Equity Fund</b>	6.71%
<b>Baillie Gifford WW Emerging Markets Fund</b>	4.99%

## Fees (Incl. VAT)

Fees (Incl. VAT)	A1 Class (%)
<b>Underlying UCITS Fund</b>	1.21%
<b>Manco Fee %</b>	0.15%
<b>Fund Manager (GSPW) Fee %</b>	0.58%
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	<b>1.93%</b>
<b>Other</b>	0.02%
<b>Total Investment Charges</b>	<b>1.95%</b>

## Asset Allocation



## Portfolio Management

The Fund manager is Ginsburg & Selby Private Wealth (Pty) Ltd, FSP Licence No. 42594, an Authorised Financial Services Provider under the South African Financial Sector Conduct Authority and approved by the Central Bank of Ireland as a manager of Irish Authorised Investment Funds. The Fund operates as a white label fund under the Prescient Unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

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Cumulative Return	Fund	MSCI ACWI
<b>1 Year Return</b>	28.83%	32.14%
<b>3 Year Return</b>	35.09%	59.14%
<b>Inception</b>	72.74%	113.08%

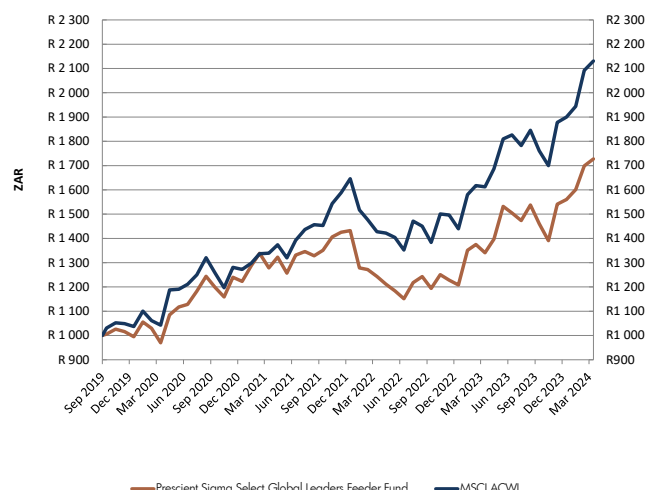
Annualised Return	Fund	MSCI ACWI
<b>1 Year Return</b>	28.83%	32.14%
<b>3 Year Return</b>	10.55%	16.75%
<b>Inception</b>	12.79%	18.12%

Highest & Lowest Returns	Fund	MSCI ACWI
<b>Highest 1-year Return</b>	31.82%	35.07%
<b>Lowest 1-year Return</b>	-15.63%	-12.54%

Risk Statistics (3-Year Rolling)	Fund	MSCI ACWI
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	16.40%	15.94%
<b>Maximum Drawdown</b>	-19.63%	-17.85%
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	0.27	
<b>Information Ratio</b>	-0.98	

<sup>1</sup> The performance shown is for illustrative purposes only and is net of all fees. Income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

Illustration showing growth of R1,000 investment at date of inception <sup>1</sup>



### Quarterly Commentary - Q1 2024

During the first quarter of 2024, global equity markets exhibited robust growth, spurred by a resilient US economy, and heightened optimism surrounding Artificial Intelligence. Expectations of interest rate cuts further bolstered market sentiment, although the pace and magnitude of such reductions were tempered throughout the quarter. The MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) delivered a +8.3% return in US\$ during the quarter, accumulating a noteworthy +24.1% gain since 1 November 2023.

The lower US regional exposure resulted in the Sigma Select Global Leaders Fund underperforming the MSCI ACWI over the quarter, returning +6.9%. The Egerton Capital Equity Fund (18.5% of the fund) was the top performer, delivering a return of +14.8% over the quarter. The Contrarius Global Equity Fund (7% of the Fund) and the Platinum Japan Fund (4% of the Fund) were the top detractors, returning -7.1% and -1.6% respectively, all in US\$.

The US economy remained strong, as evidenced by an upward revision of their Q4 GDP growth to 3.4%, along with positive employment indicators reflecting a robust labour market. Additionally, the US manufacturing PMI increased to 50.3 in March, marking the end of 16 months of contraction and indicating a return to economic expansion in the manufacturing sector. The Eurozone similarly displayed signs of improving business activity, with the flash PMI rising to 49.9 in March.

Despite inflation rates approaching their target, the Federal Reserve (FED) kept rates unchanged at their January meeting, with Chair Jerome Powell advocating a prudent stance towards potential rate cuts. The revised dot plot now indicates three reductions throughout the 2024 year. Similarly, the European Central Bank (ECB) kept rates unchanged, with President Christine Lagarde tempering expectations for imminent rate cuts, emphasizing a cautious strategy to avoid premature policy reversals.

Concerns over China's growth prospects weighed on the MSCI Emerging Market Index, returning +2.4% in US\$ and underperforming the Developed Market Index. The MSCI China Index experienced a challenging start to the year, falling -10.6% in January. The index partially recovered following favourable economic activity data during the Lunar New Year holiday and support from the People's Bank of China. Despite this rebound, the MSCI China Index, which represents approximately 25% of the Emerging Market index, declined by -2.2% in US\$ over the quarter.

