

# Cogence Balanced Prescient Fund of Funds

## Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report

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### Fund Details

Portfolio manager	Cogence (Pty) Ltd
Asset allocation advised by	BlackRock
Launch date	18 March 2024
ASISA classification	(ASISA) - SA - Multi Asset - High Equity
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	(ASISA) - SA - Multi Asset - High Equity Category Average
Risk profile	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> High
Fund size	R328 402 909
Income distribution	Bi Annually (End March and September)
Regulation 28 compliant	Yes
Currency	South African Rands
NAV price month	113.50c
Inception NAV price	100c
Number of units	289 322 986
Annual fees (Incl. VAT)	0.88%
Performance fees	None
Total expense ratio (TER) <sup>2</sup>	Not Available - New Fund
Transaction costs (TC) <sup>2</sup>	Not Available - New Fund
Total investment charges (TIC) <sup>2</sup>	Not Available - New Fund
JSE code	COBFFA
ISIN number	ZAE000331674
Transaction cut-off time:	16:00

#### Notes

1. Benchmark and performance data is provided by Cogence (Pty) Ltd
2. Due to the short financial life span of the fund, the TER will only be displayed 1 year after launched
3. As per CISC requirements, performance figures will be made available 12 months after launch.
4. The fund aims to target the benchmark. The benchmark performance is shown for illustrative purposes.
5. There have been no material changes to the fund details displayed above since the fund launch.

### Investment policy

The objective of this fund is to generate long-term capital growth and outperform the benchmark over a rolling five year period. The fund will have exposure to a broad range of markets across multiple asset classes, including both local and offshore investments. Underlying investments may include both actively managed and index-tracking strategies. The strategy is constructed with a medium allocation to equity.

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

### Who this investment may be suitable for

This fund is suitable for investors who seek income and capital growth in the long term and an investment diversified across multiple asset classes. These investors are willing to withstand moderate levels of short-term market volatility.

### Historical Performance<sup>3</sup>

Period	Fund	Benchmark
1 month	2.42%	2.09%
3 months	1.54%	1.62%
YTD	2.72%	2.79%
1 year	13.49%	14.13%
3 year	-	-
5 year	-	-
Since Launch (Ann.)	14.10%	14.44%
Since Launch (Cum.)	15.89%	16.27%

Performance data longer than 1 year is annualised.

### Risk Statistics (Since launch)

Statistic	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	3.19%	3.20%
Maximum drawdown	-0.86%	-0.46%
Highest one-year return	13.57%	14.14%
Lowest one-year return	11.34%	12.39%
Sharpe ratio (Rf = 0%)	4.22	4.31

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.

Manager Allocation	
Cogence Global Growth (USD)	37.4%
Prescient Core Capped Equities Fund	11.6%
Ninety One SA Equities Fund	7.3%
Discovery Strategic Bond Fund	6.6%
All Weather BCI Equities Fund	4.3%
Perpetua SCI Relative Equities Fund	3.9%
Satrix Swix Top 40 Fund	3.6%
Ninety One Active Quants Fund	3.5%
Fairtree Equities Prescient Fund	3.2%
Aeon Active Equities Prescient Fund	3.2%
10X Yield Selected Bond Index Fund	3.1%
Satrix Mid Cap Fund	2.1%
Discovery Diversified Income Fund	2.1%
Cash South African Rand	2.0%
Laurium BCI Strategic Income Fund	1.7%
Satrix Bond Index Fund	1.3%
Nedgroup Inv Money Market Fund	1.3%
Sesfikile BCI Property Fund	1.1%
1NVEST ILB Index Tracker Fund	0.8%
Cash USD	0.0%

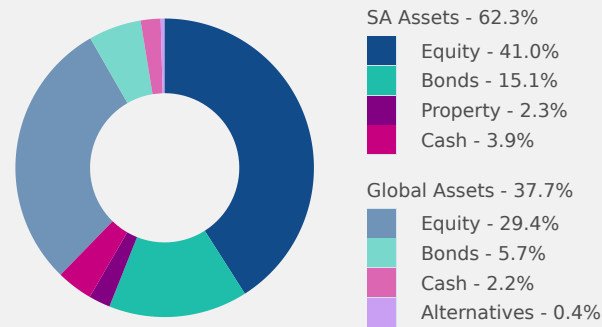
May not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Top 5 Equity Security Holdings	
Naspers Ltd Class N	3.3%
Firststrand Ltd	1.8%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	1.7%
Prosus NV Ordinary Shares - Class N	1.7%
Anglogold Ashanti PLC	1.7%

Top 5 Bond Instrument Holdings	
South Africa (Republic of) 8.75%	2.0%
South Africa (Republic of) 9%	1.3%
South Africa (Republic of) 8.75%	1.3%
South Africa (Republic of) 8.875%	1.3%
South Africa (Republic of) 8.5%	1.3%

Income Distribution (Last 12 Months)	
September 2024	1.33c
March 2025	0.98c

## Asset allocation



Data source: Prescient

## Portfolio composition

The Cogence Balanced Prescient Fund of Funds is constructed as a diversified portfolio of funds spanning various asset classes, and across both active and passive strategies. Asset allocation and global manager selection advice is provided by BlackRock, while RisCura provide local manager selection.

During the first quarter of 2025, the portfolio's offshore (global ex-SA) allocation increased by 2.30% to 38.30%. SA cash and SA equity reference allocations were reduced by 3.10% and 0.20%, respectively, and redeployed into SA bonds which has a 1.00% underweight. The local and global managers remained unchanged.

The portfolio remains within the defined risk parameters of a high risk profile as per the ASISA category's maximum equity allowance of up to 75%.

## 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 time of 16:00 as 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
- Liquidity
- Equities
- Bond

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](http://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 reflects 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](http://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](http://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 mandates.

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.

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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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