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Legacy Africa Regional Equity Prescient Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report

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Fund Details

Fund Manager	Senzo J Hlangu	
Investment Manager	Legacy Africa Fund Managers	
Inception Date	12 June 2023	
Publication Date	31 January 2024	
ASISA Classification	Regional Equity – General	
Benchmark	MSCI EFM Africa ex-SA Index	
Fund Size	R 37 485 588.41	
Number of Units	37 035 931.09	
NAV Price	101.21c	
Initial Fees	0 %	
TER	N/A – New Fund	
TC	N/A – New Fund	
TIC	N/A – New Fund	
Class	A2	
Management Fees	1.00%	
Minimum Lump Sum	R50 000	
Minimum Debit Order	R1 000	
Income Declaration	Annually	

Fund Investment Policy

The Fund invests in companies that generate most of their business in Africa outside of South Africa. These companies are large, liquid and listed in any major stock exchange anywhere in the world. The Fund invests primarily in equity securities, although it can invest up to 20% in liquid non-equity securities such as preference shares, debentures, bonds, collective investment schemes, and cash. The fund is at all times diversified across sectors and industries, countries, and currencies as well as stock exchange listings. The portfolio has adhered to its policy objective as stated in the supplemental deed.

Risk Profile

High Risk The fund is classified as high risk and is subject to the following risk factors: Country Risk, Currency Risk, Equity Risk, Industry Risk, and Repatriation Risk.

Country Risk: refers to the potential economic, political, and financial risks that may arise from investing or doing business in a particular country.

Currency Risk: also known as exchange rate risk, refers to the potential financial risk that arises from changes in currency exchange rates.

Equity Risk: also known as stock market risk, refers to the potential financial risk that arises from investing in stocks or other equity securities.

Industry Risk: refers to the potential financial risk that arises from investing in a particular industry or sector.

Repatriation Risk: refers to the potential financial risk that arises when a company or investor invests in a foreign country and faces difficulties repatriating their profits or capital back to their home country.

Asset Allocation

	Fund Weight	
Asset Class	30-Sep-23	31-Dec-23
Africa ex-SA Equity	61,7%	64,4%
Cash	38,3%	35,7%
Total	100,0%	100,0%

The fund's equity weight continued its steady increase rising from 61.7% at the end of third quarter of 2023 to 64.4% by the end of the fourth quarter of 2023. The fund will continue to increase its equity exposure over the next quarter.

Fund Objective

The fund's primary objective is the growth of capital invested over the long term. The fund is expected to have a higher risk than the nonequity funds, but with a higher expected return. The fund is expected to generate its returns from capital growth as well as dividend income from its investee companies. The fund aims to outperform African equity markets over the long-term at lower-than-average risk. The fund's benchmark is the MSCI EFM Africa ex-South Africa Index

Fund Performance

Not Available – Performance figures will be available a year after the fund's launch date.

Valuations and Transaction cut-off times

The valuation point for the purposes of calculating daily transaction prices of participatory interests including selling, repurchase, creation and cancellation will be before 18h00 each business day. Provided that with the consent of the trustee, valuation may take place more frequently but not less frequently. Additionally, the for-warding pricing method of calculation will be applied to all prices.

Market Commentary

Market Review

The MSCI EFM Africa ex-SA, which tracks equity markets in African countries excluding South Africa, increased 6.4% in USD and increased 3.3% in ZAR during the fourth quarter of 2023. The ZAR gained 3.0% against the USD. Two of our four largest African equity markets, namely Egypt (up 23.4%) and Morocco (up 6.4%) delivered positive returns in USD, while Kenya (down 8.6%) and Nigeria (down 4.2%) fell during the quarter.

