# **Cogence Cautious Prescient Fund of Funds**

**Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report** 

## 31 August 2024

Fund Details	
Portfolio manager	Cogence (Pty) Ltd
Asset allocation advised by	BlackRock
Launch date	18 March 2024
ASISA classification	(ASISA) - SA - Multi Asset - Low Equity
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	(ASISA) - SA - Multi Asset - Low Equity Category Average
Risk profile	Low
Fund size	R10 745 193
Income distribution	Bi Annually (End March and September)
Regulation 28 compliant	Yes
Currency	South African Rands
NAV price month	106.93c
Inception NAV price	100c
Number of units	10 048 153
Annual fees (Incl. VAT)	0.765%
Perfomance fees	None
Total expense ratio (TER) <sup>2</sup>	Not Available - New Fund
Transaction costs (TC) <sup>2</sup>	Not Available - New Fund
Total investment charges (TIC) <sup>2</sup>	Not Available - New Fund
JSE code	COCFFA
ISIN number	ZAE000331682
Transaction cut-off time:	16:00

Notes
1. Benchmark and performance data is provided by Cogence (Pty) Ltd

2. Due to the short financial life span of the fund, the TER will only be displayed 1 year after launched

3. As per CISCA requirements, performance figures will be made available 12 months after launch. 4. The fund aims to target the benchmark. The benchmark performance is shown for illustrative

purposes

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#### Investment policy

The objective of this fund is to generate long-term capital growth and outperform the benchmark over a rolling three year period. The fund will have exposure to a broad range of markets across multiple asset classes, including both local and offshore investments. Underlying investments may include both actively managed and index-tracking strategies. The strategy is constructed with a low allocation to equity.

The fund has adhered to its policy objectives as stated in the supplemental deed.

#### Who this investment may be suitable for

This fund is suitable for investors who seek stable returns and an investment diversified across multiple asset classes with an emphasis on capital protection.

Historical Performance <sup>3</sup>		
Period	Fund	Benchmark
1 month	-	1.31%
3 months	-	5.46%
YTD	-	-
1 year	-	-
3 year	-	-
5 year	-	-
Since Launch (Ann.)	-	-
Since Launch (Cum.)	-	7.71%

Performance data longer than 1 year is annualised.

Risk Statistics (Since launch)		
Statistic	Fund	Benchmark
Volatility	-	2.39%
Maximum drawdown	-	0.00%
Highest one-year return	-	-
Lowest one-year return	-	-
Sharpe ratio (Rf = 0%)	-	-

Performance is calculated using the Total Returns Index (TRI), net of fees, with all dividend and/or income declarations reinvested on the declaration date at the net asset value price at that time. Investment performance is for illustrative purposes only.

<sup>5.</sup> There have been no material changes to the fund details displayed above since the fund launch.

Manager Allocation	
Cogence Global Growth (USD)	35.6%
Discovery Strategic Bond	15.7%
10X Yield Selected Bond Index Fund	10.3%
SATRIX Bond Index	9.6%
Discovery Diversified Income	6.7%
Laurium BCI Strategic Income	5.6%
Nedgroup Investments Money Market Fund	5.1%
1NVEST ILB Index Tracker Fund	2.7%
ZAR CASH	1.5%
SATRIX SWIX Top 40	1.4%
Ninety One SA Equities	1.2%
All Weather BCI Equities Fund	0.7%
Aeon Active Equities Prescient	0.7%
Perpetua SCI Relative Equities Fund	0.6%
Ninety One Active Quants	0.6%
SATRIX Mid Cap	0.6%
Prescient Core Capped Equities Fund	0.5%
Fairtree Equities Prescient	0.5%
Sesfikile BCI Property Fund	0.2%

May not add up to 100% due to rounding.

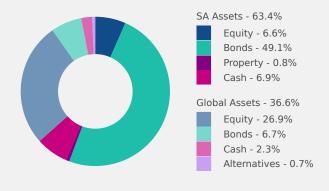
Top 5 Equity Secutity Holdings	
NVIDIA Corp	1.0%
Microsoft Corp	0.9%
Apple Inc	0.8%
Naspers Ltd Class N	0.6%
Amazon.com Inc	0.6%

Top 5 Bond Instrument Holdings	
South Africa (Republic of) 8%	3.1%
South Africa (Republic of) 9%	3.1%
South Africa (Republic of) 8.25%	2.9%
South Africa (Republic of) 8.875%	2.8%
South Africa (Republic of) 10.5%	2.7%

#### **Income Distribution (Last 12 Months)**

No income declared in the last 12 months.

#### Asset allocation



Data source: Prescient

#### Portfolio composition

There have been no material changes to the composition of the fund over the last quarter.

