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Fairtree Equity Prescient Fund

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Investment Objective

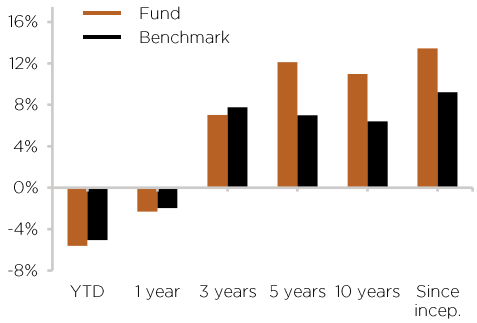
The Fairtree Equity Prescient Fund is an actively managed domestic general equity fund with a focus on maximizing total returns for the client. The Fund's objective is to offer medium to long-term capital growth. The Fund aims to actively invest in equities with a level of capital appreciation and income potential and to outperform its benchmark, the FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Total Return Index (CAPPED SWIX) over the long term.

Investment Policy

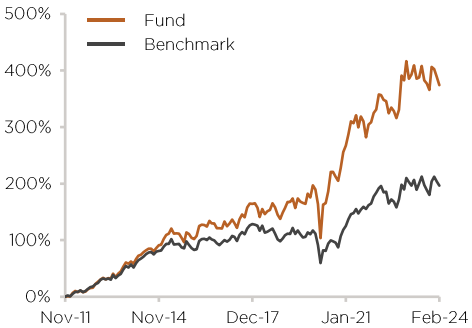
The portfolio has a long-term focus and invests in securities across all sectors of the JSE Securities Exchange which trade below intrinsic value or have capital appreciation potential. The portfolio may invest in offshore securities when the benefit of higher returns and portfolio diversification are available. Up to 45% of the fund may be invested in foreign securities.

RISK INDICATOR

ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
1 year	**-2.30**	-1.97
3 years	**7.01**	7.77
5 years	**12.14**	7.00
10 years	**10.99**	6.42
Since incep.	**13.46**	9.22
Highest rolling 1 year	**101.47**	54.24
Lowest rolling 1 year	**-23.82**	-24.53

All performance figures are net of fees.

RISK AND FUND STATS

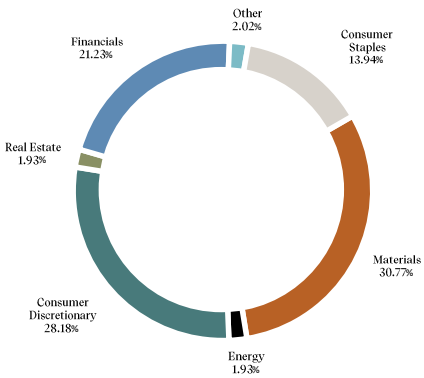
Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	**4.24%**	
Sharpe Ratio	**0.44**	0.26
Sortino Ratio	**0.79**	
Information Ratio	**0.14**	
Standard Deviation	**17.40%**	13.41%
Max Drawdown	**-31.45%**	-30.19%
Max Gain	**29.24%**	14.18%
% Positive Months	**56.76%**	61.49%

Benchmark risk statistics for funds with intra-month inceptions dates are calculated using the monthly return series.

ASSET ALLOCATION (%)

	S.A	Foreign	Total
Equity	96.87	0.00	**96.87**
Property	1.91	0.00	**1.91**
Cash	1.23	0.00	**1.23**
Total	100.01	0.00	**100.00**

EQUITY SECTOR EXPOSURE



FUND INFORMATION

Fund Manager:
Cor Booysen, Deon Botha, Donald Curtayne

Fund Classification:
South African - Equity - General

Benchmark:
FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX All Share Total Return

JSE Code:
FECA1

ISIN Number:
ZAE000161402

Regulation 28 Compliant:
N/A

Fund Size:
R21.6 bn

No of Units:
79,753,630

Unit Price:
398.11

Inception Date:
November 2011

Minimum Investment:
R50 000 lump-sum
R1 000 per month

Initial Fee:
0.00%

Annual Management Fee:
1.00% (excl. VAT)

Performance Fee:
15% outperformance over Capped SWIX with a 1 year rolling highwater mark. Capped at 1.47% (excl VAT).

