### HIGH STREET BALANCED PRESCIENT FUND - CLASS A1

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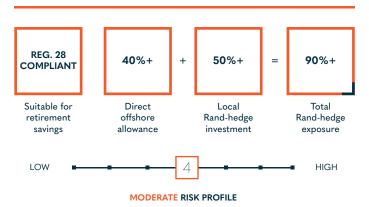


#### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

The Fund aims to deliver medium to long-term capital growth over time. The Fund is differentiated in the ASISA South African - Multi-Asset - High Equity category by focusing primarily on investments with international or Rand-hedge revenue streams. Elevated returns are targeted by utilising its full offshore and equity allowances. The Fund complies with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act.

# INVESTOR SUITABILITY

The Fund is suitable for retail and institutional investors seeking maximum offshore exposure, within the bounds of Regulation 28. Therefore, it is appropriate for retirement savings and Tax-Free Savings Accounts. While volatility is expected to be less than an equity-only fund, investors must be willing to endure periods of short-term downturns. An investment horizon of 5+ years is recommended.



ANNUALISED RETURNS (NET OF FEES)		
	HIGH STREET	BENCHMARK
Since inception (CAGR)	14.97%	9.16%
5 years	14.16%	8.38%
3 years	11.50%	8.57%
1 year	37.16%	6.66%
Highest rolling 1-year return	48.93%	30.56%
Lowest rolling 1-year return	-23.61%	-10.44%

#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

High Street Wealth Warriors Fund NewGold ETF

Bidcorp Reinet

MAS Real Estate Richemont

Prosus Master Drilling Group

Sirius Real Estate Microsoft

### ASSET ALLOCATION

34% LOCAL EQUITY

5% OFFSHORE PROPERTY

17% LOCAL PROPERTY

0% OFFSHORE CASH

1% LOCAL CASH

0% Offshore warrants

0% LOCAL WARRANTS

0% OFFSHORE COMMODITIES

4% LOCAL COMMODITIES

# ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE (NET OF FEES)\*



Benchmark: Category peer average (South Africa - Multi Asset - High Equity) Source: High Street Asset Management, 29/02/2024

# **FUND DETAILS**

# Fund Manager

High Street Asset Management (Pty) Ltd (FSP No: 45210)

## Administrator

Prescient Fund Services (Pty) Ltd

# Management Company

Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd

### Depository

Nedbank Investor Services

# Auditor

Ernst & Young Inc.

Regulator Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)

### Fund Classification

South African - Multi Asset - High Equity

# Base Currency

# ISIN

ZAE000264552

#### **Bloomberg Ticker** HISHEA1 SJ

Inception Date

# 19 December 2018

Fund Size R355m

# Number of Units Issued

### Unit Price (ZAR Cents)

TER (VAT Incl.)

Minimum Investment Lump Sum: R10,000 Monthly: R500

Redemption Frequency

Daily

Annual Income Distribution 31 March (if selected)

Recommended Time Horizon

5+ years

<sup>\*</sup> 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



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### FEES (VAT INCL.)

Annual Base Fee (management & administration) \*

Performance Fee

None

Other Fees

0.12%

**Total Expense Ratio (TER)** 

1.50%

Transaction Costs (TC)

0.189

Total Investment Charge (TIC)

1.68%

<sup>\*</sup> The investment in the High Street Wealth Warriors Fund is not subject to management fees.

RISK METRICS		
	HIGH STREET	BENCHMARK
Annualised Std. Deviation	15.56%	9.92%
Sharpe Ratio	0.42	0.08
Downside Sortino Ratio	0.85	0.14
Maximum Drawdown	-25.47%	-14.21%
Time to Recover (months)	18	5
Positive Months	70%	62%
Tracking Error	11.87%	-
Information Ratio	0.49	-

#### **FUND COMMENTARY**

For the month of February, the Fund returned 2.7%, outperforming the category peer average of 0.7%.

