## **FUND OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY**

The ClucasGray Equilibrium Prescient Fund is a Regulation 28 compliant, multi-asset high equity fund. The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth ahead of its peer group by delivering both income and capital growth in excess of inflation over time. The Fund aims to achieve these objectives through an active approach to asset allocation, and via superior stock selection. Fundamental analysis, a valuation discipline and a belief that inefficient markets create opportunities in mispriced assets underpin both our asset allocation and stock selection process.

### **FUND INFORMATION**

Portfolio Managers: Inception Date: Fund Size: Unit Price: ASISA Category: Benchmark:

Min Lump Sum: Min Monthly Investment: Issue Date: ISIN: Andrew Vintcent & Grant Morris 16 January 2015 R1234 million

167.1 cents South African Multi-Asset High Equity Market value-weighted average return of

ASISA category R10 000 R1 000

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### WHO SHOULD INVEST

The Fund is an ideal wealth creation vehicle for investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon.

### **RISK INDICATOR**

Generally, these portfolios hold more equity exposure than lower risk profiled portfolios. These portfolios therefore tend to carry more volatility. Expected potential long-term returns could be higher than other risk profiles, in turn potential losses of capital could be higher.

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## NET PERFORMANCE (ANNUALISED) AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	3-Months	6-MONTINS	I- Year
Fund*	10.5%	13.4%	15.7%
Class B2***	10.5%	13.4%	15.6%
Class B1	10.4%	13.3%	15.4%
Class C**	10.3%	13.1%	15.0%
Peer Group	5.0%	8.0%	12.7%
	3-Year	5-Year	Since Inception
Fund*	11.9%	11.9%	8.4%
Class B2***	11.9%	11.8%	8.0%
Class B1	11.7%	11.7%	8.2%
Class C**	11.3%	11.3%	7.8%
Peer Group	9.2%	9.8%	6.1%

## **ROLLING 12 MONTH RETURN**

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Fund Class B2***	34.9%	9.2%	-17.2%
Fund Class B1	34.7%	8.5%	-17.4%
Fund Class C**	34.2%	8.1%	-17.6%

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  Fund performance is the net weighted average fee return for the fund

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

	Fund	Class B2***	Class B1	Class C	Peer Group
2015*	12.5%	0.0%	12.2%	11.8%	7.9%
2016	5.1%	0.0%	4.9%	4.6%	1.2%
2017	11.9%	7.8%	11.6%	11.3%	9.1%
2018	1.4%	1.3%	1.2%	0.8%	-3.8%
2019	8.8%	8.7%	8.6%	8.2%	9.7%
2020	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.6%	-0.9%	4.9%
2021	28.4%	28.4%	28.2%	27.7%	20.0%
2022	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	3.8%	-0.1%
2023	11.5%	11.4%	11.2%	10.8%	12.3%
2024**	11 9%	11.8%	11 7%	11.5%	8.9%

<sup>\*</sup> Since inception 16 January 2015

## **RISK & FUND STATS (ANNUALISED SINCE INCEPTION)**

Max Drawdown*	-20.1%
Max Gain**	8.1%
% Positive Months	64.7%

<sup>\*</sup> The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

## CUMULATIVE VALUE OF R100 INVESTED AT INCEPTION VS BENCHMARK (ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE)



Source: Prescient Fund Services 31 Aug 2024

<sup>\*\*</sup> Highest Fee Class

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Class B2 Inception 31 May 2017

<sup>\*\*</sup> Year to date

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Class B2 Inception 31 May 2017

<sup>\*\*</sup> Largest increase in any single month.

#### **TOP 15 SA EQUITY HOLDINGS**

ABSA	MTN
AECI	Naspers
African Rainbow Minerals	Old Mutual
Anglo American	Premier Group
British American Tobacco	Reunert
Firstrand	Sasol
KAL Group	Standard Bank
Motus Holdings	

The Top 15 holdings make up 37% of the total fund.

