

# Mazi NextGen Long Short Prescient RI Hedge Fund



## MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT AND GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT

31 May 2025

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective is to provide investors with a superior risk-adjusted return over medium- and long-term investment horizons.

*\* The fund has adhered to its policy objective.*

### INVESTMENT APPROACH

The portfolio objective is to provide investors with a superior risk-adjusted return over medium and long-term investment horizons. This fund will utilize new and proprietary machine learning techniques to identify investment opportunities and optimize the portfolio construction. The portfolio will seek to capitalise on all investment opportunities across all sectors and will have maximum flexibility to invest in a wide range of instruments including equities, scrip loans, debt instruments (both sovereign and corporate), derivatives, commodities, preference shares, money market instruments, unit trusts, closed end funds and ETF's

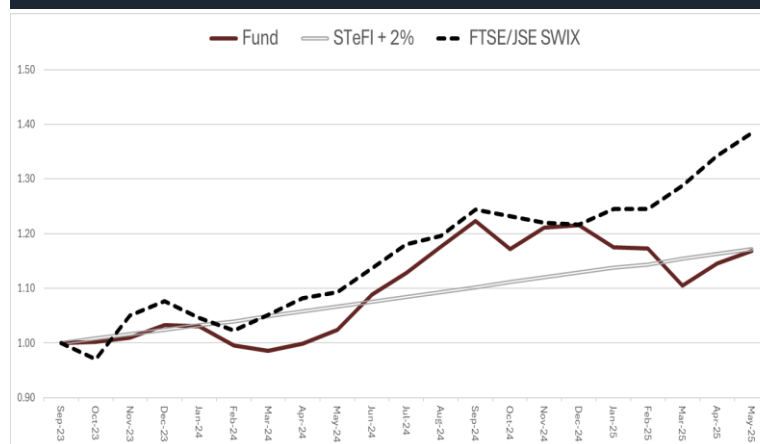
Risk Profile



**Moderate**

*The portfolio may utilise leverage and take directional market exposure which can result in a moderate level of capital volatility over all periods.*

### ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE\* SINCE INCEPTION



Source: Prescient Fund Services, LSEG Datastream

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

### FUND INFORMATION

Portfolio managers	Stephán Engelbrecht Alungile Gcaza
Inception Date	6 October 2023
Fund Size	R29,113,171.06
Unit price	108.2
Total Units	387,680
ASISA Classification	Retail Hedge Funds / SA Portfolios / Long Short Equity Hedge Fund / Long Bias Equity Hedge Fund
Benchmark	STeFI + 2%
ISIN	ZAE000327987
JSE Code	MNLPFA
Issue class	Class A
Issue date	18 June 2025

### ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE RETURN (net of fees)

	Fund	STeFI + 2%	FTSE/JSE SWIX
Year to date	-3.9%	3.9%	13.8%
Rolling 12 months	17.0%	10.8%	27.9%
Since inception annualised	9.8%	10.0%	21.5%
Since inception	16.9%	17.2%	38.4%
Highest annual return:	22.3%		
Lowest annual return:	12.1%		

Source: Prescient Fund Services, LSEG Datastream

### FUND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Prime Broker	Rand Merchant Bank
Administrator	Prescient Fund Services (Pty) Ltd
Auditor	Ernst & Young Incorporated
Trustees	Nedbank Investor Services

### ASSET ALLOCATION AS AT 31 May 2025

	Long	Short	Net	Gross
Equity	69.2%	-42.5%	26.7%	111.7%
Property	18.6%	0.0%	18.6%	18.6%
Bond	50.7%	0.0%	50.7%	50.7%
Total	138.5%	-42.5%	95.9%	181.0%

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### HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE (net of fees)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023										0.2%	0.8%	2.3%	3.3%
2024	-0.3%	-3.4%	-0.9%	1.3%	2.6%	6.2%	3.6%	4.3%	4.0%	-4.2%	3.4%	0.4%	17.7%
2025	-3.3%	-0.2%	-5.7%	3.7%	2.0								-3.9%

Source: Prescient Fund Services

### FUND FEES (excluding VAT)

Management Fee	1,14%
Performance Fee	0,06%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1,84%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0,08%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	1,92%
High water mark	Yes

### DEALING

Minimum Lump Sum	R10 000.00
Minimum Monthly Investment	R500.00
Income Declaration	Annually 31 March 2025
Fund valuation	Daily
Dealing frequency	Daily

### RISK STATISTICS

	Std. Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Max Drawdown	Bear Beta	Bull Beta
Mazi NextGen Long Short Prescient RI Hedge Fund	11.0%	0.2	-9.7%	0.3	0.0
FTSE/JSE SWIX Total Return	9.8%	1.4	-5.0%		

Source: Prescient Fund Services, LSEG Datastream

### MANAGER COMMENTARY

The first quarter of 2025 presented exceptionally turbulent market conditions. The Global Policy Uncertainty Index, as measured by the Policy Uncertainty Project, continued its upward trend, reaching new record highs. This period was marked by a series of impactful exogenous events. Geopolitical tensions, significant shifts in global trade policies, unexpected announcements of economic stimulus packages, and, domestically, emerging complexities within the newly formed Government of National Unity (GNU) contributed to rapid and often unpredictable market swings, oscillating between periods of strong optimism and deep pessimism. These events triggered notable market movements, including substantial rallies in specific commodity prices, such as rhodium, driven by manufacturing pre-stocking amid supply chain disruption concerns. Simultaneously, demand for traditional haven assets like gold and platinum saw significant increases. Furthermore, a pronounced liquidity premium emerged, with large capitalisation companies significantly outperforming their smaller counterparts. Such swift and idiosyncratic shifts in market dynamics can pose considerable challenges for investment strategies designed to capitalize on more stable and predictable market patterns.

