HIGH STREET BALANCED PRESCIENT FUND - CLASS A1

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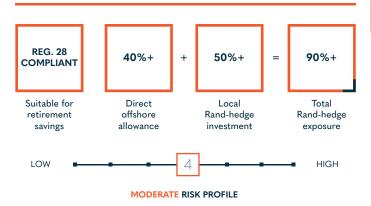


FUND OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to deliver medium to long-term capital growth over time. The Fund is differentiated in the ASISA South African - Multi-Asset - High Equity category by focusing primarily on investments with international or Rand-hedge revenue streams. Elevated returns are targeted by utilising its full offshore and equity allowances. The Fund complies with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act.

INVESTOR SUITABILITY

The Fund is suitable for retail and institutional investors seeking maximum offshore exposure, within the bounds of Regulation 28. Therefore, it is appropriate for retirement savings and Tax-Free Savings Accounts. While volatility is expected to be less than an equity-only fund, investors must be willing to endure periods of short-term downturns. An investment horizon of 5+ years is recommended.



ANNUALISED RETURNS (NET OF FEES)				
	HIGH STREET	BENCHMARK		
Since inception (CAGR)	13.53%	9.87%		
5 years	12.94%	9.84%		
3 years	10.43%	9.21%		
1 year	16.06%	13.09%		
Highest rolling 1-year return	48.93%	30.56%		
Lowest rolling 1-year return	-23.61%	-10.44%		

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

High Street Wealth Warriors Fund Master Drilling Group

Bidcorp Microsoft

NewGold ETF Glencore

iShares Global Corporate Bonds ETF Reinet

MAS Real Estate Sirius Real Estate

ASSET ALLOCATION

30% LOCAL EQUITY

2% OFFSHORE PROPERTY

17% LOCAL PROPERTY

0% OFFSHORE CASH

2% LOCAL CASH

7% OFFSHORE BONDS

0% LOCAL BONDS

0% OFFSHORE COMMODITIES

5% LOCAL COMMODITIES

ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE (NET OF FEES)*



Benchmark: Category peer average (South Africa - Multi Asset - High Equity) Source: High Street Asset Management, 31/08/2024

FUND DETAILS

Fund Manager

High Street Asset Management (Pty) Ltd (FSP No: 45210)

Administrator

Prescient Fund Services (Pty) Ltd

Management Company

Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd

Depository

Nedbank Investor Services

Auditor

Ernst & Young Inc.

Regulator Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)

Fund Classification

South African - Multi Asset - High Equity

Base Currency

ISIN

ZAE000264552

Bloomberg Ticker HISHEA1 SJ

Inception Date 19 December 2018

Fund Size R463m

Number of Units Issued

Unit Price (ZAR Cents)

TER (VAT Incl.)

Minimum Investment Lump Sum: R10,000 Monthly: R500

Redemption Frequency

Daily

Annual Income Distribution 31 March (if selected)

Recommended Time Horizon

5+ years

^{*} The investment performance is for illustrative purposes only. The investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown and income



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FEES (VAT INCL.)

Annual Base Fee (management & administration) *

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Performance Fee

None

Other Fees

0.17%

Total Expense Ratio (TER)

1.54%

Transaction Costs (TC)

0.36%

Total Investment Charge (TIC)

1.90%

* The investment in the High Street Wealth Warriors Fund is not subject to management fees.

RISK METRICS					
	HIGH STREET	BENCHMARK			
Annualised Std. Deviation	15.02%	9.51%			
Sharpe Ratio	0.22	-0.03			
Sortino Ratio	0.34	-0.05			
Maximum Drawdown	-25.47%	-14.21%			
Time to Recover (months) Positive Months Tracking Error	18	5			
	68%	65%			
	11.65%	-			
Information Ratio	0.31	-			
Correlation to Benchmark	0.63	-			

Monthly Fund Performance (%)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	5.45	2.67	1.47	-2.30	2.73	-0.47	-2.01	0.55					8.12
2023	11.62	5.32	-0.54	6.73	11.51	-1.36	-1.10	2.2	-4.11	-3.84	12.09	3.86	48.93
2022	-6.56	-8.48	-2.56	-3.59	-3.58	0.98	4.56	0.26	-9.11	1.8	3.85	-3.05	-23.61
2021	4.03	2.26	0.85	1.3	-4.37	3.33	0.06	1.76	0.15	5.21	2.14	1.75	19.74
2020	4.06	-4.62	-3.26	11.88	1.83	7.01	2.78	3.98	-4.55	-0.50	1.60	0.77	21.65

QUARTERLY COMMENTARY AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

For the quarter ended 30 June, the Fund returned -0.1%, versus the category peer average of 3.8%. Fund performance was hampered by significant Rand strength with the Rand appreciating by 3.6% against the US Dollar. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 9.7%, versus the category peer average of 5.5%.

