

ZIP BALANCED PRESCIENT FUND (A1)

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT &  
GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT  
31 May 2025



INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to achieve real returns over the long term and to outperform the ASISA category average of the South African - Multi-Asset - High Equity funds over a full market cycle by maintaining meaningful exposure to growth assets like equities.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund invests across a range of asset classes, both domestically and offshore. The asset allocation is with reference to the long-term strategic allocation, but with tactical asset allocation views overlayed in order to capitalise on market opportunities and for risk management. The portfolio comprises best-of-breed asset class specialist funds as well as asset class replication to reduce costs.

WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors seeking real returns over the long term and who want to diversify and reduce their risk of being exposed to a single asset manager. The Fund is suitable for investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon and is Regulation 28 compliant.

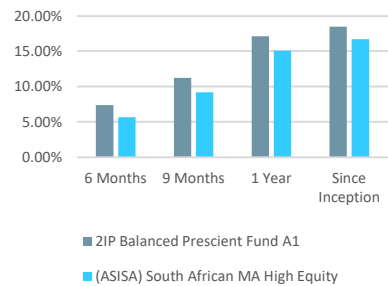
RISK INDICATOR DEFINITION

These portfolios typically exhibit more volatility and potential for capital losses due to higher exposure to equities and exposure to offshore markets where currency fluctuations may result in capital losses. These portfolios typically target returns in the region of 5% - 6% above inflation over the long term.

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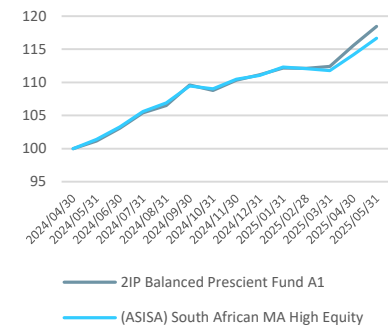
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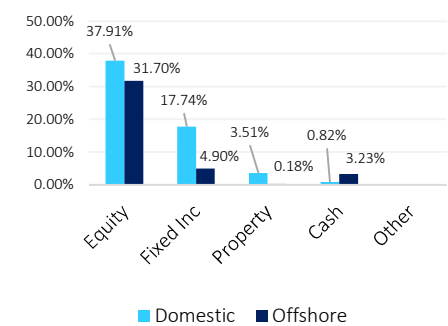
ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
6 months	7.37%	5.61%
9 months	11.22%	9.16%
1 year	17.11%	15.07%
Since inception	18.45%	16.67%
1 year high	17.11%	15.07%
1 year low	15.54%	14.14%

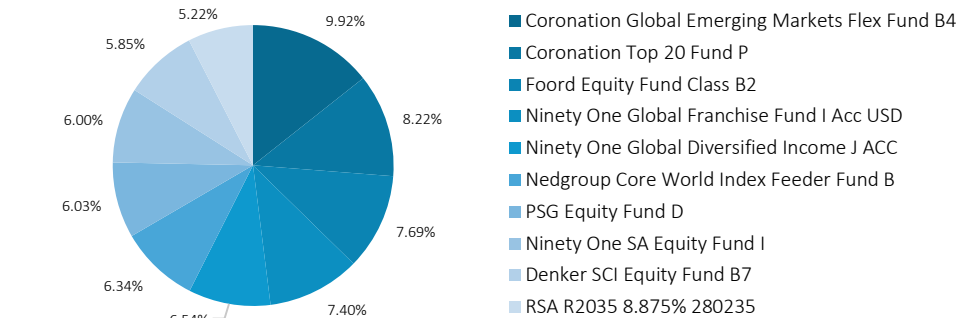
ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)



ASSET ALLOCATION (%)



TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)



ABOUT THE FUND

Fund manager:

ZIP

Fund Classification:

South African - Multi - Asset - High Equity

Benchmark:

Average of South African - Multi Asset High Equity Category

JSE Code:

2BPCA1

ISIN

ZAE000331765

Regulation 28

Compliant

Fund Size:

R2 099 294 304.00

No of units:

301 853 473.59

Unit price (cpu):

116.77

Inception date

2024/04/08

Minimum Investment

R10000 lump sum

R500 monthly

Income distribution

31 March 2025 - 0.54 cpu

Initial fee:

0.00%

Annual management fee:

0,40% (excl VAT)

No performance fees

Fee Breakdown:

Management Fee

Performance Fees

Other Fees\*

0%

0%

Total expense ratio

Transaction Costs

Total Investment Charge

\*Other fees includes underlying fee (where applicable): Audit Fees, Custody Fees, Trustee Fees and VAT

Fees will be available one year after the fund's inception

GLOSSARY

- 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 & Lowest performance:** The highest and lowest performance 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.
- Current Yield:** Annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security.
- CPU:** Cents Per Unit
- Alpha:** Denotes the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.
- 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.
- % Positive Month:** The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

FUND SPECIFIC RISKS

- Default Risk:** The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

The portfolio has adhered to its policy objective and there were no material changes to the composition of the portfolio during the quarter.

QUARTERLY FUND COMMENTARY

The first quarter of 2025 saw a significant divergence in the returns across global equity markets. US equity markets struggled with the S&P 500 losing 4.4% in USD while the technology heavy Nasdaq lost 10.3% in USD. US markets were weighed down by trade tensions (before we even knew what was coming in early April) and changes to the dominance of US big tech and questions around the sustainability of their lofty valuations. US Inflation came in lower in March, largely due to lower gasoline prices. Tariffs, however, threaten to reverse that downward trend in coming months while trouble also lurks in certain categories like groceries. The consumer price index rose 2.4% for the 12 months ended in March, down from 2.8% in February. The FOMC also met in March where they opted to hold rates steady, as expected. The Fed downgraded its collective outlook for economic growth and upped its inflation projection as “uncertainty around the economic outlook has increased”.

In contrast the Hang Seng index gained 16.1% (in HKD) partly on the back of the release of the low-cost AI model DeepSeek. Chinese stocks found support from ongoing fiscal and monetary policy easing, as well as the new strategic shift towards AI and technology development. The very public engagement between government and large technology leaders (including Jack Ma) did a great deal to improve sentiment towards the sector. European equities performed much better than their US peers as the market started to discount the additional defence spending that would likely emanate from the region. Soft economic data from the region saw the ECB cut rates by 0.25% in January and again by a similar amount in March. UK equities also produced decent positive returns largely driven by the banks sector and defence counters.

South African equities performed well during the quarter with returns being driven primarily by the resources sector. The ALSI outperformed both the MSCI World and MSCI EM index in USD. Gold counters were the star performer as investors sought protection in so-called safe haven assets due to growing political uncertainty. After cutting interest rates in January, rates were kept on hold in March as the MPC maintained their cautious stance. The end of April saw the first full year since its inception of the 2IP Balanced Prescient Fund, which also allows us to now display the performance of the fund and its benchmark. Pleasingly the fund has outperformed its stated benchmark by approximately 1.5% over the past year.

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