Since 1 November 2023, the MSCI AC World index has seen a significant increase of +24.1% in US\$. However, this robust growth has not been met with a corresponding increase in corporate earnings growth, resulting in an elevated Forward Price to Earnings (PE) ratio of approx. 18 times (i.e. from 15 times at the start of November 2023). The US equity market, comprising 64% of the MSCI AC World Index, dominates the elevated multiple from a regional perspective.

This disconnect between market return and earnings growth may signal over-valuation in certain areas of the market, warranting caution at the index level. Specifically, we remain cautious on certain mega-cap US technology companies, as valuation multiples continue to expand, and earnings growth expectations remain elevated.

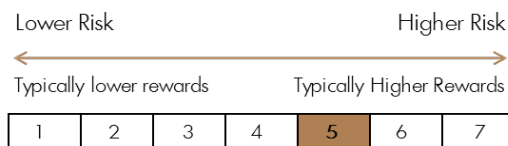
Notwithstanding this caution, we continue to identify compelling value in specific areas of both the US and global markets that have been overlooked in recent years. These areas are trading at depressed valuations, offering investors a greater margin of safety. The valuation-driven strategies within the Sigma Select Global Leaders Fund are well-positioned to benefit from any changes in market sentiment in these areas.

The Fund remains well diversified across regions, with an underweight to the US equity market.

The portfolio has adhered to its policy objective as stated in the supplemental deed.

## Risk and Reward Profile of the Fund

The risk indicator is determined using historical data or, where historical data is not available, using simulated historical data. Historical data, such as is used in calculating the synthetic indicator, may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time. A category 1 fund is not risk free - the risk of loss is however small and the chance of making gains may also be limited. With a category 7 fund, the risk of losing money is high but so is the possibility of making gains. The risk indicator for the Fund is set at 5 as this reflects the market risk arising from proposed investments.



The Fund does not offer any capital guarantee or assurance that the investor will receive a fixed amount when redeeming.

## Fund Specific Risks

In addition to the risk captured by the indicator above, the overall Fund value may be considerably affected by:

- **Default risk:** The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The issuers credit quality is vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.
- **Derivatives risk:** The use of derivatives could increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses in a Fund. As such, large changes in value and potentially large financial losses could result.
- **Developing Market (excluding SA) risk:** Some of the countries invested in may have less developed legal, political, economic and/or other systems. These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than those in countries generally regarded as being more developed.
- **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.
- **Interest rate risk:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to be inversely related to interest and inflation rates. Hence their value decreases when interest rates and/or inflation rises.
- **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.
- **Currency exchange risk:** Changes in the relative values of individual currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.
- **Geographic / Sector risk:** For investments primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors, their resulting value may decrease whilst portfolios more broadly invested might grow.
- **Derivative counterparty risk:** A counterparty to a derivative transaction may experience a breakdown in meeting its obligations thereby leading to financial loss.
- **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.

Please refer to the "Risk Factors" sections of the Prospectus and the Supplement for further information - see under "Practical Information" for how to obtain a copy.

## Disclaimer

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) should be considered as medium to long-term investments. The value may go up as well as down and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS's are traded at the ruling price and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing. The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. There is no guarantee in respect of capital or returns in a portfolio. A CIS may be closed to new investors in order for it to be managed more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. CIS prices are calculated on a net asset basis, which is the total value of all the assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (brokerage, STT, VAT, auditor's fees, bank charges, trustee and custodian fees and the annual management fee) from the portfolio divided by the number of participatory interests (units) in issue. Forward pricing is used. The Fund's Total Expense Ratio (TER) reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. During the phase in period TER's do not include information gathered over a full year. Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

The Manager retains full legal responsibility for any third-party-named portfolio. Where foreign securities are included in a portfolio there may be potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risks, political risks, foreign exchange risks, tax risks, settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. Please note that all documents, notifications of deposit, investment, redemption and switch applications must be received by Prescient by or before 13:00 (SA), to be transacted at the net asset value price for that day. Where all required documentation is not received before the stated cut off time Prescient shall not be obliged to transact at the net asset value price as agreed to. Funds are priced at either 3pm or 5pm depending on the nature of the Fund. Prices are published daily and are available on the Prescient website.

Performance has been calculated using net NAV to NAV numbers with income reinvested. The performance for each period shown reflects the return for investors who have been fully invested for that period. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestments and dividend withholding tax. Full performance calculations are available from the manager on request.

## Glossary Summary

**Annualised Performance:** Annualised performance shows 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 and 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.

**Sharpe Ratio:** The Sharpe Ratio is used to indicate the excess return the portfolio delivers over the risk-free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.

**Standard Deviation:** The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

**Max Drawdown:** The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

**Max Gain:** Largest increase in any single month.

**%Positive Month:** The percentage of months since inception where the fund has delivered positive return.

**Volatility:** Volatility is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index.

**Feeder Fund:** A Feeder Fund is a portfolio that invests in a single portfolio of a collective investment scheme which levies its own charges, and which could result in a higher fee structure for the feeder fund.