# Cogence Equity Prescient Fund of Funds

## **Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report**

30 April 2025



Fund Details	
Portfolio manager	Riscura Invest (Pty) Ltd
Investment manager	Cogence (Pty) Ltd
Launch date	22 August 2022
ASISA classification	(ASISA) - SA - Equity - General
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	JSE Capped SWIX All Share Index
Risk profile	Very High
Fund size	R568 948 351
Income declaration	Bi Annually (End March and September)
Regulation 28 compliant	No
Currency	South African Rands
NAV price at month	125.65c
Inception NAV price	100c
Number of units	452 792 473
Annual fees (Incl. VAT)	0.73%
Performance fees	None
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.52%
Transaction costs (TC)	0.19%
Total investment charges (TIC)	1.71%
JSE code	COGEFA
ISIN number	ZAE000312328
Transaction cut-off time:	16:00

Notes

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#### Investment policy

The objective of this fund is to generate high levels of capital growth and reasonable levels of income, while minimising capital volatility. This will be achieved by investing in collective investment schemes in accordance with the Act that have a bias to South African equities. The fund will be actively managed.

The fund has adhered to its policy objectives as stated in the supplemental deed.

### Who this investment may be suitable for

The fund is suitable for investors seeking high capital growth potential over the longer term who are comfortable with short-term volatility and prepared to accept the risk of capital loss.

Historical Performance		
Period	Fund	Benchmark
1 month	3.38%	4.23%
3 months	6.52%	7.57%
YTD	7.85%	10.33%
1 year	20.84%	24.44%
3 year	-	-
5 year	-	-
Since Launch (Ann.)	11.26%	13.58%
Since Launch (Cum.)	33.26%	40.87%

Performance data longer than 1 year is annualised.

Risk Statistics (Since launch)		
Statistic	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	12.19%	13.53%
Maximum drawdown	-10.55%	-10.32%
Highest one-year return	26.88%	28.01%
Lowest one-year return	-4.33%	-2.02%
Sharpe ratio (Rf = 0%)	0.90	0.98

Performance is calculated using the Total Returns Index (TRI), net of fees, with all dividend and/or income declarations reinvested on the declaration date at the net asset value price at that time. Investment performance is for illustrative purposes only.

<sup>2.</sup> There have been no material changes to the fund details displayed above since the fund launch.

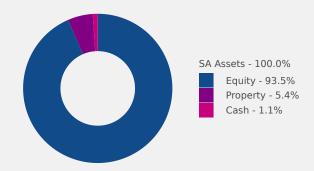
Fund Holdings	
Name	Allocation
Satrix Swix Top 40 Fund	20.6%
Ninety One SA Equities Fund	16.5%
All Weather BCI Equities Fund	10.3%
Prescient Core Capped Equities Fund	10.3%
Perpetua SCI Relative Equities Fund	9.0%
Satrix Mid Cap Fund	8.1%
Ninety One Active Quants Fund	8.0%
Fairtree Equities Prescient Fund	7.4%
Aeon Active Equities Prescient Fund	7.3%
Sesfikile BCI Property Fund	2.5%
Cash South African Rand	0.1%

May not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Top 10 Holdings	
Naspers Ltd Class N	8.7%
Firstrand Ltd	5.0%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	4.5%
Anglogold Ashanti PLC	4.3%
Prosus NV Ordinary Shares - Class N	4.2%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	3.9%
Gold Fields Ltd	3.5%
Nedbank Structured Note Capped Shareholder Weighted Top 40 Total	3.2%
Anglo American PLC	2.6%
Investec Fund Linked Note Swix Top 40	2.5%

Income Distribution (Last 12 Mor	nths)
September 2024	1.51c
March 2025	0.79c

#### Asset allocation chart



#### Portfolio composition

There have been no material changes to the composition of the fund over the last quarter.

#### Monthly market commentary

Global markets endured a turbulent start to the month as the US government announced a sharp escalation in trade protectionism. On April 2nd, a two-tier tariff system was introduced, including a universal 10% tariff on most US imports (effective April 5) and additional country-specific tariffs, particularly targeting China and the European Union (effective April 9). The announcement sparked volatility across risk assets globally, with concerns over rising inflation, supply chain disruptions, and slower corporate earnings growth.

Mid-month, markets regained some footing after the US suspended the additional "reciprocal" tariffs for all countries except China, while exempting key tech imports such as smartphones. While the universal 10% tariff remains in place, the temporary pause on additional duties signaled a more measured policy approach. Investor sentiment improved as the move suggested that financial market risks and diplomatic considerations were being factored into US trade policy. However, policy uncertainty is likely to persist in the near term.

The US S&P 500 Index fell sharply early in the month, but losses were quickly reversed after the tariff break. By month-end, global equities gained 2.1% while global bonds rose 2.2%, as investors rotated into safe-haven assets. Gold surged to an intra-month all-time high of \$3,500 per ounce, while Brent crude oil declined to its lowest level since March 2021, reflecting recession fears and weakening demand. The US dollar weakened against major peers, driven by expectations of rate cuts and foreign central bank selling. Notably, US GDP contracted by an annualised 0.3% in Q1 2025, its first decline since early 2022.

