

# **Fairtree Global Emerging Markets Prescient Fund**

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31 August 2025

### **Investment Objective**

The Fairtree Global Emerging Markets Prescient Fund is an actively managed global equity fund. The objective of the fund is to offer long term capital growth by investing in emerging equity markets or in companies that derive a significant portion of their revenue in emerging economies. The portfolio is constructed in a diversified manner and aims to provide returns above the index.

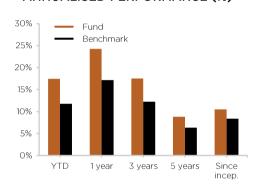
### **Investment Policy**

The objective of the Fairtree Global Emerging Markets Prescient Fund is to provide investors with long term capital growth by investing primarily in large and mid-cap stocks within emerging equity markets, or in companies that derive a significant portion of their revenue, profits or asset base from emerging economies. Our investment philosophy is to buy quality companies, that are growing earnings, at attractive valuations below intrinsic value. In order to achieve this objective, the portfolio uses a quantitative screening process, based on various factors, to identify the most attractive opportunities. Fundamental research is then performed to determine the inclusion and sizing of positions.

### **RISK INDICATOR**



### ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)



Source: Performance calculated by Prescient Fund Services verified by the FSP Date: 31 August 2025

## **ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark		
1 year	24.26	17.15		
3 years	17.54	12.25		
5 years	8.83	6.36		
Since incep.	10.50	8.37		
Highest rolling 1 year	30.17	31.09		
Lowest rolling 1 year	-18.68	-16.91		

All performance figures are net of fees.

### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE**



## **RISK AND FUND STATS**

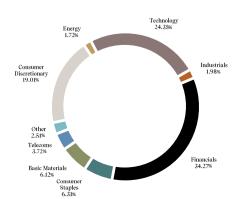
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark		
Alpha	2.13%			
Sharpe Ratio	0.32	0.23		
Sortino Ratio	0.60			
Information Ratio	0.29			
Standard Deviation	14.11%	12.92%		
Max Drawdown	-20.77%	-18.62%		
Max Gain	12.06%	11.20%		
% Positive Months	61.19%	50.75%		

Benchmark risk statistics for funds with intra-month inceptions dates are calculated using the monthly return series.

### **ASSET ALLOCATION (%)**

	S.A	Foreign	Total
Equity	11.67	86.14	97.81
Cash	0.79	0.69	1.48
Property	0.00	0.71	0.71
Total	12.46	87.54	100.00

### **EQUITY SECTOR EXPOSURE**



### **FUND INFORMATION**

### Fund Manager:

Cornelius Zeeman and Jacques

### **Fund Classification:**

Global - Equity - General

### Benchmark:

MSCI Emerging Markets Index TR Net Index (ZAR)

### JSE Code:

EGMPA1

### ISIN Number:

ZAE000281507

### **Regulation 28 Compliant:**

N/A

### **Fund Size:**

R919.9 m

### No of Units:

116,532,702

### **Unit Price:**

167.03

# Inception Date:

February 2020

### **Minimum Investment:**

R50 000 lump-sum R1 000 per month

### Initial Fee:

0.00%

### **Annual Management Fee:**

1.00% (excl. VAT)

### Performance Fee:

15% outperformance over the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, with a highwater mark. Capped at 1.00% (excl VAT).

### Fee Class:

Α1

### Fee Breakdown:

Total Investment Charge	2.85%		
Transaction Costs	1.10%		
Total Expense Ratio	1.75%		
Other Fees*	0.40%		
Performance Fees	0.35%		
Management Fee	1.00%		

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

TIC Fees are calculated in respect of 12 months ending before 30 June 2025

### **Income Distribution:**

31 March 2025 - 2.35 cpu



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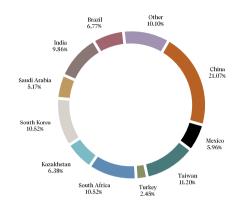
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### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

# 8.11% 4.58% 4.31% 3.24% 2.06% 1.82% 1.61% 1.55% 1.46% 1.33%

### **COUNTRY EXPOSURE**



### **FUND MONTHLY RETURNS**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2020		-3.55%	-4.21%	12.06%	-5.01%	6.63%	6.94%	1.82%	-3.69%	-0.33%	4.21%	0.39%	14.67%
2021	7.31%	0.30%	-2.56%	-0.75%	-3.49%	3.15%	-4.33%	-0.11%	-1.22%	4.20%	0.61%	0.58%	3.13%
2022	-4.03%	-7.62%	-6.73%	4.19%	0.49%	-1.06%	0.63%	5.29%	-6.29%	2.11%	7.40%	-1.25%	-7.90%
2023	11.85%	-1.82%	-2.47%	2.93%	5.05%	0.43%	1.72%	2.29%	-3.15%	-3.21%	8.32%	0.65%	23.66%
2024	-1.30%	6.74%	2.55%	0.65%	0.58%	-2.04%	0.11%	-2.90%	5.85%	0.12%	-1.94%	1.80%	10.17%
2025	5.33%	0.97%	0.30%	1.39%	1.13%	4.30%	3.12%	-0.16%					17.45%

### MARKET COMMENTARY

The fund returned -0.16% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 1%. The MSCI ACWI Index rose 2.47%, with the biggest gainers being Japan and Canada, increasing 7% and 5.5% respectively. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index increased 1.28% driven by gains in Brazil, South Africa and China, increasing 10.3%, 6.7% and 4.9% respectively (all in USD).

