

### Fund Objective

The Autus Prime Income Plus Fund is an enhanced income portfolio, with the objective of providing the investor a high level of income and stable capital growth over the short to medium - term.



Portfolios in this category are tilted towards a higher money market, cash or short dated fixed income exposure. While statistical analyses of markets' returns indicate that investments in money market instruments has a high degree of implicit capital protection, it also comes with a risk of delivering returns below the inflation level over a period of time.

General Fund Information	
Investment Manager	Autus Fund Managers (Pty) Ltd
Classification	South African MA Income
Benchmark	STeFI Composite ZAR
Fund Inception Date	2006/01/03
Domicile	South Africa
Base Currency	Rand
Fund Size	R 109 050 473
Fund Size Date	2025/05/30
JSE Code	M4IA
ISIN Number	ZAE000075750
NAV Price (Month-End)	R 1,28
Income Distribution	Quarterly
Distribution Payment	/ 3rd working day of Mar / Jun / Sep Dec
Valuation Time	10:00
Transaction Cut-off	14:00
Regulation 28 Compliant	Yes
Issue Date	31 May 2025

### Distributions

Last Distribution Date	06/2025	03/2025	12/2024
Last Distribution (Rand per unit)	0,024	0,023	0,025

# Autus Prime Income Plus Fund A

31 May 2025

### Fund Universe

The portfolio may invest in global and local equity securities, government, corporate and inflation-linked bonds, debentures, property shares, preference shares, money market instruments and assets in liquid form. The manager may invest in unlisted investments from time to time, as well as in participatory interests in other collective investment schemes which are consistent with the portfolio's investment policy. Where such schemes are operated outside South Africa, they will only be included if the relevant regulatory environment provides investor protection at least equal to that prevalent in South Africa.

### Investment Strategy

In order to achieve the portfolio objective, the portfolio's asset allocation and instrument selection will be actively managed and will continually reflect the portfolio manager's view of the relative attractiveness of the property shares, property related securities, loan stock listed on exchanges, non-equity securities, bonds, money market instruments and preference share markets. Apart from achieving the primary objective of generating high income, the portfolio may actively invest in bonds and/or property securities in order to achieve the secondary objective of long term capital growth.

### Who should be investing

As most returns are expected to be of an income nature (rather than Capital), these portfolio are also suited for investors whose aim is to preserve their capital investment while being able to draw down on a regular income, such as retired persons who are enjoying their life savings.

#### **Fee Structure**

Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0,78%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0,04%
Investment Management Fee	0,46%
Initial Fee	N/A
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	0,82%
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All fees are annualised and include 15% Value Added Tax (VAT).

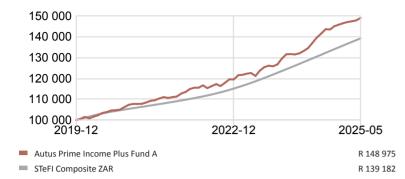
# NAV Values

	05/2025	04/2025	03/2025
Fund NAV*	109 050 473	111 069 250	108 768 012

\*Fund size/NAV as at relevant month-end date.

Growth of a R 100 000 investment\*

### TIme period: 2019/12/31 to 2025/05/31



\*Performance History: Based on an initial investment of R 100 000.

### **Return Statistics**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
YTD	2,21%	3,17%
1 Month	0,81%	0,63%
3 Months	1,35%	1,90%
6 Months	2,72%	3,85%
1 Year	10,73%	8,14%
3 Years	8,50%	7,72%
5 Years	7,80%	6,26%
Since Inception	7,09%	6,43%

