

Laurium Africa USD Bond Prescient Fund (Class A1)



General Information

Unit price	112.46
Fund classification	Regional (Africa) Multi-Asset Income
Benchmark	Standard Bank Africa Sovereign Eurobond (excl. South Africa) Total Return Index in ZAR.
Fund Managers	Laurium Capital (Pty) Ltd
Inception date	01-Dec-19
Minimum lump sum	R36 000
Minimum debit order	R2 000 per month
Income distribution (Annual)	TBC
	01 April 2019
Fund size	R330m
Annual management fee	0.90%
Annual performance fee	10% (ex VAT)
	Charged in excess of the benchmark on an annual basis, capped at 2%
Total expense ratio % (TER)*	TER will be available a year after the date of inception.
Risk Profile	Moderate
Fund administrators	Prescient Fund Services (Pty) Ltd
Fund auditors	Ernst & Young Incorporated
Trustees	Nedbank Investor Services
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* Includes VAT for a breakdown of the Total Investment Charge, please refer to pg 2

Investment Objective

The Laurium Africa USD Bond Prescient Fund aims to outperform the Standard Bank Africa Sovereign Eurobond (excl. South Africa) Total return index at lower levels of volatility over time.

Investment Strategy and Mandate

The Fund aims to invest in African (ex-South Africa) fixed income and fixed income-like assets. More specifically this will entail investing primarily in USD and EUR denominated fixed income instruments (eurobonds) issued by African sovereigns. There are over 20 African sovereigns issuing eurobonds via the Euroclear markets in Europe. A eurobond is a USD denominated bond issued outside of the United States. The Fund is categorised within the Regional Multi-Asset Flexible sector. The Fund may also invest opportunistically in local currency sovereign and corporate fixed income securities up to a maximum of 25%.

Monthly Net Returns (ZAR) -% since inception

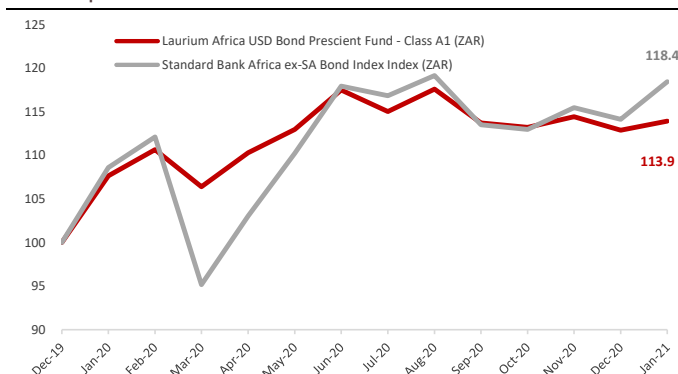
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019												-2.2	-2.2
2020	8.1	3.2	-3.3	4.0	2.0	4.0	-2.1	2.2	-3.3	-0.5	1.1	-1.3	14.4
2021	2.3												2.3

Fund Performance (Net of fees)	Benchmark	Fund
31 January 2021	3.8%	2.3%
Year to Date	3.8%	2.3%
Rolling 12 months	9.1%	8.2%
Annualised return since inception	14.5%	12.2%
Cumulative return since inception	17.1%	14.4%
Highest Rolling 1-Year Return (since inception)		14.4%
Lowest Rolling 1-Year Return (since inception)		8.2%

Asset Allocation

USD eurobonds	85.2%
Local FX bonds	10.1%
USD hedged local securities	1.1%
Cash	3.6%
Total	100.0%

Historical performance

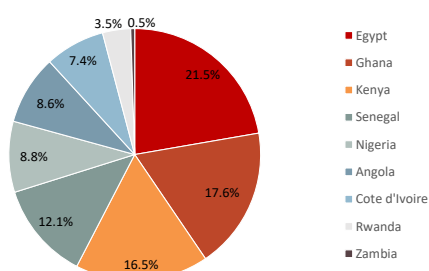


The investment performance shown is for illustrative purposes only. Investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown. Income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

Time Period: 2019-12-01 to 2021-01-31

Source: Morningstar Direct

Country Exposure



Commentary

The Africa ex-SA eurobond market was relatively flat for the first month of 2021. The Fund returned +0.13% in USD and +2.27% in ZAR as the Rand depreciated against the Dollar.

We added to our Egyptian T-bill exposure as well as Ghanaian local bonds where yields are currently 10% and 18%, respectively. We constructive on both the Egyptian Pound and the Ghanaian Cedi relative to the yields offered.

We expect sovereign issuance to pick up during the year as countries opt to come back to the eurobond market instead of concessional multilateral funding which was the preference during the height of the COVID crisis.

The Fund currently offers yield to maturity of 6.7%, stacking up very well against comparative global USD yields.

General Information

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. 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, macroeconomic 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. 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.

Performance Fees

The Fund charges a base and performance fee. Performance fees are payable on outperformance of the benchmark using a participation rate of 10%. A permanent high watermark is applied, which ensure that performance fees will only be charged on new performance. There is a cap on the performance fee of 2%. 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. 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. Income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

Total Expense Ratio (TER)

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)

Transaction Costs (TC) is the percentage of the value of the Fund incurred 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 TER and the Transaction costs should not be deducted again from published returns.

Total Investment Charge

The sum of the TER and transaction costs is shown as the Total Investment Charge. Since Fund returns are quoted after the deduction of these expenses, the TER and Transaction costs should not be deducted again from published returns. **Total Investment Charge annualised will be available a year after date of inception.** Annual Management fee and other costs (incl. VAT)

Performance Fee (incl. VAT)

Total Expense Ratio (incl. VAT)

Transaction Costs (incl. VAT)

Total Investment charge (incl. VAT)

Cut-off Times

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.

Glossary

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.

High Water Mark: The highest level of performance achieved over a specified period.

Risk Profiles

Conservative: Generally low risk portfolios have minimal equity exposure or no equity exposure, resulting in far less volatility than a more aggressive mandated portfolio and in turn the probability of capital loss (permanent/temporary) is less likely. However, expected potential long term investment returns could be lower over the medium to long term

Moderate/Moderate-Aggressive: These portfolios generally hold more equity exposure than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios. The expected volatility is higher than low risk portfolios, but less than high risk portfolios. The probability of losses are higher than that of the low risk portfolios, but less than high risk portfolios. Expected potential long term investment returns could therefore be lower than high risk portfolios due to lower equity exposure, but higher than low risk portfolios.

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

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.

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.

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