# RisCura High-Equity Prescient Fund of Funds

Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report

# Inception date: 01 December 2020

#### **Investment Objective And Policy**

Effective Date: 31 March 2025

The Manager in selecting collective investment schemes for the portfolio will aim to maximise long-term capital growth. Asset allocation will be managed actively, and the Fund will seek to capture value opportunities by switching between asset classes with a focus on equity selection opportunities. In order to achieve this objective, the RisCura High Equity Prescient Fund of Funds will, apart from assets in liquid form, consist solely of participatory interest in collective schemes which will invest in a diversified mix of assets, including but not limited to equities, property, preference shares, money market and fixed interest instruments. The equity allocation will be managed at a maximum effective exposure, including offshore equity, up to 75%. The underlying collective investment schemes are permitted to invest in listed and unlisted financial instruments in line with conditions as determined by legislation from time to time. The portfolio will predominantly invest in South African markets but is however permitted to include investments in offshore jurisdictions subject to the investment conditions determined by legislation from time to time. The portfolio has adhered to its policy objective.



# Annualised Performance (net of fees)

	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	Since Inception	Highest rolling 1 Year	Lowest rolling 1 Year
Fund	3.59%	16.20%	11.72%	10.25%	23.62%	-2.48%
Benchmark	2.25%	12.34%	10.83%	10.65%	20.80%	-0.17%

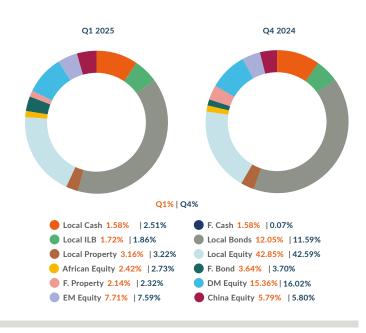
# Fee Structure

Fee Class	Class B1	TER	1.36%
Applicable Management fees	1.02%	Transaction Fee	0.08%
Performance Fee	No Fee	TIC	1.44%

YTD= Year to Date M= Month Y= Year



# Asset and Regional Allocation (%)



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# Portfolio Risk

Annualised Volatility		Sharpe Ratio	2.16
Max Drawdown	-9.26%	% Positive Months	62.75%

### **Positioning and outlook**

The reappointment of President Trump has reintroduced a level of policy unpredictability that is proving to be a significant headwind for financial markets. Early into his term, a lack of clarity around trade policy and regulatory direction has increased volatility and prompted a reassessment of risk across major asset classes. Market participants have struggled to price in the implications of these developments, contributing to a pullback in U.S. equities and a weakening of the dollar.

Renewed tensions over tariffs and the escalating risk of a full-scale trade war have raised investor concerns, further intensified by regional policy shifts that have deepened overall uncertainty. While the U.S. economy closed out 2024 on a strong note, the subsequent political transition has introduced enough disruption to weigh on investor sentiment. Given this scenario, we favour diversifying into cheaper areas and maintained our underweight position in developed markets during the quarter.

We remain constructive on global bonds despite the volatility in yields over the quarter. The U.S. Federal Reserve has held rates steady, while maintaining its projection for two rate cuts later this year. In this context, the asset class presents a compelling opportunity to reduce overall portfolio risk and diversify away from developed market equities, all while continuing to offer positive real returns.

In a volatile market linked with heightened geopolitical risk, EM equities remain vulnerable to 'flight to safety' moves. The unpredictable nature of a second Trump presidency is adding further uncertainty to emerging markets. We remain neutral on emerging market equities.

The momentum from China's stimulus measures in Q4 2024 carried into January 2025, with market sentiment receiving a significant boost. A key driver of optimism was the surprise release of DeepSeek, a cost-effective AI model developed by a Chinese firm, which sparked a rally in tech stocks despite ongoing concerns around global trade dynamics. While the market's rally lost some steam due to escalating tension between the U.S. and China, Chinese equities remain attractively valued at multi-year lows. As a result, we maintained our overweight position in Chinese equities during the quarter, believing the market offers selective opportunities in the face of ongoing policy support.

