

# MAESTRO EQUITY PRESCIENT FUND

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## Prescient

31 March 2024

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report

### Investment objective

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund will be a general equity portfolio. The Manager in selecting securities for the portfolio will seek to follow an investment policy which will secure for investors an optimum overall return, that is to say the steady growth of income and the preservation of capital in real terms. In order to achieve these main objectives the investments to be acquired for the Maestro Equity Prescient Fund, shall comprise a mix of securities, financially sound ordinary shares, stock, financially sound preference shares, debenture stock, debenture bonds and unsecured notes as defined in the Act and the Deed, all to be acquired at a fair market value.

### The Fund benchmark

The Fund will measure itself against the FTSE-JSE All Share Index.  
ASISA Classification: South African-Equity-General.

### Legal structure

The Fund is a scheme in the nature of a trust known as a collective investment scheme. The portfolio manager is Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, an approved Financial Services Provider in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, operating under license number 739. This portfolio operates as a white label fund under the Prescient unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

### Fee structure

The maximum initial fee is 2.0%. The annual investment management fee is 1.75%. The annual total expense ratio (TER) for period ended 30 June 2023, in respect of class A was 2.28%.

### Income declaration (annually)

79.51 cents per unit  
31 March 2023

### Fund size

R15 477 321

### NAV

Class A: 3 733.69

### Number of units in issue (A class)

334 990.4078

### Fund inception date

1 July 2005

### Management Company

Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd  
PO Box 31142, Tokai, 7945

### Trustee and auditor

Trustee: Nedbank Limited  
Auditor: Ernst & Young incorporated

### Investment Manager

Maestro Investment Management (Pty) Ltd

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## Market Overview

The positive momentum in global equity markets since October last year continued into March, although the gains were not as significant as during February. There are clear signs that the US economy remains more robust than expected, despite the sharp increase in interest rates during the past two years. Inflation, whilst not slowing as quickly as hoped, has not shown any material signs of increasing, further supporting the positive sentiment. At the start of this year most investors had expected at least three, or perhaps four interest rate cuts during this year. However, the current view is increasingly scaling that expectation back to only two cuts.

This rapidly changing view has been favourable for equity markets but unfavourable for bond markets. The MSCI World index rose 3.0% during March, bringing its year-to-date return to 8.4%, while the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond index rose "only" 0.6%, bringing its year-to-date decline to 2.1%. The MSCI Emerging Markets index rose 1.9% in March, and has now risen "only" 1.6% so far this year. The US equity market rose 3.2%, the German market 4.6%, and the Japanese market 2.6% (it's annual return to end-March is 43.3%). The Swiss equity market rose 2.6%, the NASDAQ rose 1.8% - US markets are no longer being led by only large-cap US companies – and the S&P Mid and Small cap indices rose 5.4% and 3.0% respectively. Within the emerging market universe, the Chinese market declined 0.2%, India rose 1.6%, Brazil declined 0.7%, and Russia rose 0.1%, having been buoyed by a strong oil price.

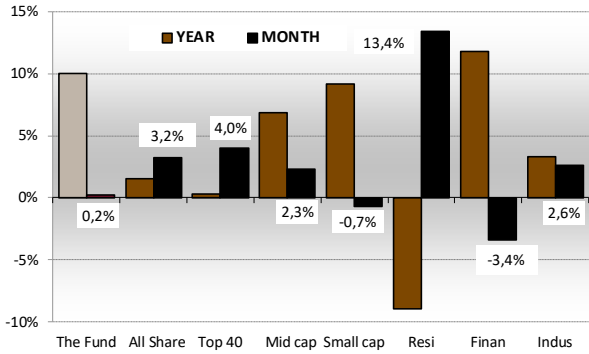
The dollar rose 0.4% in March, bringing its year-to-date rise to 3.2%. Notwithstanding the firm dollar, the gold price reached a new all-time high, up 9.0% on the month, and the oil price firmed 5.3% on supply concerns. The copper price rose 4.4% but the iron ore price fell 10.4%.

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**Returns for periods ended 31 March 2024**



**Local market returns**

Turning to the local markets, the strength of the rand was a welcome surprise; it rose 1.3% against the firm dollar. Despite this, the Basic Materials index soared 13.4%, making up a lot of ground it lost during January and February. Notwithstanding its strong rise in March, it remains down 0.7% so far this year. The Financial index lost 3.4% in March, but the Industrial index rose 2.6%, bringing their respective year-to-date returns to -7.6% and 0.6% respectively. When all was said and done, the All Share index rose 3.2% during March, its first monthly gain this year so far. It remains 2.3% lower than where it started the year. The Top40 (Large) and Mid cap indices rose 4.0% and 2.3% respectively, while the Small cap index lost 0.7%. The All Bond index lost 1.9%.

