

PRESCIENT DEFENSIVE FUND (A2)

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to achieve healthy real returns over the long term and to outperform the ASISA category average of the South African - Multi-Asset - Low Equity funds over a full market cycle by maintaining moderate exposure to growth assets like equities.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

This Fund invests in local and offshore money market, bonds and inflation-linked bonds, property, preference and ordinary shares, derivatives and unlisted instruments to meet the investment objectives. Fund performance can be generated from taking interest rate views or duration, yield enhancement via credit instruments, asset allocation and exposure equities.

WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors seeking real returns coupled with a stable and attractive income yield via significant exposure to the South African interest bearing markets. Although the Fund's mandate allows investment up to 40% in equities, it is expected to have lower actual exposure on average. This Fund is suitable to investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon and is Regulation 28 compliant.

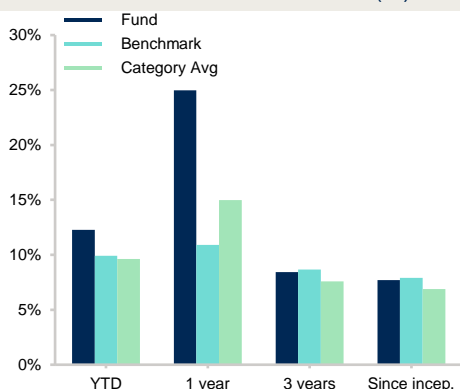
RISK INDICATOR DEFINITION

These portfolios typically have moderate equity exposure or in the case of bond funds, longer duration bond exposure, resulting in some capital volatility over the shorter term. They are managed in such a manner that the probability of capital losses over one year periods is unlikely. These portfolios typically target returns in the region of 3% - 4% above inflation over the long term.

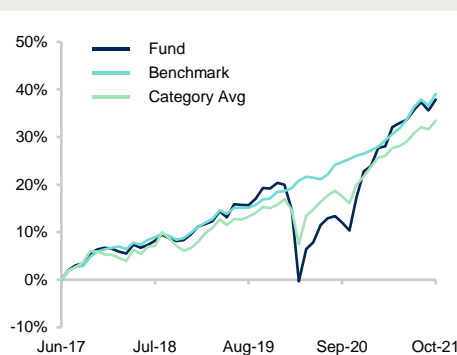
RISK INDICATOR



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Category Avg
1 year	24.97	10.91	14.98
3 years	8.43	8.67	7.60
Since incep.	7.70	7.89	6.88
Highest 1 year	28.48	11.60	17.26
Lowest 1 year	-11.24	2.69	-3.10

RISK AND FUND STATS

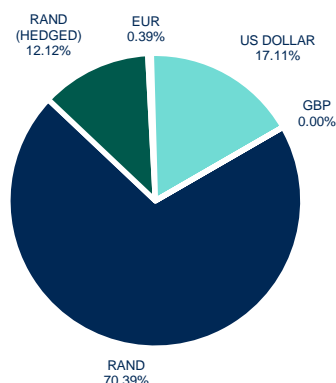
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund
Alpha	-0.19%
Sharpe Ratio	0.24
Standard Deviation	9.16%
Max Drawdown	-17.22%
% Positive Months	69.23%

*Please note, fund name change from Prescient Absolute Defensive Fund to Prescient Defensive Fund effective 1 September 2021

ASSET ALLOCATION (%)

	S.A	DMs	EMs	Total
Equity	19.65	9.64	4.59	33.87
Property	4.71	0.00	0.00	4.71
Gvt. Bonds	29.25	14.29	0.00	43.54
ILB's	2.85	0.00	0.00	2.85
Corp. Bonds	4.79	0.00	0.00	4.79
Pref Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Renewables	4.94	0.00	0.00	4.94
Cash & Income	4.20	1.10	0.00	5.30
Total	70.39	25.03	4.59	100.00

CURRENCY EXPOSURE



Prescient

31 OCTOBER 2021

ABOUT THE FUND

Fund manager:

Prescient Balanced Team

Fund classification:

South Africa – Multi Asset – Low Equity

Benchmark:

All Bond Index (TR) 35%
 MSCI World (TR) 17%
 SteFI 15%
 SWIX Allshare Capped (TR) 10%
 Allshare (TR) 10%
 SAPY (TR) 5%
 US Treasuries 4%
 US 1 Month TB 4%

Fund Size:

R182.8 m

No of units:

14,694,038

Unit price (cpu):

108.66

Inception date:

30 June 2017

Minimum Investment:

R10 000 lump-sum
 R1 000 per month

Income distribution:

31 March 2021 - 4.18 cpu

Initial Fee:

0.00%

Annual management fee:

0.30% (excl VAT)

Fund Class:

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Fee breakdown:

Management Fee	0.30%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Fees*	0.70%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.00%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.05%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	1.05%

*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
2017							2.10%	0.93%	0.41%	1.96%	0.81%	0.36%	6.73%
2018	-0.22%	-0.53%	-0.39%	1.78%	-0.62%	0.51%	0.86%	1.19%	-0.77%	-0.47%	0.14%	1.15%	2.64%
2019	1.49%	0.45%	0.54%	1.87%	-1.12%	2.44%	-0.09%	-0.05%	1.15%	1.97%	-0.14%	1.04%	9.90%
2020	-0.36%	-4.40%	-13.10%	6.80%	1.31%	3.39%	1.30%	0.40%	-1.17%	-1.53%	6.32%	4.69%	2.01%
2021	0.89%	3.05%	0.29%	3.16%	0.64%	0.50%	1.57%	1.23%	-1.31%	1.72%			12.28%

FUND COMMENTARY

The FOMC left its key rates unchanged and announced that it would begin tapering the pace of its asset purchases later in November. This will see reductions of \$15 billion from the current \$120 billion each month. Across the Atlantic, both the European Central Bank and the Bank of England also left their monetary policy rates steady. The European Central Bank will continue its purchases under its pandemic emergency program at a "moderately" slower pace than seen in the second and third quarters.

Locally, two events could bring volatility to both the currency and bond market in November. The finance minister will present the Mid Term Budget on the 11th of November and the final SARB Monetary Policy Committee meeting will be held on the 18th of November.

Most global equity markets rebounded from their September slump. The MSCI World Index rallied 5.0%, while major U.S. indices gained between 4%-7%, partially lifted by upbeat third quarter earnings. The S&P500 is up more than 22% in dollar terms for the year with two months to go in 2021.

The U.S. dollar marginally weakened against a basket of its currency peers and was mixed against emerging market currencies. The rand had a volatile month, giving up its gains of nearly 4.0% before ending the month 1.2% weaker against the greenback. Surging energy prices are also fueling concerns about the potential impact on global manufacturing activity, consumer spending and inflation.

Further corporate activity in the preference share space led to the JSE Preference Share index returning 10.9% for the month, while local equities were up 5.3% and ILBs up 0.6%. Listed property (-1.7%) and bonds (-0.5%) were this month's underperformers.

Contributors to performance:

The fund's local equity exposure contributed strongly to performance.

Detractors from performance:

Offshore exposure and listed property detracted from performance.

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GLOSSARY

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 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: Denoted 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.

% 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.

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.

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.

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 object and there were no material changes to the composition of the Fund 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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