On the local front, the GNU encountered its first significant internal challenge following the signing of key legislation, including the Expropriation Act, which exposed deep ideological divisions within the coalition. These broader tensions were mirrored in the fiscal policy arena, where internal disagreements, particularly around a proposed 2% VAT increase, led to a delay in the National Budget. Originally scheduled for 19 February, the budget was ultimately tabled on 12 March. Although the VAT hike was dropped in the final version, the budget has yet to be formally approved, highlighting the challenges of achieving consensus on fiscal matters within such a diverse coalition.

Despite the political and fiscal uncertainty, South African equities showed notable resilience, with the Capped SWIX gaining 5.85% over the quarter. The bulk of this upside was led by the precious metals sector, especially gold miners, which rallied on the back of stronger bullion prices. However, with recession risks becoming more pronounced, we are adopting a more cautious stance. While we remain favourable on South African equities from a valuation perspective, the deteriorating macroeconomic backdrop has prompted us to begin gradually reducing our overweight position.

South African nominal bonds continue to offer attractive value, with real yields remaining elevated relative to fair value estimates. South Africa's inflation remains wellcontained, with the annual rate falling to 2.7% in March 2025, slightly below the midpoint of the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) target range of 3–6%. This further moderation in inflation strengthens the real yield offered by nominal bonds, enhancing their appeal in a low and stable inflation environment. Given recent fluctuations in yields, we have actively traded in and out of our nominal bond positions to take advantage of these movements, adding exposure when yields spiked and taking profits as they retraced. This has allowed us to capture value while maintaining a disciplined approach to interest rate risk. Given this stable inflation outlook, nominal bonds provide an appealing real yield, supporting their attractiveness in the current environment.

We also acknowledge the role of ILBs in portfolios and after a period of steady inflation decline where we maintained an underweight position in the asset class, we used favourable pricing, particularly at the longer end of the curve as our opportunity to close out our underweight position.

Following a strong rebound in 2024, the property sector faced renewed pressure in the first quarter, underperforming relative to domestic equities. Valuations have become less compelling, particularly given ongoing concerns around deteriorating municipal infrastructure and service delivery in key urban centres. These persistent structural challenges continue to weigh on sentiment and fundamentals. As a result, we maintain an underweight position in the asset class.

The South African rand experienced volatility in Q1 2025 and even more so year-to-date, weakening against the U.S. dollar. Where possible, we used the various sharp spikes in rates to hedge our portfolios.

We remain cognisant of the increased risk of a global recession and the extreme volatility as the world tries to find some certainty in the current 'tariff-on/tariff-off' environment leading us to take some risk off the table and maintain a more cautious, well diversified mix in the portfolios while being more active in taking on risk as the opportunities arise.

#### **Glossary Summary**

Annualised performance: Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a one-year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

NAV: The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

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.

Highest & Lowest return: The highest and lowest returns for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown. The portfolio has adhered to its policy objective and there were no material changes to the composition of the Fund portfolio during the quarter.

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.

Annualised Volatility: Returns a statistical measure of the degree to which an individual value in a probability distribution tends to vary from the population mean of the distribution. The annualised standard deviation shows how far away numbers on a list are from their averages and takes that number and multiplies it by the square root of the frequency. This statistic is annualised if the number for periods greater than one year.

CPU: Cents per unit, reflects the consideration in cents paid for a unit of participation in the Fund.

\*Aggressive/ High Risk: Generally, these portfolios hold more equity exposure than any other risk profiled portfolio therefore tend to carry higher volatility. Expected potential long-term returns could be higher than other risk profiles, in turn potential losses of capital could be higher.

\*Moderate/ Medium Risk: These portfolios generally hold more equity exposure than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios. In turn, the expected volatility is higher than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios. The probability of losses is higher than low risk portfolios, but less than high risk portfolios. Expected potential long-term investment returns could therefore be lower than high risk portfolios due to lower equity exposure, but higher than low risk portfolios.

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A Fund of Funds is a portfolio that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes, which levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for these portfolios.

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. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. 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.

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.

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

For any additional information such as fund prices, brochures and application forms please go to www.prescient.co.za

The asset and regional allocation data disclosed on the initial March Minimum Disclosure Document published on 30 April 2025 was for the RisCura Low-Equity Prescient Fund of Funds.

## **Disclaimer for Fund specific risk**

- 1. **Default risk:** The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The issuers credit quality it vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. **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.
- 7. Currency exchange risk: Changes in the relative values of individual currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.
- 8. 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.
- 11. 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.