**Investment Manager comment**

The Maestro Equity Prescient Fund rose 0.2%, versus the 3.2% rise in the All Share index. During the first quarter of 2024, the Fund has risen 0.5%, well ahead of the All Share index return of -2.3%. During the year to end-March the Fund rose 10.0% while the All Share index gained only 1.6%.

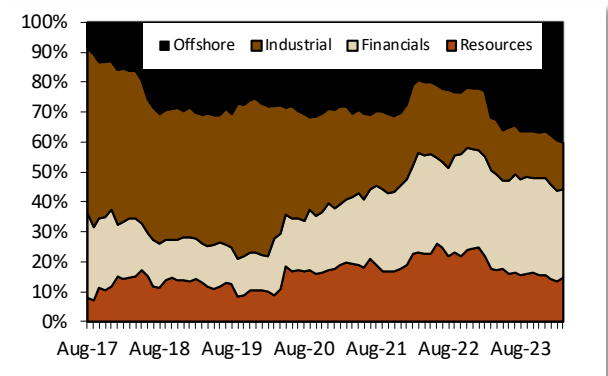
The Fund’s underweight exposure to the materials sector and its offshore exposure retarded the returns during the month. Discovery Holdings declined 11.2%, Standard Bank 8.2%, Afrimat 7.7%, Richemont 5.9%, Firststrand 4.7%, and Stor-age 3.1%. On the other hand, Ninety One rose 2.9%, Capitec 3.9% and Aspen 11.9%.

The Fund adhered to its Policy objective during the month.

**Largest holdings**

Investment	% of Fund
Sygnia iTrix MSCI World ETF	17.1%
Sygnia iTrix US ETF	9.1%
CoreShares S&P500 ETF	7.8%
Satrix Resources ETF	7.7%
Capitec Bank Holdings Ltd	5.7%
Afrimat Ltd	5.6%
Compagnie Financiere Richemont	5.1%
Firststrand Ltd	4.8%
Standard Bank Group	4.5%
Discovery Holdings Limited	4.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>71.8%</b>

**Historic sector allocation (% of Equity)**



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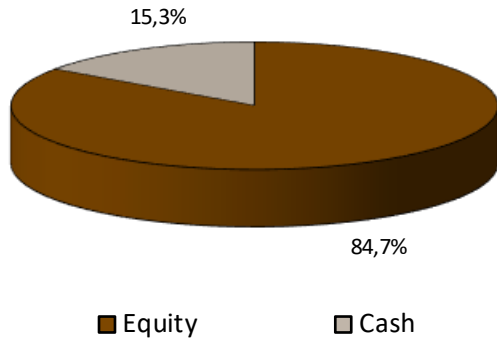
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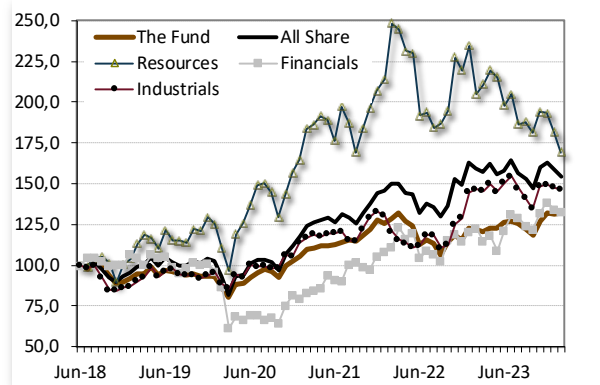
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## Asset allocation (% of Fund)



## Five-year cumulative performance\*



\*The cumulative performance is for illustrative purposes only. Investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown.

## Month and annual average returns (%)

Investment	1 month	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years	15 years
<b>Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>8.4</b>
FTSE-JSE All share index	3.2	1.6	8.1	9.7	9.0	8.1	12.5

\*Performance is net of all fees and costs

## Calendar year performance (%)

Investment	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Maestro Equity Prescient Fund*</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-13.4</b>
FTSE-JSE All share index	-2.3	9.3	3.6	29.2	7.0	12.1	-8.5

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## Rolling return (%)

Highest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	38.4%
Lowest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	-27.5%

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## Risks

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. 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. 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.

## Glossary Summary

**Annualized performance:** Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1 year period. Annualized 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.

## Total Expense Ratio (TER)

As at 31 December 2023 the TER for Class A units were as follows:

Management Fee	2.00%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Cost	0.52%
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.52%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.09%
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	2.61%

## Minimum investment:

Lump sum: R100 000  
Debit order: R1 000

## Risk Profile:

The Fund's risk profile is classified as high as listed equity investments make up the majority of the Fund's holdings. Generally equities have a higher level of volatility compared with other asset classes, however the expected long term returns are higher than other classes.

## Contact Details

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