Amidst this global backdrop, the South African equity market demonstrated relative resilience, with both the ALSI and the SWIX delivering positive returns of 5.9% for the quarter. However, this overall index performance concealed significant divergences at a sector level. The Resources index (RESI10) posted an impressive return of 33.7% for the quarter, almost entirely attributable to the exceptional performance of the Precious Metals and Mining subsector, which rallied by 58.5%. In contrast, all other subsectors within the broader Materials sector experienced negative returns. Notably, the Top40 Index, comprising the largest market capitalisation companies, returned a robust 8.5% for the quarter, while the JSE Small Cap Index experienced a significant decline of 7.1%.

Our investment process is built upon machine-learning driven algorithms designed to identify high-probability investment opportunities and execute these systematically and without emotional bias. As a result, the aforementioned volatile and idiosyncratic market conditions that characterised the first quarter were not conducive to our investment process.

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The overall fund experienced underperformance relative to the broader market and our benchmark during this period, with the month of March particularly impacting returns. The Alpha strategy, which aims to generate uncorrelated returns through relative value positions, experienced a volatile quarter, with weaker performance in January and March offset by a strong rebound in February. While some level of volatility is anticipated within this strategy, the degree observed during the quarter has been noted and is currently under review. The Vega strategy, designed to preserve capital during periods of heightened volatility, faced headwinds throughout the quarter. The rapid shifts between market exuberance and pessimism led to more frequent directional changes than is typically anticipated. As we enter May, the strategy remains positioned defensively, and we anticipate it will provide support should markets experience a significant downturn. The Beta strategy, which seeks to capture market rallies, also underperformed the overall market. The substantial outperformance of large-cap stocks and the Precious Metals and Mining sector, coupled with the corresponding underperformance of smaller capitalisation companies, created headwinds for the strategy's positioning.

The fund's performance during the first quarter of 2025 was disappointing. However, we believe the unusual market dynamics experienced during the quarter provide clear context for this underperformance.

Despite these challenges, our fundamental conviction in our data-driven, systematic investment approach remains strong. We are continuously evaluating opportunities to refine our current investment strategies and portfolio construction methodologies, and we are currently exploring techniques to potentially adjust our machine learning models to prioritize the identification of high return opportunities, with less emphasis on risk-adjusted metrics, which may have inadvertently reduced exposure to the strongly performing resource sector, when identifying high-probability investment opportunities. We believe that a measured and considered approach is crucial, and we will avoid any impulsive changes based on a single quarter's results.

We anticipate a gradual stabilization of market conditions as the impact and policy direction of the new US administration become clearer. This more predictable environment should create more favourable conditions for our machine learning algorithms to identify attractive investment opportunities. We remain confident in our data-driven, systematic approach and our ability to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns for our investors over the medium to long term.

### 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 and Lowest return	The highest and lowest returns for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.
Max Drawdown	The maximum loss from a peak to a trough before a new peak is attained. Maximum Drawdown (MDD) is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period
Moderate-Aggressive/ Medium-High	Generally, these portfolios hold more equity exposure than lower risk profiled portfolios. These portfolios therefore tend to carry more volatility. Expected potential long-term returns could be higher than other risk profiles, in turn potential losses of capital could be higher.
NAV	The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.
Performance fee	The fund charges a performance fee of 20% of the amount by which it outperforms the hurdle rate, STeFI. The performance fee is payable quarterly in arrears. A high-water mark principle is applied in the performance fee calculation.
Sharpe Ratio	A measure of risk-adjusted performance. Calculated by dividing the annualized excess returns over the risk-free rate by Std Dev.
Standard Deviation (Std Dev)	A measurement of dispersion of a dataset relative to its average. When a fund has a high standard deviation, the predicted range of performance is wide, implying greater volatility.
Total expense ratio (TER)	TER reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's.
Total investment charge (TIC)	The sum of the TER and transaction costs is shown as the Total Investment Charge. Since Fund returns are quoted after the deduction of these expenses, the TER and Transaction costs should not be deducted again from published returns.
Transaction costs (TC)	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 Fund and impacts 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.

### FUND SPECIFIC RISK

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.
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.
Capital Risk	The capital value of Shares of a fund may be affected by various risks to capital, including the potential risk of erosion due to the redemption of Shares and the distribution of profit in excess of the investment return. This risk can be limited by loss-mitigation, capital-protection or capital-guarantee techniques.
Leverage Risk	This means that the Fund borrows additional funds, or trades on margin, to amplify investment decisions. This means that the volatility of the hedge fund portfolio can be many times that of the underlying investments. The degree to which leverage may be employed in any given hedge fund portfolio will be limited by the mandate the client has with the Fund.

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Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) should be considered as medium to long-term investments. The value may go up as well as down and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS's are traded at the ruling price and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing. The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. There is no guarantee in respect of capital or returns in a portfolio. A CIS may be closed to new investors in order for it to be managed more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. CIS prices are calculated on a net asset basis, which is the total value of all the assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (brokerage, STT, VAT, auditor's fees, bank charges, trustee and custodian fees and the annual management fee) from the portfolio divided by the number of participatory interests (units) in issue. Forward pricing is used. The Fund's Total Expense Ratio (TER) reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TER's. During the phase in period TER's do not include information gathered over a full year. Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund 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 Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

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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.

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