Emerging markets were not immune to the volatility, though some resilience was evident. South Africa, in particular, saw mid-month pressure amid political tension within the Government of National Unity (GNU) and renewed uncertainty over the delayed VAT increase. Additionally, the imposition of a 30% US reciprocal tariff on South African imports—higher than the South African Reserve Bank's worst-case projection—added to the macroeconomic headwinds. The rand briefly traded close to R20 to the dollar before recovering.

Despite the policy noise, South African (SA) assets showed notable resilience. SA's trade surplus widened to R24.8 billion, the strongest in four months, and headline inflation eased to 2.7%, its lowest reading since June 2020. This combination of improving trade and moderating inflation provided support for local assets.

Equity markets rebounded strongly, with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index rising 4.3%, reaching a new all-time high by month-end. Gains were broad-based, led by industrials (+5.3%) and financials (+4.7%). SA property stocks rallied (+7.6%), benefiting from improved sentiment and inflation dynamics, while the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index gained a modest 0.8%. Currency markets also stabilised, with the rand appreciating 2.2% against the US dollar.

Looking ahead, global markets remain sensitive to trade developments, and investor focus will remain on evolving US policy, Chinese stimulus measures, and local fiscal clarity. Performance commentary numbers in ZAR.

#### General

Collective investment schemes (Unit Trusts) are generally medium to long-term investments. The value of participatory interests (units) or the investment may go down as well as up. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Collective investment schemes are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending (i.e. borrowing and lending of assets). The manager does not provide any guarantee, with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. Prescient retains full legal responsibility for the third-party-named portfolio. Any forecasts and/or commentary in this document are not guaranteed to occur. Different classes of participatory interests apply to these portfolios and are subject to different fees and charges. A schedule of all fees and charges, inclusive of VAT and maximum commissions, is available on request from us or from your financial adviser. Forward pricing is used.

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#### **Yields**

The yield for bond and income portfolios is historic and is calculated quarterly.

#### Important information

The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. The ability of the portfolio to repurchase is dependent upon the liquidity of the securities and cash of the portfolio. A manager may suspend repurchases for a period, subject to regulatory approval, to await liquidity, and the manager must keep the investors informed about these circumstances.

A fund of funds is a portfolio that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes that levy their own charges. This could result in a higher fee structure.

Lump-sum performance returns are being quoted. Income distributions, prior to deduction of applicable taxes, are included in the performance calculations. NAV to NAV figures have been used for the performance calculations, as calculated by the manager at the valuation point defined in the deed, over all reporting periods. Investment performance calculations are available for verification upon request by any person. Reinvestment of income is calculated on the actual amount distributed per participatory interest, using the ex-dividend date NAV price of the applicable class of the portfolio, irrespective of the actual reinvestment date. The performance is calculated for the fee class. The individual investor performance may differ, as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax.

The rate of return is calculated on a total return basis, and the following elements may involve a reduction of the investor's capital: interest rates, economic outlook, inflation, deflation, economic and political shocks or changes in economic policy. Annualised returns are period returns re-scaled to a period of one year. This allows investors to compare returns of different assets that they have owned for different lengths of time. All period returns greater than one year have been annualised. Returns for periods less than one year have not been annualised. A cumulative return is the aggregate amount an investment has gained or lost over time, independent of the period of time involved. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request. Illustrative investment performance is for illustrative purposes only.

#### Specific fund risks

Derivatives
 Exposure to foreign securities
 Drawdown

LiquidityEquitiesBond

For a detailed description of these risks, and other risks that are relevant to the portfolio, please refer to the CIS and other Risk Disclosure Documents, available at www.cogence.co.za.

#### Glossary

Annualised return - An annualised return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

Highest & Lowest return - The highest and lowest returns for any one year over the period since inception have been shown.

Volatility - Volatility (also called standard deviation) is a measure of how widely the returns varied over the period measured.

Maximum drawdown - A maximum drawdown is the maximum loss from a peak to trough of the portfolio over the period measured, before a new peak is attained.

Sharpe ratio - The sharpe ratio is a measure of risk-adjusted returns. The sharpe ratio reflectes the extent to which an investment compensates for extra risk.

NAV - The net asset value represents the assets of a fund less its liabilities.

#### What is the total investment charge (TIC)

Total expense ratio (TER) is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration (charges, levies and fees) of the portfolio. TER is calculated over rolling 3 years (or since inception, where applicable), and is annualised, to the most recent calendar quarter-end. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. Transaction costs (TC) is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the portfolio. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the portfolio and impacts portfolio 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 financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager, and the TER. Calculations are based on actual data, where possible, and best estimates, where actual data is not available. Total investment charges (TIC) is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the portfolio. It is the sum of the TER and TC.

For additional information on the portfolio, refer to the application forms, quarterly investment report and minimum disclosure documents, available on our website, www.cogence.co.za, from your financial adviser, or on request from the manager, free of charge.

The complaints policy and procedure, as well as the conflicts of interest management policy, are available on our website www.cogence.co.za. Associates of the manager may be invested within certain portfolios, and the details thereof are available from the manager. The manager has the right to close certain portfolios to new investors, in order to manage them more efficiently, in accordance with their manadates.

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.

- Performance data reflected in the MDD was sourced from morningstar as at 12th May 2025.
- This document was published on 16 May 2025.

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.

This portfolio 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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