Global equities continued their strong start to the year in February, with the S&P500 posting a 5.3% return in USD, buoyed by US corporate earnings surpassing expectations. The bond market sharply contrasted this, as waning optimism regarding the pace of US Federal Reserve rate cuts pushed yields higher. US 10-year government bond yields once again surpassed 4%, closing the month 0.35% higher at 4.25%. This follows economic indicators pointing to a very strong US labor market, alongside a higher-than-anticipated January US core inflation print of 3.9%. Domestically, the JSE All Share Index returned -2.4%, while the Rand depreciated by 2.7% against the US Dollar, reflecting the stronger US Dollar relative to most major currencies.

The offshore component was the primary driver of Fund performance, led by Meta Platforms and Nvidia, which returned 26% and 29% respectively in USD. Meta reported excellent Q4 numbers, including a 25% year-on-year revenue increase, its fastest growth rate since mid-2021, indicating a continued rebound in the online ad market. Meta's operating margin more than doubled to 41%, a clear sign of the effectiveness of the cost-cutting measures in the company's "Year of Efficiency". The company's employee headcount decreased by 22% in 2023. Additionally, Meta announced its first-ever dividend payout and authorized a \$50 billion share buyback program. The shares surged 20% on the following trading day, resulting in a \$197 billion increase in market capitalization, breaking the one-day move record at that time.

Nvidia also posted stellar Q4 results, showcasing the unwavering demand for artificial intelligence systems. Quarterly sales surged by 265% year-on-year, primarily fueled by a 409% increase in data center sales. On the profitability front, earnings per share soared by 796%, with Nvidia currently operating on a 58% net profit margin. The shares finished 16% up in the following trading day, adding \$277 billion in market cap, surpassing Meta's previous one-day move record.

In the month the local component exhibited mixed performance. Richemont emerged as the top performer, returning 9%, while Glencore lagged behind as the worst performer, returning -9%. Glencore reported disappointing Q4 numbers, with earnings (EBITDA) plummeting by 50%, attributed to the sharp decline in global commodity prices. Additionally, the company significantly reduced shareholder payouts to \$1.6 billion, a substantial decrease from the \$7.1 billion distributed in the previous year, as management prioritized debt reduction. This decision aligns with the finalization of the \$6.9 billion acquisition of Teck Resource's steelmaking coal division, which is expected to close by Q3 this year.

The property component dragged heavily on performance, with holdings experiencing a weighted decline of -4.9%. This decline was primarily driven by shifts in interest rate expectations, alongside company-specific news. Notably, German residential company LEG Immobilien, was the worst performer, returning -12% in EUR, reflecting the broader weakness in the German residential market. Market sentiment was negatively influenced by comments from TAG Immobilien's CEO, who offered a cautious outlook on German home prices, diverging from the more optimistic views of other industry players such as Vonovia and LEG. Despite diverging opinions, High Street maintains a positive outlook on the German residential market from these levels, in line with LEG's perspective.





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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. For any additional information such as fund prices, brochures and application forms please go to www.prescient.co.za. As of 07 February 2024, the fund name has changed from High Street High Equity Prescient Fund to High Street Balanced Prescient Fund.

# **FUND SPECIFIC RISKS**

**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 is vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

**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.

**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.

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# **GLOSSARY SUMMARY**

WEBSITE

TRUSTEE / DEPOSITARY

**Nedbank Investor Services** 

**Annualised performance:** Annualised performance show 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 return:** The highest and lowest returns 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.

# WHY IS THIS FUND IN CATEGORY 4?

The Fund is rated as 4 due to exposure to shares and stocks, and the nature of its investments which include the risks previously listed. The price of shares and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount they have invested. As the investments of the Fund are in various currencies and the Fund is denominated in South African Rands your shares may be subject to currency risk.

# WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN?

They rate how a fund might behave and how much risk there is to your capital. Generally, the chance to make large gains means a risk of suffering large losses.

A **Category 1** fund is not a risk-free investment - the risk of losing your money is small, but the chance of making gains is also limited.

With a **Category 7** fund, the risk of losing your money is high but there is also a chance of making higher gains. The seven-category scale is complex (for example, 2 is not twice as risky as 1).

For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

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