## Top Portfolio Holdings

Portfolio Date: 2025/05/31

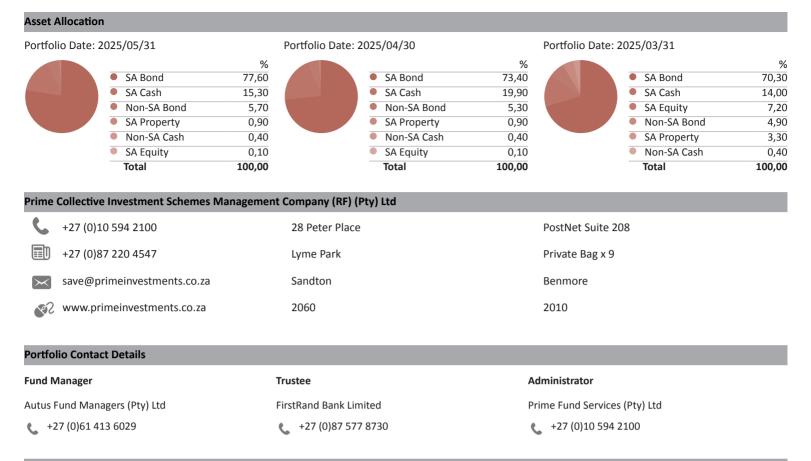
	Portfolio
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA 31/01/30 8%	15,29%
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA 21/12/27 10.5%	14,01%
Prescient Income Plus A2	12,30%
Coronation Strategic Income P	12,28%
Amplify SCI Strategic Income Fund A1	12,27%
Fairtree BCI Income Plus H	12,25%
STANLIB Income B5	5,00%
SIM SCI Enhanced Yield Fund B1	4,97%
MOMENTUM METROPOLITAN LIFE LTD 10/12/26 5.433%	4,69%
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA 31/03/28 2.6%	4,08%

Risk Statistics							
	Portfolio	Benchmark					
Standard Deviation	2,90%	0,30%					
Sortino Ratio	0,94%	20,61%					
Max Drawdown	-1,14%	N/A					
Up Period Percent	109,77%	N/A					
Sharpe Ratio	0,59%	2,66%					
Max 1 Month Return	2,17%	0,70%					
Min 1 Month Return	-1,14%	0,40%					

\*Returns are net of fees reflecting the total monthly return.

Monthly Performance													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2025	0,50%	0,35%	0,25%	0,29%	0,81%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,21%
2024	0,08%	-0,14%	0,42%	0,85%	1,06%	1,84%	1,92%	1,36%	1,44%	-0,09%	1,10%	0,50%	10,81%
2023	1,67%	0,17%	0,43%	0,28%	-1,14%	2,08%	1,38%	0,54%	-0,21%	0,73%	2,17%	1,60%	10,08%
2022	0,70%	1,19%	0,55%	0,01%	0,97%	-1,13%	0,85%	0,82%	-0,81%	1,36%	1,38%	-0,03%	5,99%
2021	0,38%	0,01%	0,05%	0,56%	0,77%	0,25%	0,79%	0,58%	-0,35%	0,34%	0,28%	1,28%	5,03%
2020	0,61%	0,91%	-0,69%	0,80%	0,69%	1,05%	0,46%	0,71%	0,11%	0,28%	1,13%	1,05%	7,33%
2019	0,68%	0,59%	0,83%	0,95%	0,57%	0,60%	0,85%	0,70%	0,59%	0,40%	0,50%	0,66%	8,21%
2018	0,64%	0,58%	0,60%	0,65%	0,64%	0,49%	0,71%	0,62%	0,47%	0,47%	0,52%	0,56%	7,19%
2017	0,67%	0,62%	0,60%	0,56%	0,71%	0,56%	0,81%	0,76%	0,84%	0,75%	0,52%	0,73%	8,43%
2016	0,31%	0,63%	1,28%	0,56%	0,82%	0,63%	0,55%	0,33%	0,64%	0,67%	0,54%	0,77%	8,00%
2015	0,31%	0,42%	0,61%	0,43%	0,02%	0,40%	1,02%	-0,56%	0,75%	1,34%	0,36%	0,23%	5,45%
2014	-0,03%	0,36%	0,50%	0,40%	0,70%	0,58%	0,50%	-0,52%	0,33%	0,55%	0,52%	0,54%	4,50%
2013	0,36%	0,73%	0,61%	1,65%	-0,58%	-0,36%	0,52%	0,44%	0,29%	0,51%	0,16%	0,36%	4,79%
2012	0,96%	0,19%	0,57%	0,85%	0,51%	1,09%	1,58%	0,41%	0,68%	0,20%	0,83%	0,94%	9,17%
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1,40%	0,86%	0,16%	0,89%	0,39%	0,80%	-

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### **Glossary of Terms**

Standard Deviation is a statical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index.