Globally, the economic momentum from the first quarter of 2024 extended into the second quarter, resulting in another positive period for equity markets. The MSCI World Index posted a 2.8% return in USD (-0.9% in ZAR) in Q2, while the S&P 500 returned 4.3% in USD (0.4% in ZAR). Initially, investor concerns about the US economy overheating led to scaled-back forecasts for central bank rate cuts and a negative market reaction to strong April economic data. However, these fears diminished as the quarter progressed, renewing optimism for a soft landing. In Europe, economic momentum also remained strong as the cost-of-living shock continued to subside.

Domestically, the JSE bounced back strongly from the weakness of the first quarter, with the JSE All Share Index returning 8.2% in Q2. Following the elections in South Africa, the formation of the GNU and ongoing political discussions are now shaping policy direction. To date, positive sentiment surrounding this progress has boosted both the markets and the Rand.

The Fund's offshore component exhibited strong performance in the quarter, driven by robust corporate earnings. Nvidia emerged as the standout performer, achieving a 37% return in USD. The company once again posted impressive earnings (Q1), underscoring the sustained demand for its AI chips. Nvidia reported revenue growth exceeding 260%, alongside a 690% increase in operating profit.

Starbucks was the largest detractor within the offshore component, returning -14% in USD. This decline was precipitated by a negative earnings release in which the company failed to meet expectations, reporting shrinking same-store sales and declining traffic across all regions. Starbucks also significantly lowered its full-year guidance, predicting continued underperformance of its cafés for several quarters. While the broader consumer discretionary sector has faced pressure in recent months, some of Starbucks' challenges appear to be partially self-inflicted and potentially due to mismanagement. We will continue to monitor this holding closely in order to gauge whether the company's investment case has materially changed.

The local component experienced mixed performance and, given its extreme Rand-hedge bias, was negatively impacted by the strong Rand. Prosus was the largest contributor, returning 9%, driven by the performance of its investment in Chinese tech giant Tencent. In May, Tencent posted strong earnings, with a 62% year-on-year net profit increase driven by its advertising and business services divisions. In June, Prosus reported robust full year earnings, with revenues from continuing operations (which excludes Tencent) rising 12%.



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Under new CEO Fabricio Bloisi, a focus on cost-cutting and profitability led to the e-commerce division achieving its first-ever profit. Prosus also reported an almost 200% increase in headline earnings per share, bolstered by sustained share buybacks funded by proceeds from the partial sale of its Tencent stake. Over the past two years, Prosus has repurchased over 20% of its market capitalization.

Multinational food service company Bidcorp was the biggest detractor from the local component, falling 8%. This was driven by concerns over food inflation receding faster than anticipated, potentially impacting revenue and earnings forecasts. Market sentiment was further dampened by weakness in Bidcorp's UK and emerging market operations, where margins remained depressed. Despite these challenges, we maintain our confidence in Bidcorp as a core holding due to its geographic diversification, robust growth prospects, and attractive valuation relative to historical metrics.

The property sector experienced notable weakness this quarter, as the rate-sensitive sector was affected by the confirmation of a higher-for-longer interest rate narrative. The Developed Property Index returned -2.4% in USD (-5.6% in ZAR). Although the Fund's property component performed comparatively better, it still dragged on performance, returning -3.8% in ZAR on a weighted basis. Despite the challenging macro environment, the fundamentals of our holdings remain strong, as evidenced by their earnings releases during the quarter. These holdings are well-positioned to benefit significantly when the anticipated policy easing does materialise.

During the quarter, the Fund initiated a position in BHP Group and added to positions in CrowdStrike and Palo Alto. The Trencor position was exited, and Starbucks position was reduced.





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FUND SPECIFIC RISKS

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 is 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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 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.

WHY IS THIS FUND IN CATEGORY 4?

The Fund is rated as 4 due to exposure to shares and stocks, and the nature of its investments which include the risks previously listed. The price of shares and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount they have invested. As the investments of the Fund are in various currencies and the Fund is denominated in South African Rands your shares may be subject to currency risk.

WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN?

They rate how a fund might behave and how much risk there is to your capital. Generally, the chance to make large gains means a risk of suffering large losses.

A **Category 1** fund is not a risk-free investment - the risk of losing your money is small, but the chance of making gains is also limited.

With a **Category 7** fund, the risk of losing your money is high but there is also a chance of making higher gains. The seven-category scale is complex (for example, 2 is not twice as risky as 1).

For a more detailed explanation of risks, please refer to the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

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