US equities rose 1.9% in August, marking the fourth consecutive monthly gain following a strong rebound from earlier tariff-related volatility. The S&P 500 gained 2%, while the Nasdaq rose 0.92%. Strength was primarily due to strong performance in mega-cap technology stocks, especially those linked to artificial intelligence and semiconductor sectors. Market sentiment was further boosted by broad-based strength in the Q2 results season, where approximately 80% of companies beat earnings estimates for the quarter. Trade uncertainty eased slightly as the US Court of Appeals ruled against key "Liberation Day" tariffs, reducing immediate concerns over escalating tensions. However, the tariffs remain in effect pending possible Supreme Court action. We saw an upward revision of Q2 Real GDP growth to 3.3%, driven by stronger consumer spending and investment. The labour market continued to show signs of cooling, with private payrolls rising by just 54,000 and weekly jobless claims climbing to their highest level since June. Despite these softer labour indicators, the Federal Reserve kept its policy rate unchanged at the target range of 5.25%-5.50%. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's remarks at the Jackson Hole Economic Symposium signalled growing support for potential rate easing soon but emphasised caution amid persistent inflation risks.

In Europe, equities gained 3.4%, with the Netherlands and Switzerland rising 3.1% and 2.8% respectively. Economic activity in the eurozone held firm in August, with the flash composite PMI rising to 51.1, supported largely by a rebound in manufacturing. Q2 GDP in core economies such as France and Spain came in stronger than expected. Inflation ticked up modestly, with headline CPI at 2.1% and core CPI steady at 2.3%, both broadly in line with expectations. The ECB maintained its policy rate at 2%, taking a cautious but supportive stance as it balances stable prices with a gradual recovery. Emerging Markets continued their strong rally, delivering a gain of 1.28% over the month. The outperformance has been fuelled by the weaker US Dollar, along with optimism around country-specific catalysts such as political change, promoting shareholder focus and monetary policy inflexion. Brazil surged 10.3%, which was driven by stronger-than-expected GDP growth, while ongoing improvements in the inflation data should pave the way for monetary policy easing. South Africa gained 6.7%, where the Rand rallied to a 9-month high, buoyed by rising gold prices. China rose 4.9% driven by optimism in areas tied to AI, stimulus and a focus on anti-involution policies. China's announcement to significantly expand its domestic chip production by 2026 boosted confidence in the technology sector, while the extension of the US-China trade truce until November supported export-driven industries and eased geopolitical tensions. The Indian market declined 3.1% over the month on the back of US trade tariffs increasing to 50%.

On a sector level, Financials and Information Technology were the worst-performing sectors over the month, while Communication Services and Materials were the best-performing sectors. The fund's underweight positions in Information Technology and Communication Services detracted from relative performance. Stock picking in the Financials, Industrials and Healthcare added to relative performance, while Consumer Staples detracted from relative performance.

Notable portfolio actions during the month included initiating a new position in Bid Corp and topping up the existing holdings in Naspers and TBC Group. In India, we increased exposure to Shriram Finance and IndiaMart while initiating a new position in Power Finance, as we continue to identify opportunities in the Indian market, while the position in Eurobank Ergasias was sold into strength. Notable contributors to fund performance were positions in Kaspi (+64bps absolute and relative), Alibaba (+32bps absolute and +36bps relative) and Tencent (+30bps absolute and -5bps relative). Notable detractors from performance over the month came from TSMC (-38bps absolute and +10bps relative), Truworths (-16bps absolute and relative) and TBC Bank (-15bps absolute and relative).

The fund is overweight in Kazakhstan, South Africa and Mexico, where we continue to find compelling bottom-up opportunities. Conversely, the fund remains underweight China, Taiwan and India, with India and Taiwan continuing to trade at elevated valuations relative to their own histories and broader emerging market peers.



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31 August 2025 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.

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.

Sortino Ratio: A measure of the risk-adjusted return of a portfolio. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but only penalises the returns falling below a user specified target, or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalises both upside and downside volatility equally.

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.

Max Gain: Largest increase in any single month.

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

### Specific Risk

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

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

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

% 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.

### Disclosure

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

### Risk Indicator Definition

The Fund will mainly invest in large and mid cap stocks within emerging equity markets, or in companies that derive a significant portion of their revenue, profits or asset base from emerging economies.

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 TER's. During the phase in period TER's 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 costs are 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.

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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.

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.

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