#### Monthly market commentary

Despite a volatile period for financial markets in August, the month ended in positive territory across equity and fixed income. Global markets performed positively with developed equity gaining 2.64% over the month while Global Fixed Income gained 1.10%, both in USD terms. During the first half of August, 25bps interest rate hike by the Bank of Japan and weak economic data in the US led to equity markets and the USD selling off. Markets soon rebounded as US equities rallied later in the month due to strong retail sales and corporate earnings. Similarly, UK and European equities were also positive but lagged the US due to softening economic activity in the region. Fixed income assets performed well over the month as the market began to price in cuts over the coming months as CPI data showed continued easing of inflationary pressures. This month we see local equity underperforming their global counterparts with local equity gaining 1.34%, in ZAR terms. The Q2 GDP numbers came in strong at 0.4% increase (0.3% YoY) driven by stronger contributions from manufacturing, electricity, gas and water sectors which benefitted from the lack of load shedding. However, global markets registered stronger growth with OECD measure indicating 0.5% growth in Q2, overall Emerging Markets underperformed Developed Markets. This is with particular focus on China's weaker growth 0.5% growth in Q2 which makes up a large amount of South Africa's commodity exports. On the other hand, we saw local fixed income outperforming global fixed income, seeing gains of 2.35% over the month, in ZAR terms. A local driver of bonds' outperformance was the positive sentiment in the aftermath of the election results. The expected monetary easing by the South African Reserve Bank , in line with developed central banks was also supportive of rates decreasing over the month. Additionally, local fixed income was able to perform well on the back of a weaker US dollar. Finally, the Rand strengthened against USD in August closing at around 17.834R/\$ compared to R18.215/\$ in July.

#### General

Collective investment schemes (Unit Trusts) are generally medium to long-term investments. The value of participatory interests (units) or the investment may go down as well as up. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Collective investment schemes are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending (i.e. borrowing and lending of assets). The manager does not provide any guarantee, with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. Prescient retains full legal responsibility for the third-party-named portfolio. Any forecasts and/or commentary in this document are not guaranteed to occur. Different classes of participatory interests apply to these portfolios and are subject to different fees and charges. A schedule of all fees and charges, inclusive of VAT and maximum commissions, is available on request from us or from your financial adviser. Forward pricing is used.

#### Investment Manager

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Prescient is registered and approved under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

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#### **Yields**

The yield for bond and income portfolios is historic and is calculated quarterly.

#### Important information

The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. The ability of the portfolio to repurchase is dependent upon the liquidity of the securities and cash of the portfolio. A manager may suspend repurchases for a period, subject to regulatory approval, to await liquidity, and the manager must keep the investors informed about these circumstances.

A fund of funds is a portfolio that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes that levy their own charges. This could result in a higher fee structure.

Lump-sum performance returns are being quoted. Income distributions, prior to deduction of applicable taxes, are included in the performance calculations. NAV to NAV figures have been used for the performance calculations, as calculated by the manager at the valuation time of 16:00 as defined in the deed, over all reporting periods. Investment performance calculations are available for verification upon request by any person. Reinvestment of income is calculated on the actual amount distributed per participatory interest, using the ex-dividend date NAV price of the applicable class of the portfolio, irrespective of the actual reinvestment date. The performance is calculated for the fee class. The individual investor performance may differ, as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax.

The rate of return is calculated on a total return basis, and the following elements may involve a reduction of the investor's capital: interest rates, economic outlook, inflation, deflation, economic and political shocks or changes in economic policy. Annualised returns are period returns re-scaled to a period of one year. This allows investors to compare returns of different assets that they have owned for different lengths of time. All period returns greater than one year have been annualised. Returns for periods less than one year have not been annualised. A cumulative return is the aggregate amount an investment has gained or lost over time, independent of the period of time involved. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request. Illustrative investment performance is for illustrative purposes only.

### Specific fund risks

- DerivativesExposure to foreign securities
- Equities
  - Bond

Liquidity

For a detailed description of these risks, and other risks that are relevant to the portfolio, please refer to the CIS and other Risk Disclosure Documents, available at www.cogence.co.za.

#### Glossary

Drawdown

Annualised - An annualised return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

*Volatility* - Volatility (also called standard deviation) is a measure of how widely the returns varied over the period measured.

Maximum drawdown - A maximum drawdown is the maximum loss from a peak to trough of the portfolio over the period measured, before a new peak is attained.

*Sharpe ratio* - The sharpe ratio is a measure of risk-adjusted returns. The sharpe ratio reflectes the extent to which an investment compensates for extra risk.

#### What is the total investment charge (TIC)

Total expense ratio (TER) is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration (charges, levies and fees) of the portfolio. TER is calculated over rolling 3 years (or since inception, where applicable), and is annualised, to the most recent calendar quarter-end. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's. Transaction costs (TC) is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the portfolio. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the portfolio and impacts portfolio 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 financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager, and the TER. Calculations are based on actual data, where possible, and best estimates, where actual data is not available. Total investment charges (TIC) is the percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the TER and TC.

For additional information on the portfolio, refer to the application forms, quarterly investment report and minimum disclosure documents, available on our website, www.cogence.co.za, from your financial adviser, or on request from the manager, free of charge.

The complaints policy and procedure, as well as the conflicts of interest management policy, are available on our website www.cogence.co.za. Associates of the manager may be invested within certain portfolios, and the details thereof are available from the manager. The manager has the right to close certain portfolios to new investors, in order to manage them more efficiently, in accordance with their mandates.

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.

• This document was published on 18 September 2024.

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.

This portfolio operates as a white label fund under the Prescient Unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

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