In Egypt, the local currency remained stable around the 30.9 mark level from the last quarter, although it is expected to depreciate further in the near future due to significant increases in the domestic money supply and persistent trade and budget deficits. Nonetheless, the domestic equity, the EGX30 index, continued its recent strong performance rising a further 23.4% in EGP during the fourth quarter after rising 14.2% in the previous quarter. The EGX 30 index rose a whopping 70.5% in EGP in calendar year 2023. The strong market performance was broad-based with only 3 of the 31 stocks in the EGX 30 index showing negative returns. The largest stock in the market, Commercial International Bank, rose another 21.1% in the fourth quarter after rising 18.0% during the third quarter. Other major winners were Talaat Mustapha Group (up 75.6%), Misr Fertilizers (up 58.9%), Ezz Steel (up 71.9%), Credit Agricole Egypt (up 41.9%) and Telecom Egypt (up 26.0%).

In Morocco, the MAD gained 4.2% against the USD during the quarter, reversing losses made in the third quarter. The Moroccan currency remains the most stable of all major African currencies having gained 5.3% against the USD in 2023, while other major African currencies showed losses of between 7.8%, as with ZAR, and 97.8% with the NGN. On the equity market, the MOSENEW rose a pedestrian 1.9% in MAD with losers outnumbering winners. The major winners include cement producers LafargeHolcim Maroc (up 12.9%) and Ciments du Maroc (up 12.8%), banking group Banque Centrale Populaire (up 7.9%) and Managem (up 6.6%), while losers include Label Vie (down 8.7%), Wafa Assurance (down 3.6%) and Afriquia Gaz (down 4.8%)

In Nigeria, the NGN, continued its recent decline, falling another 17.6% against the USD in the fourth quarter. The NGN is the worst performing major African currency in 2023, having lost 97.8% against the USD. The positive news came from the equity market, as represented by the NGXINDX, which delivered a return of 12.9% in NGN, driven primarily by the largest stocks in the market. Winners outnumbered losers 4 to 1. Airtel Africa increased a whopping 46.3% thus displacing Dangote Cement (down 5.9%) as the largest stock in the market. Other major winners were the banking stocks - i.e. UBA (up 52.7%), Access Holdings (up 47.0%), FBN Holdings (up 44%.0) and Ecobank (up 30.6%). The only bank to show negative returns was Stanbic IBTC (down 10.7%). Other notable losers include BUA Foods (down 4.6%) and Nigerian Breweries (down 11.9%).

In Kenya, the KES continued its steady decline during the third quarter of 2023, declining another 5.9% against the USD after falling by an average of 6.3% every 3 months in 2023. The KES lost 27.1% against the USD in 2023. The equity market does not have good news either, with the NSEASI falling 3.3% in KES, making the Kenyan equity market the worst performing major African equity market in the fourth quarter, calendar year 2023 and indeed over the past 3 years. The largest stock in the Kenyan market, Safaricom continued its decline from its peak, falling a further 4.8% during the fourth quarter. Safaricom has lost 60% of its value over the past 3 years. Other losing stocks during the fourth quarter were East African Breweries (down 13.0%), Equity Group (down 5.3%) and ABSA Bank Kenya (down 4.2%. There were notable winners, namely KCB Group (up 5.0%), I&M Group (up 2.6%) and Bamburi Cement (up 46.3%).

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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

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Glossary of Terms:

- Annualized performance: Annualized 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.
- Alpha: Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.
- 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.
- % Positive Month: The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.
- **Dividend Yield**: The weighted average dividend yield of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The dividend yield of each company is the dividends per share divided by the price.
- **PE Ratio:** The weighted average price earnings ratio of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The price earnings ratio of each company is the price divided by the earnings per share.
- **USD:** The United States Dollar, the currency of the United States of America. The USD is the current global reserve currency of the world and therefore is used here as a common currency for easy of comparison between markets with different currencies.
- **EGP**: The Egyptian Pound, the currency of Egypt
- MAD: The Moroccan Dirham, the currency of the Kingdom of Morocco
- NGN: The Nigerian Naira, the currency of Nigeria
- KES: The Kenyan Shilling, the currency of Kenya
- ZAR: The South African Rand, the currency of the Republic of South Africa
- GBP: The Great British Pound, the currency of Great Britain
- EGX30: the Egyptian stock exchange equity index
- MOSENEW: The Moroccan stock exchange equity index
- NGXINDX: The Nigerian stock exchange equity index
- NSEASI: The Kenyan stock exchange equity index

This portfolio operates as a white label fund under the Prescient Unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.