### **FUND ASSET ALLOCATIONS**

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### DISTRIBUTIONS

Distribution Frequency Distribution Date Last Distribution Annually 02 April 6.2 cents per unit

# FEE STRUCTURE

ΓER	Class B2	Class B1	Class C
Annual Management Fee (excl. VAT)	0.75%	0.90%	1.20%
Other Cost	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%
VAT	O.11%	0.13%	0.17%
Fotal Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	1.00%	1.17%	1.51%
Fransaction Costs (incl. VAT)	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	1.13%	1.30%	1.64%

### **QUARTERLY COMMENTARY | JUNE 2024**

Global equity markets continued to grind higher in the 2nd quarter of 2024. The MSCI World Index gained 3% in US Dollars, driven once again by another strong performance by the major US indices – most notably the Nasdaq continued its seemingly gravity defying run, gaining another 8% in the quarter, and is up nearly 30% over the last year. With a supportive global backdrop, the JSE Capped Swix increased by 8% in the quarter.

The 2nd quarter of 2024 proved to be a good one for the ClucasGray Equilibrium Prescient Fund - the fund gained nearly 8% in the quarter, which compared favorably to the Peer group (3.6%). A number of holdings contributed positively to performance, with the most notable being African Rainbow Minerals , Spar and Foschini all being up around 30%; Anglo American, FirstRand, The KAL Group and the JSE all rising around 20%, and a number of other holdings delivering double digit returns. In addition, as alluded to below, the All Bond Index gained 7.5% in the quarter. The fund has enjoyed a healthy exposure to South African bonds.

As illustrated on the fund fact sheet, the fund has performed well against its peer group over all periods since inception in January 2015, over 9 years ago. We set ourselves a fund objective of delivering real Rand returns of Inflation plus 4% over sustained periods of time. Looking back over the funds history, it is encouraging that the fund has managed to achieve real returns in excess of 4% over all major periods to the end of June 2024.

The key developments post the South African elections have been well documented - we have been encouraged by the maturity shown by most parties in coming together to form the Government of National Unity (GNU). The level of national anxiety in the build up to elections appeared to impact on consumer and business confidence, with negative consequences for economic activity. Allied to a more constructive political backdrop, we believe there are some important tailwinds, structural and cyclical, that could result in a more favorable environment for individuals and companies alike.

A more stable electricity backdrop, positive developments to resolve the logistical challenges, and a seeming willingness by the State to partner with private enterprise are encouraging developments. Cyclically, we remain of the view that the inflationary pressures in the economy are alleviating, and expect interest rates to decline off the current elevated levels.

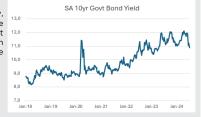
A key part of our Investment Process at CGAM (ClucasGray Asset Management) is to assess prospective equity returns by analyzing 3 key components - earnings growth, dividend yield and the change of valuation multiple. We performed an exercise during June where we took a sample of companies listed on the JSE in 3 subjectively defined categories - Quality, Good and Value.



All 3 categories show an ability to deliver real, albeit modest, earnings growth over the next 3 years, the bulk of the prospective returns in the Good and Value samples are derived from an elevated Dividend Yield, and a modest rerating, off suppressed levels. Given the exceedingly low starting valuations, the impact of a modest re-rating is potentially significant.

South African fixed income yields also enjoyed a post-election rally, with the All Bond Index gaining 7.5% in the quarter. Much like the equity market, the chart to the right illustrates that whilst yields have fallen considerably off their 2024 highs, they remain elevated in the context of history, and continue to offer very attractive real yields.

Notwithstanding a very strong recovery in select equity prices and domestic fixed income assets towards the end of the quarter, we remain of the view that numerous opportunities exist to deliver very attractive real returns.



# ClucasGray Equilibrium Prescient Fund

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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 perfolio 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 in 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.

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.

The Manager retains full legal responsibility for any third-party-named portfolio. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. A list of fund specific risks is provided below. 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.

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.

Max Gain: Largest increase in any single month.

Max Drawdown: The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

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

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.

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.

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.

Default risk: The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The issuers credit quality it vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

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.

 $For any \ additional \ information \ such \ as \ fund \ prices, \ brochures \ and \ application \ forms \ please \ go \ to \ www.cgam.co.za$ 

# GLOSSARY SUMMARY

### **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 Returns:

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.

### % Positive Months:

The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return

### Net Performance

Unit trust performance is net (after) management fees have been deducted.

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