

PRESCIENT CORE GLOBAL EQUITY FEEDER FUND (A2)

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT & GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT

INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to deliver returns close to the MSCI World Index Total Return at low cost. Although the Fund is structured similarly to the MSCI World Index, it is not a tracker fund and can out / underperform the MSCI World Index by small amounts over time.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund follows an investment policy which firstly endeavours to follow the composition of the MSCI World Index closely and secondly seeks enhancement opportunities to secure for investors an optimum overall return. The Fund can use derivatives to create exposure to the MSCI World Index or subsets thereof in a low cost and efficient manner.

WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors who are seeking long term capital growth through diversified exposure to the global markets by investing in a fund with a low tracking error relative to the MSCI World Index and who are cost conscious.

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.

RISK INDICATOR



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)			CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE	
	Fund	Benchmark		
1 year	23.06	21.10		
3 years	12.63	14.17		
5 years	15.05	15.99		
Since incep.	15.21	16.03		
Highest rolling 1 year	35.41	35.10		
Lowest rolling 1 year	-15.64	-12.82		

RISK AND FUND STATS (Since inception)			TOP 10 SHARES	
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark		% of Fund
Alpha	-0.82%		Apple Inc	4.8
Sharpe Ratio	0.61	0.65	Microsoft Corp	4.3
Standard Deviation	15.53%	15.71%	NVIDIA Corp	4.2
Max Drawdown	-19.62%	-18.46%	Amazon.com Inc	2.5
Dividend Yield	1.75%	1.76%	Meta Platforms Inc	1.8
PE Ratio	21.78	21.63	Alphabet Inc - Cl A	1.4
			Alphabet Inc - Cl C	1.2
			Broadcom Inc	1.1
			Tesla Inc	1.1
			Eli Lilly & Co	1.0
			Total	23.4

ASSET ALLOCATION		SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)			
		Fund	Benchmark	Relative	
	Equity	97.0%			
	Cash	0.7%			
	Property	2.3%			
		Communication Services	7.5	7.6	-0.1
		Consumer Discretionary	10.2	10.3	-0.1
		Consumer Staples	6.4	6.5	0.0
		Energy	3.9	3.9	0.0
		Financials	15.3	15.4	-0.1
		Health Care	11.6	11.7	-0.1
		Industrials	11.0	11.1	-0.1
		Information Technology	24.6	24.8	-0.2
		Materials	3.7	3.8	0.0
		Real Estate	2.3	2.3	0.0
		Utilities	2.7	2.7	0.0
		Cash	0.7	0.0	0.7

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

ABOUT THE FUND

Fund Manager:

Prescient Equity Team

Fund Classification:

Global - Equity General

Benchmark:

MSCI Daily TR Net World ZAR (1 Day Lagged)

JSE Code:

PREFA2

ISIN:

ZAE000269460

Fund Size:

R270.6 m

No of Units:

93,913,543

Unit Price (cpu):

207.83

Inception Date:

30 April 2019

Minimum Investment:

R10 000 lump-sum

R1 000 per month

Income Distribution:

31 March 2024 - 0 cpu

Initial Fee:

0.00%

Annual Management Fee:

0.20% (excl VAT)

(All performance figures are net of TIC)

Fee Breakdown:

Management Fee	0.20%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Fees*	0.75%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.95%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.00%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.95%

*Other fees includes underlying fee (where applicable): Audit Fees, Custody Fees, Trustee Fees and VAT

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FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2019					-3.84%	2.49%	2.01%	3.83%	2.33%	1.72%	0.23%	-2.08%	6.64%
2020	6.88%	-5.27%	1.10%	12.48%	-0.04%	1.43%	2.64%	6.63%	-4.18%	-6.08%	7.04%	-1.41%	21.33%
2021	2.24%	2.75%	0.65%	2.60%	-3.92%	5.81%	4.68%	0.64%	0.27%	5.58%	4.37%	2.94%	32.13%
2022	-11.49%	-0.39%	-1.62%	-1.15%	-1.29%	-5.02%	5.93%	0.36%	-4.26%	8.24%	-3.03%	-1.76%	-15.64%
2023	9.27%	3.21%	-1.96%	4.93%	9.22%	-0.93%	-1.24%	3.87%	-5.80%	-4.67%	12.76%	2.77%	34.02%
2024	3.36%	5.91%	2.06%	-3.31%	2.64%	-0.29%	-0.24%	1.53%	-0.52%				11.40%

