

# Unum Merops Long Short Equity Prescient QI Hedge Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report - Class A



## Investment Objective

To create long-term wealth for investors by taking long positions in South African stocks that appear relatively undervalued and short portions in South African stocks that look relatively overvalued.

## Investment Policy

Positions are quantitatively managed to capture short-term price volatility while growing investors capital, in real terms, over the long-term. The portfolio manager makes use of technical analysis, fundamental valuations, and quantitative analysis when making investment decisions.

Overall portfolio exposure is managed within limits, and our view of Index valuations as a whole, through the use of Top40 futures.

## Who Should Invest

Unum targets retail investors, typically affluent and HNW clients with an above average risk tolerance and reasonably high level of financial literacy.

31 March 2024

## About the Fund

**Investment Manager:**  
Crispin Gell

**Fund Classification:**  
QI Hedge Fund – South African – Long/Short Equity – Long Bias

**Fund Domicile:**  
South Africa

**Base Currency:**  
ZAR

**Benchmark:**  
SA CPI 1 Month Lag + 5%

**JSE Code:**  
UMLQFA

**ISIN:**  
ZAE000324802

**Fund Size:**  
R31.2 m

**No of Units:**  
288,035

**Unit Price:**  
10,843.74

**Fee Class:**  
A (ZAR Hedged, Accumulation)

**Inception Date:**  
22 August 2023

**Minimum Investment:**  
R1 000 000 lump-sum

**Annual Management Fee:**  
2 (excl. VAT)

**Performance Fee:**  
20% (excl. VAT)

### Fee Breakdown:

Please note the Total Expense Ratio and Transaction Costs cannot be determined accurately because of the short life span of the Financial Product and the funds TER will be available after one year.

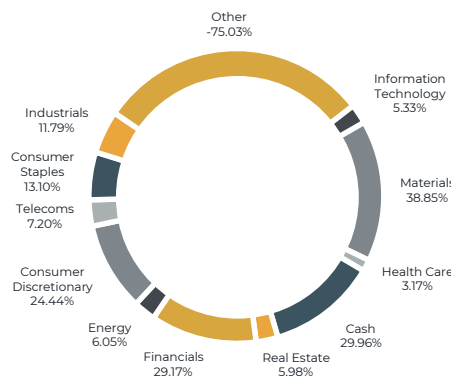
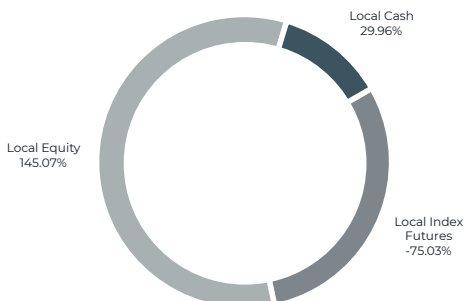
**Income Distribution:**  
31 March 2024 - 0 cpu

**Prime Broker:**  
Investec

## RISK INDICATOR



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)	CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE
Not available - New Fund, data will be available 12 months after launch.	Not available - New Fund, data will be available 12 months after launch.
ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)	RISK AND FUND STATS
Not available - New Fund, data will be available 12 months after launch.	Not available - New Fund.
ASSET ALLOCATION	SECTOR EXPOSURE



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## FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

**Not available - New Fund, data will be available 12 months after launch.**

## FUND COMMENTARY

A tough first quarter for the Market, Merops outperformed but was still down in the quarter. Market expectations for 6 rate cuts this year in the USA have been dialled back significantly, with currently not even one being an absolute certainty. The stocks detracting most from performance the funds' performance were ACL, BAT, FSR, MTN, REN and SOL as small caps and SA inc shares remain under pressure. NPN/PRX contributed positively due to some improvement in Chinese sentiment and buybacks. Transaction Capital returned a solid performance of a low base and on the back of the We Buy Cars corporate action. Our bullish view on the market for this year has been tempered somewhat by the inflation picture, although we do expect rate cuts from Europe and The UK before the Fed. We therefore have reduced our next market exposure but still remain more than 50% exposed as global growth and in particular US growth continues to surprise on the upside.

## 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.

**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.

**Max Gain:** Largest increase in any single month.

**% Positive Month:** The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

**Total Expense Ratio (TER%):** The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product.

**Performance fee incl. in TER (%) PF (%):** The Performance Fee is a payment made to the Fund Manager for generating positive returns and is generally calculated as percentage of investment profits, often both realized and unrealized.

**Transaction Costs (TC%):** The Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the net asset value of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product.

**Total Investment Charges TIC (%) = TER (%) + TC (%):** The Total Investment Charges (TIC), the TER + the TC, is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product. It should be noted that a TIC is the sum of two calculated ratios (TER+TC).

## Fund Specific Risk

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Derivative Trading is Speculative and Volatile:** Substantial risks are involved in trading futures, forward and option contracts and various other instruments in which the fund intends to trade. Certain of the instruments in which the fund may invest are interest and foreign exchange rate sensitive, which means that their value and, consequently, the Net Asset Value, will fluctuate as interest and/or foreign exchange rates fluctuate. The fund's performance, therefore, will depend in part on its ability to anticipate and respond to such fluctuations in market interest rates, and to utilise appropriate strategies to maximize returns to the fund, while attempting to minimize the associated risks to its investment capital. Variance in the degree of volatility of the market from the fund's expectations may produce significant losses to the fund.

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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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Please note that Hedge Funds are processed on a daily basis. Your application form together with proof of payment must be submitted to Prescient before 13h00 to be processed for the next business day.

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Performance has been calculated using net NAV to NAV numbers with income reinvested.

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

## Risk Indicator Definition

These portfolios typically hold meaningful equity and/or offshore exposure which may result in significant capital volatility over all periods. Due to their nature expected long term returns are higher than for the other risk categories.

## Disclosure

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

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