

# PRESCIENT EQUITY FUND

## MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

### INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to achieve returns above the FTSE/JSE Africa Shareholder Weighted Total Return Index (SWIX). The equity selection is done purely on a bottom-up basis and risk is actively managed in the portfolio construction process to eliminate undue stock specific risk.

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund uses quantitative techniques (multi-factor model) to build an active equity portfolio. The selection process targets those shares that offer the best economic value according to predefined income statement, cash flow statement and balance sheet matrices. The quantitative process maintains some positive index type characteristics, such as low turnover and thus lower cost and high liquidity.

### WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors seeking broad based exposure to the South African equity market. This Fund is appropriate for investors with a long-term investment horizon.

### RISK INDICATOR DEFINITION

These portfolios typically hold meaningful equity and/or offshore exposure which may result in significant capital volatility over all periods. Due to their nature expected long term returns are higher than for the other risk categories.

## RISK INDICATOR



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)				CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE	
	Fund	Benchmark	Sector Average		
1 year	4.59	3.51	3.41		
3 years	2.27	4.80	2.90		
5 years	7.98	10.10	7.22		
10 years	9.46	11.59	8.96		
Since incep.	9.61	11.41	8.81		
Highest 1 year	48.85	48.14	43.91		
Lowest 1 year	-35.23	-34.51	-32.20		

RISK AND FUND STATS (Since inception)			TOP 10 SHARES	
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark		% of Fund
Alpha	-1.80%	0.33	Naspers Ltd - N Shares	9.0
Sharpe Ratio	0.20	0.33	Sasol Ltd	5.2
Standard Deviation	13.89%	13.77%	Standard Bank Group Ltd	4.6
Max Drawdown	-37.72%	-36.99%	British American Tobacco Plc	4.0
Dividend Yield	3.76%	2.99%	MTN Group Ltd	4.0
PE Ratio	13.69	17.05	Firststrand Ltd	3.7
			Anglo American Plc	2.8
			Sanlam Ltd	2.5
			Shoprite Holdings Ltd	2.4
			Growthpoint Properties Ltd	2.3
			<b>Total</b>	<b>40.5</b>

ASSET ALLOCATION	SECTOR ALLOCATION

# PRESCIENT

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

31 JULY 2018

## ABOUT THE FUND

**Fund manager:**  
Prescient Equity Team

**Fund classification:**  
South Africa - Equity - General

**Benchmark:**  
FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX All Share Total Return

**Fund Size:**  
R80.7 m

**No of units:**  
88,768

**Unit price:**  
2,088.79

**Inception date:**  
30 November 2006

**Minimum Investment:**  
R10 000 lump-sum  
R1 000 per month

**Income distribution:**  
31 March 2018 - 59.64

**Initial Fee:**  
0.00%

**Annual management fee:**  
1.15% (incl VAT)

Fee breakdown:	
Management Fee	1.00%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Fees*	0.29%
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	<b>1.29%</b>
<b>Transaction Costs (TC)</b>	<b>0.37%</b>
<b>Total Investment Charge (TIC)</b>	<b>1.66%</b>

\*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
<b>2006</b>												4.05%	4.05%
<b>2007</b>	2.58%	1.92%	6.88%	4.97%	0.61%	-2.23%	0.71%	0.55%	3.81%	6.53%	-4.38%	-2.75%	20.15%
<b>2008</b>	-7.41%	11.70%	-3.25%	3.98%	2.48%	-6.72%	-4.95%	1.72%	-10.73%	-12.89%	0.40%	3.25%	-22.49%
<b>2009</b>	-4.87%	-9.16%	10.14%	2.81%	8.54%	-0.98%	8.78%	4.40%	0.47%	4.55%	0.21%	3.37%	29.96%
<b>2010</b>	-2.54%	1.56%	6.63%	0.45%	-4.17%	-2.74%	7.87%	-3.51%	9.59%	1.72%	0.55%	4.74%	20.77%
<b>2011</b>	-3.70%	0.97%	2.40%	2.08%	-0.44%	-1.12%	-1.70%	0.05%	-4.25%	8.49%	-0.59%	1.16%	2.79%
<b>2012</b>	4.36%	2.83%	0.49%	2.15%	-3.27%	1.39%	3.60%	1.52%	0.51%	3.11%	1.60%	3.84%	24.23%
<b>2013</b>	1.43%	-1.41%	0.28%	-1.35%	4.06%	-4.17%	3.69%	1.20%	5.81%	4.69%	-1.66%	3.49%	16.69%
<b>2014</b>	-3.67%	4.37%	4.40%	2.12%	1.49%	2.56%	2.15%	-0.02%	-3.28%	2.28%	1.66%	-0.19%	14.37%
<b>2015</b>	4.51%	2.87%	1.16%	3.22%	-5.35%	-0.21%	-0.78%	-2.89%	-0.38%	7.45%	-1.88%	-4.42%	2.56%
<b>2016</b>	-3.50%	-1.21%	8.04%	1.08%	-0.89%	-0.34%	2.24%	-2.62%	-1.51%	-3.06%	-1.97%	1.42%	-2.81%
<b>2017</b>	3.30%	-2.23%	2.19%	3.13%	-0.58%	-3.67%	5.89%	2.32%	-1.74%	6.66%	2.77%	0.06%	19.03%
<b>2018</b>	-0.75%	-1.00%	-3.27%	3.32%	-5.23%	0.12%	1.79%						-5.15%

## FUND COMMENTARY

Global markets made a positive start to the second half of the year. The MSCI World index rose by an impressive 3.05% over the period and beat the MSCI Emerging Market index, which added 1.68%. Risk appetite returned to the market, but the fact the emerging market equities underperformed shows an element of caution was still in place. After the Trump Administration officially entered a trade war with China, initial expectations were for a tit-for-tat retaliation and in essence, a race to the bottom. However, China had been keeping their cards close to their chest while all of this was taking place but when the time was right, they introduced an intensive fiscal stimulus programme to cushion uncertainty surrounding external trade. Global markets reacted favourably with the S&P500, DAX and Shanghai Composite indices closing the month 3.6%, 4.1% and 1.0% up respectively. The JSE All Share index meanwhile went against most other emerging markets and lost -0.25%. SA specific factors were the culprits. More specifically, wage strikes at Eskom leading to load shedding and a significant loss posted there for the previous financial year weighed on sentiment. Moody's cautionary statement surrounding land expropriation without compensation also created selling pressure. SA bonds had a good month as global flows picked up. The R186's yield lost 0.26% and the ALBI added 2.4% in July. On the other hand, safe haven assets lost their allure. The US 10Y Treasury Bond yield rising by 0.11% was evidence and a similar picture was painted over the Atlantic in European bond markets.

The Prescient Equity Fund returned 1.89% for the month (gross of fees), which was ahead of the benchmark (+1.45%).

### Contributors to Performance

The positions that contributed the most to the performance of the fund were Firstrand Limited (+8.42%), Vodacom (+14.22%) and Standard Bank Group (+6.24%).

### Detractors from Performance

The largest detractors from performance were Naspers (-6.97%), Bidcorp (-4.28%) and Anglo American (-3.14%).

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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.

**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.

**Dividend Yield:** The weighted average dividend yield of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The dividend yield of each company is the dividends per share divided by the price.

**PE Ratio:** The weighted average price earnings ratio of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The price earnings ratio of each company is the price divided by the earnings per share.

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