Fee Class:
A1

Fee Breakdown:

Management Fee	1.00%
Performance Fees	0.19%
Other Fees*	0.19%
Total Expense Ratio	1.38%
Transaction Costs	0.39%
Total Investment Charge	1.77%

*Other fees includes underlying fee (where applicable): Audit Fees, Custody Fees, Trustee Fees and VAT

*TIC Fees are calculated in respect of 12 months ending before 31 December 2023

Income Distribution:
31 March 2023 - 11.73 cpu

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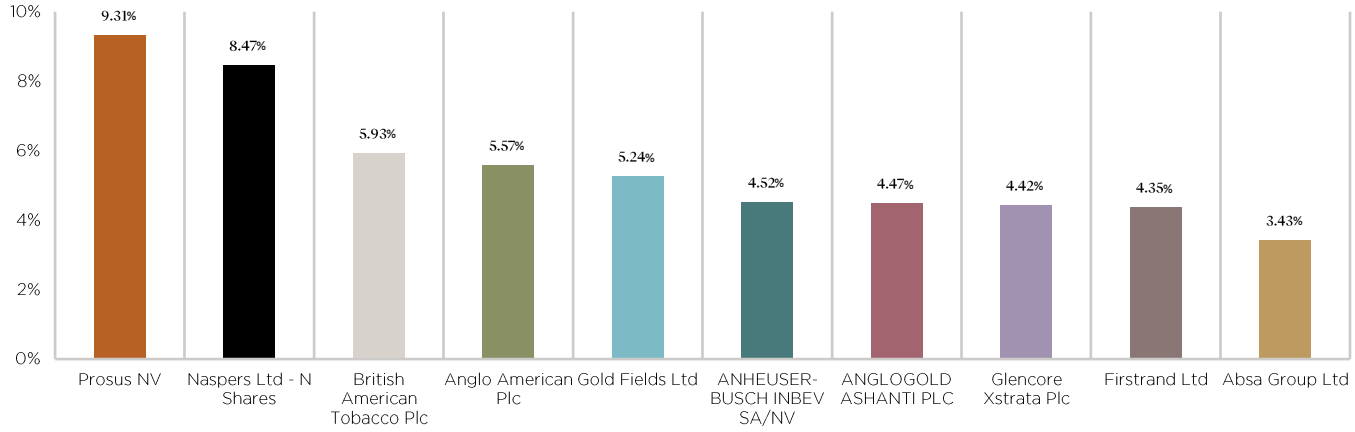
TOP 10 HOLDINGS (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023)



FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2011											0.97%	-0.11%	0.86%
2012	5.88%	3.21%	-1.71%	2.55%	-2.98%	1.18%	3.65%	1.93%	0.47%	6.06%	3.06%	3.49%	29.84%
2013	2.02%	-1.97%	1.73%	-0.47%	6.41%	-4.71%	4.63%	2.92%	5.91%	4.66%	-1.41%	2.47%	23.81%
2014	-2.33%	5.50%	3.36%	0.85%	2.60%	1.94%	1.57%	-0.01%	-2.59%	3.24%	2.92%	0.13%	18.24%
2015	5.24%	3.70%	1.12%	4.19%	-3.93%	0.32%	-0.32%	-3.61%	-3.86%	8.96%	-1.42%	-3.05%	6.60%
2016	-1.23%	2.84%	8.54%	1.00%	-0.37%	-1.25%	4.49%	-1.77%	-0.12%	-3.63%	-0.11%	-0.18%	7.94%
2017	5.56%	-3.61%	2.27%	2.98%	-2.54%	-3.76%	6.97%	3.50%	-1.94%	7.27%	2.51%	-0.24%	19.71%
2018	0.38%	-2.89%	-6.34%	5.79%	-3.49%	2.14%	0.81%	4.78%	-2.76%	-5.13%	-3.08%	4.80%	-5.77%
2019	3.33%	3.99%	0.02%	2.33%	-6.11%	6.47%	-1.99%	-0.82%	-0.67%	6.82%	-2.26%	7.77%	19.43%
2020	-2.52%	-9.00%	-22.72%	29.24%	0.75%	7.95%	11.97%	0.02%	-2.64%	-2.28%	7.34%	8.71%	19.81%
2021	3.06%	5.43%	6.09%	-0.85%	3.44%	-5.12%	4.82%	-2.08%	-6.81%	5.87%	0.95%	4.04%	19.31%
2022	1.48%	6.12%	-0.18%	-1.91%	-0.45%	-4.87%	2.41%	-1.36%	-3.02%	3.66%	13.95%	-1.66%	13.64%
2023	7.00%	-6.05%	1.58%	3.31%	-4.66%	0.39%	4.25%	-5.02%	-1.23%	-2.28%	8.66%	-0.76%	4.05%
2024	-2.72%	-2.98%											-5.61%

MARKET COMMENTARY

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) decreased by 2.4% during February 2024. The FTSE/JSE Shareholder Weighted Index (SWIX) decreased by 2.2% and the FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (Capped SWIX) decreased by 2.3%. The rand weakened by 2.8% during the month. Financials, resources and industrials decreased by 0.9%, 6.9% and 0.7%, respectively.

During February, bonds decreased by 0.6% and cash returned 0.7%. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index increased by 4.8% (USD), outperforming the MSCI World Index, which increased by 4.2% (USD). The MSCI South Africa Index decreased by 5.6% (USD).

Through February, iron ore fines decreased by 10.0% to $116.5/t and thermal coal increased by 6.4% to $101.1/t. Brent crude oil increased by 1.7%, ending the month at $81.9/bbl. Gold was up slightly by 0.2% to $2044.3/oz and platinum decreased by 4.6% to $880.3/oz. Palladium decreased by 3.6% to $946.8/oz.

