

PRESCIENT OPTIMISED INCOME FUND - B1

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT & GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT

INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to deliver returns that exceed the after-tax returns of money market funds. It is managed conservatively and it aims to maintain capital stability and liquidity.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund invests predominantly in local listed shares which are fully protected by overlay strategies provided by South African Banks and/or Life Assurance Companies, that at the time of investment hold a minimum national scale rating of at least A, as well as money market instruments to meet liquidity requirements. The Fund's income is largely derived through dividends received from the listed counters. The Fund's price remains constant at 100c and income, in the form of dividends, is declared daily and distributed monthly.

WHO SHOULD INVEST

- Corporate and Individual Investors seeking a liquid, low risk money market offering, with enhanced after-tax yields.
- Corporate and Individual Investors wishing to fully shield themselves from market volatility in the bond and equity market, whilst receiving regular after-tax income.

RISK INDICATOR DEFINITION

Although this portfolio holds dividend paying equities it has no effective equity exposure as the market risk of the equities is fully protected by South African Banks and/or Life Assurance Companies, that at the time of investment hold a minimum national scale rating of at least A. This results in stable capital values. The portfolio offers an attractive and stable income yield after tax.

RISK INDICATOR



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)			RISK AND FUND STATS		
	Fund	Benchmark	Since inception (p.a.)		
			Fund	Benchmark	
1 year	7.32	7.16	Alpha	0.11%	
3 years	4.97	4.96	Standard Deviation	0.40% 0.38%	
5 years	5.14	5.02	% Positive Months	100.00% 100.00%	
Since incep.	5.56	5.45			
Highest rolling 1 year	7.32	7.16			
Lowest rolling 1 year	3.11	3.22			

TOP 10 DIVIDEND PAYERS		ASSET ALLOCATION	
	% of Fund		
Alexander Forbes Group Holdings Limited	8.1		
Coronation Fund Managers Limited	7.6		
Datatec Limited	6.6		
Truworths International Limited	5.8		
AVI Limited Class Y	5.0		
Tsogo Sun Limited	4.9		
African Rainbow Minerals Limited	4.4		
Barloworld Limited	4.4		
Investec Limited	4.4		
Ninety One Ltd.	4.2		
Total	55.4		

FUND COMMENTARY

The current net Fund yield after annual management and distribution fees, but before tax, is 7.76% p.a.

The estimated after-tax yields at month-end are as follows:

- Corporates: 7.57% p.a. (assuming 27% Corporate Tax), which translates to an equivalent pre-tax money market fund yield of 10.77% p.a.
- Individuals and Trusts: 6.04% p.a. (assuming 20% Dividend Tax and 45% Income Tax), which translates to an equivalent pre-tax money market fund yield of 11.51% p.a.

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31 DECEMBER 2023

ABOUT THE FUND

Fund Manager:

Prescient Equity Team

Fund Classification:

South African - Multi Asset - Flexible

Benchmark:

92% of STeFi Call after fees

JSE Code:

POFB1

ISIN:

ZAE000220372

Fund Size:

R511.9 m

No of Units:

400,384,141

Unit Price (cpu):

100.00

Inception Date:

31 March 2016

Minimum Investment:

R50 000 lump-sum

Income Distribution:

Monthly

Initial Fee:

0.00%

Annual Management Fee:

0.87% (excl VAT. incl. 0.25% distribution fee)

Fee Class:

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(All performance figures are net of TIC)

Fee Breakdown:

Management Fee	0.87%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Fees*	0.48%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.35%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.08%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	1.43%

*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
2016				0.49%	0.52%	0.53%	0.53%	0.54%	0.52%	0.53%	0.54%	0.53%	4.84%
2017	0.56%	0.47%	0.53%	0.51%	0.54%	0.53%	0.53%	0.53%	0.50%	0.52%	0.51%	0.52%	6.44%
2018	0.53%	0.48%	0.53%	0.49%	0.50%	0.48%	0.49%	0.49%	0.48%	0.50%	0.48%	0.51%	6.13%
2019	0.52%	0.46%	0.52%	0.50%	0.51%	0.49%	0.51%	0.47%	0.54%	0.57%	0.53%	0.52%	6.32%
2020	0.50%	0.45%	0.48%	0.41%	0.39%	0.36%	0.36%	0.34%	0.30%	0.26%	0.26%	0.27%	4.46%
2021	0.27%	0.24%	0.26%	0.25%	0.26%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.26%	0.26%	0.27%	3.12%
2022	0.28%	0.26%	0.29%	0.29%	0.32%	0.34%	0.37%	0.41%	0.42%	0.47%	0.47%	0.52%	4.52%
2023	0.54%	0.50%	0.56%	0.55%	0.59%	0.60%	0.61%	0.63%	0.61%	0.63%	0.62%	0.64%	7.32%

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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.

Standard Deviation: The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

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

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.

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

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 TERs. During the phase in period TERs 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 cost is 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.

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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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

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