Source: Performance calculated by Prescient Fund Services verified by the FSP
Date: 30 September 2024

FUND COMMENTARY

Market Context

Global equity markets delivered a mixed bag of generally positive performances in September 2024. With no major earnings releases this month, the markets were mainly driven by macroeconomic factors. Labour market and inflation data remained central to investment considerations as the market participants evaluated signs of economic weakness and monetary policy direction. The MSCI World Index posted a modest gain of 1.8% to close off the quarter 6.4% higher. In the U.S., the Federal Reserve delivered its first interest rate cut of 50 basis points (bps), which was more than what some market participants anticipated. The S&P 500 gained 2.1% for the month and 5.9% for the quarter .

The tech-heavy Nasdaq also advanced, supported by strong demand in technology and consumer discretionary sectors, particularly for AI-driven innovations. However, the energy sector underperformed due to declining oil prices. The European equity market was similarly positive on the back of another interest rate cut this year delivered in September. The Euro Stoxx 500 delivered a 1.9% return for the month, taking its quarterly gain to 7.1%. Cyclical sectors, notably financials and industrials, struggled amid recession risks in Germany and the UK. In contrast, defensive sectors like utilities and healthcare provided stability. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 managed to record a marginal gain of 0.2% in September to close the quarter off 7.7% higher. China was the standout performer, the CSI 300 index delivered a remarkable 22.2% return for the month to end the quarter 20.2% firmer. This surge came as the market reacted favourably to a significant stimulus package announced by the Central Bank towards the end of the month. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index, heavily influenced by China, outperformed developed markets, returning 6.7% in September.

South Africa's equity markets posted healthy gains, largely attributed to China-exposed tech companies Naspers and Prosus. The technology sector surged, delivering a return of 13.9% for the month. Financials, resources, and industrials similarly posted positive but more modest gains while the rand strengthened by 4% for the month.

Fund Positioning

The Fund maintains the maximum effective exposure to the large and midcap sectors of the market. This equity exposure consists of top three allocations to the Financials, Basic Materials and Technology sectors with the largest share exposures to Naspers, FirstRand Bank and Standard Bank.

Outlook

We currently maintain a moderately positive outlook for the domestic equity market. This is based on improved sentiment indicators and despite the recent positive re-rating, valuation measures remain positive. Notwithstanding the 25 basis point cut delivered by South African Reserve Bank during the month, the restrictive monetary conditions underpin our negative view on financial conditions.

Fund Performance

The Fund was down 0.50% (gross of fees) in September, underperforming the benchmark, which declined 0.24%. YTD, the Fund is behind the benchmark by 0.18%, with a return of 11.60% (gross of fees).

Contributors and Detractors

The positions that contributed most to the absolute performance of the Fund for the month were Telsa (+22.2%), Meta (+9.8%) and Microsoft (+3.2%). The largest detractors from the month's absolute performance were Novo Nordisk (-16.1%), Eli Lilly (-7.7%) and JPMorgan Chase (-6.2%).

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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.

Current Yield: Annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security.

CPU: Cents Per Unit to the Glossary

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.

Dividend Yield: The weighted average dividend yield of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The dividend yield of each company is the dividends per share divided by the price.

PE Ratio: The weighted average price earnings ratio of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The price earnings ratio of each company is the price divided by the earnings per share.

Fund Specific Risks

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.

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.

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.

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.

Information Disclosure

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

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DISCLAIMER

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Where a current yield has been included for Funds that derive its income primarily from interest bearing income, the yield is a weighted average yield of all underlying interest bearing instruments as at the last day of the month. This yield is subject to change as market rates and underlying investments change.

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