The month continued to demonstrate a dislocation between market expectations and fundamental data. Inflation data remains conflicting; as CPI showed a slight uptick, Personal Consumption Expenditures index indicated a slowdown. Particularly strong job reports in the US pointed towards resilience, which pushed expectations for interest rate cuts further out, impacting bond markets. Gold was steady as the market waited for more clarity on when the Federal Reserve may start cutting interest rates.

Emerging markets continue to recover, demonstrating signs of robust economic growth. This included strong domestic demand, resilient manufacturing sectors, and increasing consumer spending power. The prospect of interest rate cuts in the US typically benefits emerging markets. In contrast, offshore investors' confidence in China is non-existent and the intensity of outflows from China remains unprecedented. Persistent bearishness around the outlook for China's steel demand weakened iron ore to a three-month low, creating a headwind in the diversified mining sector.

South Africa has not benefited from the general emerging market recovering and continues to derate and screen attractively from a valuation perspective. The 2024 National Budget was primarily aimed at fiscal consolidation amidst sluggish economic growth. By deploying a portion of the Gold and Foreign Exchange Contingency Reserve Account (GFECRA), R150 bn will be distributed to the National Treasury, which is expected to reduce debt levels and will reduce debt servicing costs over the medium-term expenditure framework. Energy supply and logistics challenges are being expedited through private sector investment in infrastructure, which is encouraging. We remain constructive on domestic counters and have steadily increased exposure through financials, retail and infrastructure.

The VIX Index (volatility or 'fear' index) decreased by 6.6% during the month.

The Fund's performance was positively impacted by positions in AngloGold (6.80%), British American Tobacco (2.98%), Richemont (8.94%) and Prosus (0.48%), while Goldfields (-9.36%), Anglo (-7.06%), Glencore (-9.17%) and Sasol (-11.86%) detracted from performance.

The Fund invests in a number of focused strategies. Amongst these strategies, we are overweight cyclical (diversified mining, energy) and defensive (gold mining, global industrials), and we have a preference for higher quality names over lower quality (local consumer discretionary, financials).

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Glossary

Annualised Performance: Annualised performance shows 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 Performance: The highest and lowest performance 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.
Current Yield: Annual income (interest or dividends) divided by the current price of the security.
Alpha: Denotes the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.
Sharpe Ratio: The Sharpe ratio is used to indicate the excess return the portfolio delivers over the risk free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.
Sortino Ratio: A measure of the risk-adjusted return of a portfolio. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but only penalises the returns falling below a user specified target, or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalises both upside and downside volatility equally.
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.
Max Gain: Largest increase in any single month.
% Positive Month: The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.
High Water Mark: The highest level of performance achieved over a specified period.
Performance Fee Cap: The maximum performance fee that can be charged over a specified period
Total Expense Ratio (TER%): The Total Expense Ratio (TER) is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Financial Product.
Performance fee incl. in TER (%) PF (%): The Performance Fee is a payment made to the Fund Manager for generating positive returns and is generally calculated as percentage of investment profits, often both realized and unrealized.
Transaction Costs (TC%): The Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the net asset value of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product.
Total Investment Charges TIC (%) = TER (%) + TC (%): The Total Investment Charges (TIC), the TER + the TC, is the percentage of the net asset value of the class of the Financial Product incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product. It should be noted that a TIC is the sum of two calculated ratios (TER+TC).

Specific Risk

Default Risk: The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments 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.
Derivatives Risk: The use of derivatives could increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses in a Fund. As such, large changes in value and potentially large financial losses could result.
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.
Derivative Counterparty Risk: A counterparty to a derivative transaction may experience a breakdown in meeting its obligations thereby leading to financial loss.
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.

Disclosure

The portfolio has adhered to its object and there were no material changes to the composition of the portfolio during the quarter.

Risk Indicator Definition

The Portfolio is more diversified than the benchmark, thus holding smaller positions in the largest capitalisation stocks than the benchmark. This comes with the risk of more volatile relative returns to the broader market when the largest stocks in the benchmark outperform. We believe however that this strategy of holding a more diversified portfolio results in lower single stock risk, and whilst there may be periods of underperformance when the large cap stocks rally, we firmly believe in efficient risk management on an absolute basis. The strategy is also exposed to various factors driving investment performance, for example Value and Momentum, and these factors may also experience periods of relative underperformance. Global research has shown however, that consistent long term exposure to these factors lead to investment reward. This portfolio is permitted to invest in foreign securities which may have additional risks (FX Movements for example). However, the portfolio does not currently hold any foreign securities and the manager does not intend on exposing the portfolio to any foreign securities going forward.

Disclaimer

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 portfolio 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. 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.

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, macro economic risks, political risks, foreign exchange risks, tax risks, settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. 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.

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.

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