## FUND OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY

CLUCASGRAY

The ClucasGray Global Flexible Prescient Fund aims to provide medium to long-term capital and income growth over time by investing in a flexible portfolio of global asset classes and currencies. The Fund will invest in a diversified mix of global assets, including equities, bonds, property, preference shares, debentures, fixed interest securities and money market instruments. The Fund will employ asset and geographical allocations to reflect changing economic and market conditions to maximise returns over the long term.

### CUMULATIVE VALUE OF R100 INVESTED AT INCEPTION VS PEER FUND INFORMATION **GROUP (ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE)** -Fund Benchmark Portfolio Managers: Guy MacRobert & JP Maritz 160 155 150 145 140 135 130 125 120 115 100 Inception Date 31 January 2020 Fund Size (ZAR millions): 320.3 Unit Price 145.93 ASISA Category: Global Multi-Asset Flexible Market value-weighted average return Benchmark: of Global Multi Asset High Equity (50%) and Low Equity (50%) Min lump Sum: Oct-22 Jan-21 Jul-21 Oct-21 Jan-22 Jul-22 Jan-23 Jul-23 Oct-23 Jul-24 R10 000 20 20 20 21 -22 23 Jan-24 24 Min monthly investment: R1 000 Apr lan-'n -oct Apr Apr Apr Apr Issue Date: 12 September 2024 Source: Prescient Fund Services 31 August 2024 lustrative investment performance is shown for illustrative purposes only and is calculated by taking the i initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown. Income is reinvested on the stiment date. **ROLLING 12 MONTH RETURN\*\*** PERFORMANCE (NET OF FEES) AT 31 AUGUST 2024 Average 3 years (Ann) 24.0% 9.1% -8.4% 1 month 6 months Fund Class B1 1 year Inception (Ann) Fund\* -0.4% -1.9% 6.1% 8.0% 91% 9.2% \* Fund performance is the net weighted average fee return for the fund -0.4% Class B1 -1.9% 8.0% 9.1% 9.1% \*\* Highest Fee Class 6.1% Benchmark -0.2% -1.9% 2.5% 4.2% 7.0% 7.0% **RISK & FUND STATS (ANNUALISED SINCE INCEPTION)** Sharpe Ratio 04 Standard Deviation 10.6% Max Drawdown -11.7% 58.2% % Positive Months **RISK INDICATOR** WHO SHOULD INVEST

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

These portfolios generally hold more equity exposure than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios.

In turn, the expected volatility is higher than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios.

The probability of losses is higher than low risk portfolios, but less than high risk

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### MONTHLY COMMENTARY

The month kicked off with two significant economic events that set the tone for global markets. First, there was disappointing economic data from the United States, and second, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) raised interest rates - a rare move in recent years.

The ISM Manufacturing Index came in well below expectations, registering at 46.8. Additionally, July's job numbers were lackluster, with only 144,000 jobs added - the lowest figure in three years. These developments sparked concerns that the US might be heading toward a recession. Some even speculated about the possibility of an emergency rate cut by the Federal Reserve (Fed). The BOJ increased its policy rate for only the second time in the past 17 years. This move led to the unwinding of carry trade positions, impacting global markets.

Early in the month, there was a selloff, and the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) retreated by 6.38%. On August 5th, the Japanese market (TOPIX) experienced a sharp decline of 12.23%, the largest daily drop since Black Monday in 1987. As the month progressed, investors adjusted their expectations for more aggressive rate cuts by the Fed. Consequently, the MSCI ACWI rebounded, closing the month with a positive return of 2.54%. Interest rate-sensitive assets performed well, with global bonds gaining 2.40% and global real estate investment trusts (REITs) rising by 6.20%.

Value stocks outperformed growth stocks during the month. Developed market equities fared better than emerging market equities. The US led the way, with the S&P 500 posting a gain of 2.38%. Other notable performances included the MSCI Asia ex-Japan index (+1.98%) and the MSCI Emerging Markets index (+1.61%). The UK's FTSE gained 0.45%, while European markets (excluding the UK) rose by 1.98%. Japan's TOPIX recovered somewhat from its earlier drawdown, closing down 2.90% for the month.

Weaker global growth and manufacturing data put pressure on commodity prices. Brent crude oil prices declined by 5.51%, reaching \$75.05 before recovering slightly to \$78.57 by month-end. The ongoing Chinese real estate crisis continued to impact iron ore prices, pushing them to a two-year low.

Our top performing shares during the month were PayPal, Meta Platforms and Berkshire Hathaway with the biggest detractors being Emerson Electric, Samsung and Starwood

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## FEE STRUCTURE

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TER	Class B1
Annual Management Fee (excl. VAT)	0.90%
Other Cost	O.18%
VAT	O.13%
Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)	1.21%
Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)	O.12%
Total Investment Charge (incl. VAT)	1.33%

# DISTRIBUTIONS

Distribution Frequency Distribution Date Last Distribution

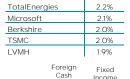
Annually 02 April 1.45 cents per unit

# **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Amazon	3.2%
Alphabet	2.9%
Elevance	2.6%
Visa	2.5%
Bookings	2.4%

# FUND ASSET ALLOCATIONS

Asset Class	%
Foreign Equity	68.4%
Foreign Cash	7.5%
Fixed Income	17.4%
Local Cash	5.3%
Foreign Property	1.4%



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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

Alpha: Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark

Sharpe Ratio: The Sharpe ratio is used ot indicate the excess return the porfolio 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

% 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.clucasgray.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 vear over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

# Highest & Lowest Returns:

have been shown.

The highest and lowest The net asset value represents the assets of a returns for any 1 year over the period since inception Fund less its liabilities

NAV:

% 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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