Sortino Ratio measures the risk-adjusted return of an investment asset, portfolio, or strategy. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but penalizes only those returns falling below a user-specified target or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalizes both upside and downside volatility equally.

Sharpe Ratio is a measure for calculating risk-adjusted return. It is the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of total risk.

Max Drawdown is the maximum loss from a peak to a trough of a portfolio, before a new peak is attained. Max drawdown is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period.

Total Investment Charge (TIC) is the sum of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and the Transaction Costs (TC).

Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the global standard used to measure the impact that the deduction of management and operating costs has on a fund's value. It gives you an indication of the effects these costs have on the future growth of your investment portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. Also, the current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TERs.

Transaction Costs (TC) is 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, 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.

### **Quarterly Commentary**

South Africa's economy entered 2025 with modest GDP growth projections of between 0.5% and 1.5%. The pace of policy implementation, infrastructure improvements, easing inflation and interest rates, and efforts to address uncertainties related to stable energy supply and unemployment are among the factors impacting the growth potential of the economy. Eskom has made progress in reducing load shedding, and private sector investment in electricity generation has been positive. Cabinet has approved the South African Renewable Energy Master Plan (SAREM), a strategic framework aimed at accelerating the country's transition to a low-carbon economy through inclusive green industrialization. The plan targets the annual rollout of 3GW–5GW of renewable energy, alongside the creation of over 25,000 jobs by 2030. The Monetary Policy Committee lowered the repo rate to 7.5% in January 2025, boosting borrowing capacity and providing support to severely constrained consumers. However, strained relations with the United States could pose a potential drag on the growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) seems to be in jeopardy. The Minister of Finance withdrew his annual budget presentation to Parliament due to a lack of support from alliance partners within the Government of National Unity. This unprecedented move was necessitated by resistance to a proposed hike in the VAT rate. Investors remain cautious, awaiting the resolution of these unresolved issues.

Global real GDP growth is projected to remain stable above 3% in 2025, though below pre-pandemic levels. The resilience of the US economy, China's recovery, inflation trends, interest rate trajectories, and policy-driven uncertainties have all impacted global economic performance. Global inflation is moderating but remains elevated. Geopolitical risks remain high, compounded by President Trump's imposition of tariffs on the US's major trading partners. According to the Federal Reserve Board (FED), the US is expected to grow around 1.7% this year, supported by possible tax cuts and deregulation. The outlook for PCE inflation is projected to average 2.8% this year, recognizing the upside risks posed by US trade protectionist policies. The FED forecasts interest rate cuts of between 0.5% and 0.75%. Labour market constraints, the impact of tariffs, high levels of government debt, and the lagging effects of high interest rates could present challenges for the world's largest economy. Growth in the EU in 2025 is forecast to accelerate to between 1.0% and 1.2%, aided by easing inflation and interest rates. Recent announcements of increased defence and infrastructure spending in Germany could boost its economy and the broader EU region. Chinese authorities predict growth of close to 5% this year, following various stimulus packages to support local businesses and consumers. In the UK, overall GDP growth could rise to 1.7% in 2025, up from 0.8% in 2024, underpinned by household consumption and government spending. The EU economy experienced modest growth, supported by abating inflationary pressures and lower interest rates. Conditions appear favourable for a mild acceleration in domestic demand, despite heightened uncertainty.

Over the quarter, the fund's allocation to predominantly medium-term government bonds and short-term corporate notes increased to 75%. At the same time, equity exposure stayed consistent at 7%. Property investments experienced a decrease to 3%. This portion of the portfolio is distinguished by high-dividend-paying stocks with resilient characteristics. Additionally, the fund ensures significant liquidity, with the allocation balance reserved in cash holdings.

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