# MAESTRO EQUITY PRESCIENT FUND





# Prescient

30 April 2025

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report

#### Investment objective

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund will be a general equity portfolio. The Manager in selecting securities for the portfolio will seek to follow an investment policy which will secure for investors an optimum overall return, that is to say the steady growth of income and the preservation of capital in real terms. In order to achieve these main objectives, the investments to be acquired for the Maestro Equity Prescient Fund, shall comprise a mix of securities, financially sound ordinary shares, stock, financially sound preference shares, debenture stock, debenture bonds and unsecured notes as defined in the Act and the Deed, all to be acquired at a fair market value.

#### The Fund benchmark

The Fund will measure itself against the FTSE-JSE All Share Index. ASISA Classification: South African-Equity-General.

#### 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 31 December 2024, in respect of class A was 2.82%.

### Income declaration (annually)

3.35 cents per unit 31 March 2025

### Fund size

R14 411 414.74

#### NAV

Class A: 4 073.03

#### Number of units in issue (A class)

296 655.6082

### 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: Ernst & Young incorporated

#### Investment Manager

Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Ltd

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#### **Publication date**

21 May 2025

## **Market Overview**

The MSCI World index rose 0.7% in April, while the MSCI Emerging Markets index rose 1.0%. The dollar has been one of the major casualties of the Trump tantrums, losing 4.6% during April, bringing its year-to-date loss to 8.3%. European markets have been the major beneficiaries of the US policy machinations; the German equity market rose 1.5% during April but is up 13.0% so far this year. This is in stark contrast to the US equity market, where the April loss of 0.7% brought the year-to-date decline to 4.9%. It is a rare moment in history that, in the space of four months, a difference of nearly 20% occurs between major US and European markets. The Hong Kong market lost 5.6% and the Chinese market 1.7%. The Indian market gained 3.7%. The weaker dollar supported emerging equity and currency markets; the euro and pound sterling gained 5.2% and 3.5% against the dollar respectively. The dollar lost 7.1% against the Swiss franc, but the strong franc put pressure on the Swiss equity market, which lost 3.8%. The US Mid and Small cap indices lost 2.3% and 4.3% respectively; smaller US companies are seen as more vulnerable in a world of policy chaos, as well as being unable to manage the increase in risk and uncertainty created by the unconventional economic policy.

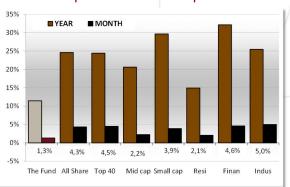
The Bloomberg Global Aggregated Bond index rose 2.9% in April, although it, too, was extremely volatile during the month. Commodities benefitted to some extent from dollar weakness, but perhaps the most significant movement in the commodity space is the ongoing weakness in the oil price – it declined 11.2% in April and has now declined 28.5% during the past year. The gold price rose 7.5% but the iron ore price lost 5.1%. The price of bitcoin rose 13.9% while the Baltic Dry index, an index reflecting shipping rates of dry commodities (also one of the most volatile indices in the world) lost 13.3%.





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## Returns for periods ended 30 April 2025



## Local market returns

The South African equity and bond markets were beneficiaries of the weaker dollar and chaos on the US economic policy front, supported by the rising gold price and sentiment towards the mettle as a store of value during uncertain times. The All Share index rose 4.3%, supported by the Basic Material index, which rose 2.1%. The Financial index rose 4.6% and the Industrial index 5.0%, testimony to just how firm the SA equity market was. The All Bond index rose 0.8%, assisted by South Africa's high yields. Ironically, despite the weak dollar, the rand actually lost 1.2% against the greenback. It was weak against the euro and sterling, losing 6.5% and 4.7% respectively. During April, the Large, Mid and Small cap indices rose 4.5%, 2.2%, and 3.9% respectively.

#### **Investment Manager comment**

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund rose 1.3% in April, versus the 4.3% gain of the All Share index. The largest contribution to the underperformance is the Fund's lack of exposure to the gold mine sector. Afrimat, Standard Bank and Hudaco lost 9.1%, 3.2%, and 0.8% respectively, while Richemont, Discovery Holdings and Capitec rose 3.2%, 3.3%, and 10.9% respectively.

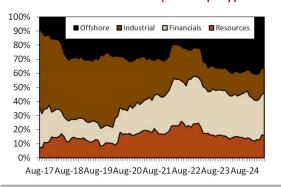
There were no material changes to the Fund's portfolio during April.

The Fund adhered to its Policy objective during the month.

# Largest holdings at 30 April 2025

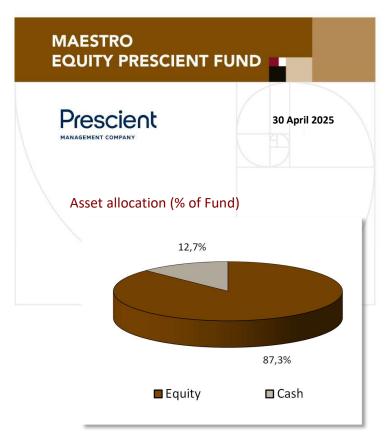
Investment	% of Fund
Sygnia iTrix MSCI World ETF	15.1%
Satrix Resources (Resi) ETF	10.1%
CoreShares S&P500 ETF	8.5%
Sygnia iTrix US ETF	8.0%
Capitec Bank Holdings	7.8%
Discovery Ltd	6.2%
Standard Bank Group	6.0%
Firstrand Ltd	5.8%
Afrimat Ltd	4.5%
BHP Group Ltd	3.9%
Total	76.1%

## Historic sector allocation (% of Equity)

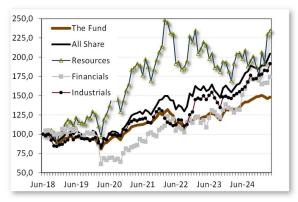


"To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time."





## Five-year cumulative performance\*



\*The cumulative performance is for illustrative purposes only. Investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown. Income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

## Month and annual average returns (%)

Investment	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years	15 years
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	1.3	11.4	5.3	11.1	6.2	2.8	7.1
FTSE-JSE All share index	9.2	24.6	12.4	17.0	10.6	9.0	11.7
ASISA SA General Equity category ave.	4.1	16.6	8.8	13.9	7.9	6.4	9.4

<sup>\*</sup>Performance is net of all fees and costs

Source: Financial Times, Morningstar; 21 May 2025

## Calendar year performance (%)

Investment	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*	-0.6	14.0	-9.1	24.6	10.7	4.4	-13.4
FTSE-JSE All share index	10.5	9.3	3.6	29.2	7.0	12.1	-8.5

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# Rolling return (%)

Highest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	41.9%
Lowest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	-34.5%

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#### Risks

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. bankruptor), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company. Foreign Investments fixs: Foreign securities investments may be subject to risks pertaining to overseas jurisdictions and markets, including four not provided to local liquidity, macroeconomic, political, tax, settlement risks and currency fluctuations. Provisic Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in 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.

#### **Glossary Summary**

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.

#### Total Expense Ratio (TER)

As at 31 March 2025 the TER for Class A units were as follows:

Management Fee	2.00%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Cost	0.87%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.87%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.03%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	2.90%

## 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

Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, Registration number: 2000/028796/07 is an authorized Financial Services Provider (FSP739) under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (No.37 of 2002), to act in the capacity as investment manager. This information is not advice, as defined in the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (No.37 of 2002). Please be advised that there may be representatives acting under supervision.

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