

# PRESCIENT GLOBAL POSITIVE RETURN FUND (E)

## MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT & GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT

### INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to outperform US CPI in USD terms over time while aiming to limit capital losses.

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund invests in money market instruments, capital market instruments and equities with an active asset allocation overlay. The equity component of the Fund is always protected. The Fund is available in Euro, US dollars, Sterling and Rand where the currency risk is hedged back to the pricing currency to reduce currency volatility.

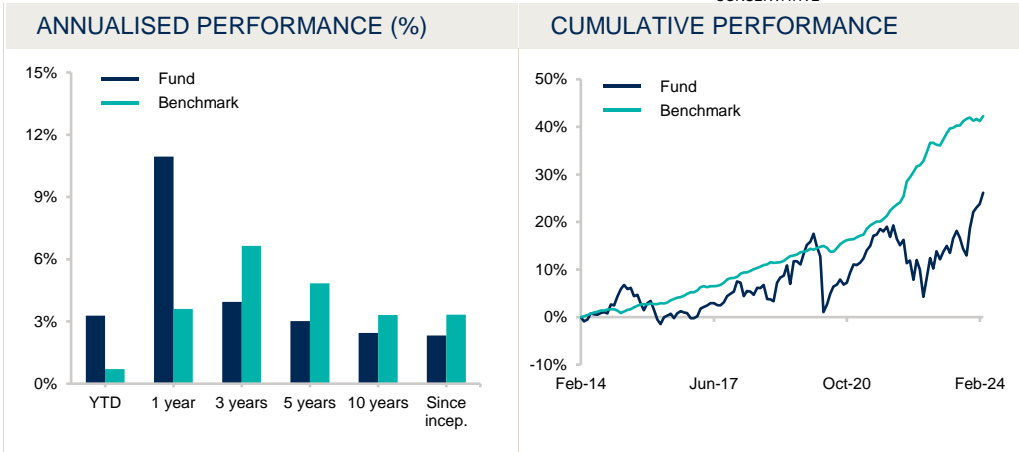
### WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors seeking a hedge against any rand depreciation while gaining exposure to a risk aware asset allocation offshore fund. This Fund is suitable to investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon.

### RISK INDICATOR DEFINITION

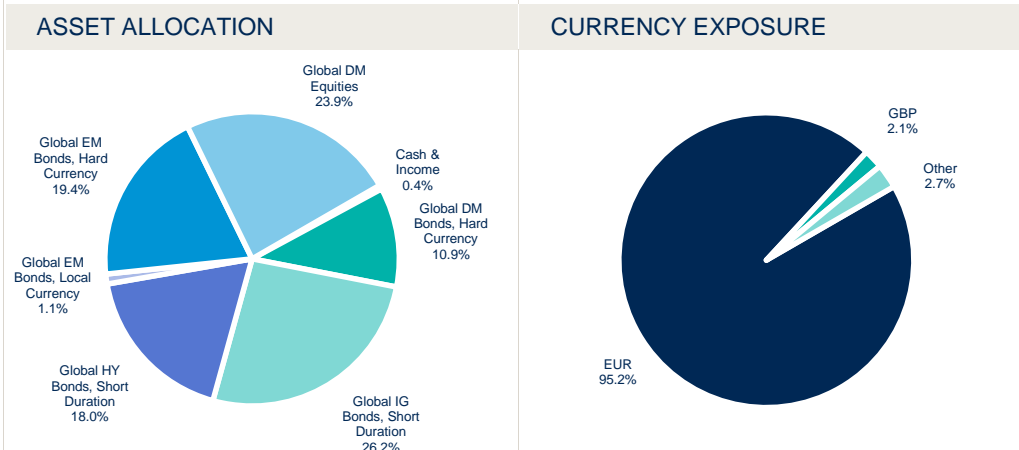
These portfolios typically have moderate equity exposure or in the case of bond funds, longer duration bond exposure, resulting in some capital volatility over the shorter term. They are managed in such a manner that the probability of capital losses over one year periods is unlikely. These portfolios typically target returns in the region of 3% - 4% above inflation over the long term.

## RISK INDICATOR



ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)			RISK AND FUND STATS		
	Fund	Benchmark	Since inception (p.a.)	Fund	Benchmark
1 year	10.94	3.61	Alpha	-0.99%	
3 years	3.94	6.64	Sharpe Ratio	0.13	1.02
5 years	3.02	4.84	Standard Deviation	6.77%	1.87%
10 years	2.44	3.31	% Positive Months	58.68%	83.47%
Since incep.	2.33	3.32	Max Drawdown	-14.00%	-1.52%
Highest rolling 1 year	13.74	11.62	Max Gain	9.16%	2.50%
Lowest rolling 1 year	-11.62	0.80			

\*Please note name change from Global Positive Return Euro Fund to Global Positive Return on 1 Jan 2017



# Prescient

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

31 MARCH 2024

## ABOUT THE FUND

### Fund Manager:

Prescient Balanced Team

### Fund Classification:

USD Cautious Allocation

### Legal Structure:

UCITS

### Benchmark:

EU Harmonised CPI + 1% Lagged

### Bloomberg Code:

PR04EUSD

### ISIN:

IE00B8F59V99

### Fund Size:

EUR7.5 m

### No of Units:

202,066

### Unit Price (cpu):

119.30

### Inception Date:

28 February 2014

### Minimum Investment:

\$5 000

### Initial Fee:

0.00%

### Annual Management Fee:

1.25% (no VAT)

### Fee Class:

E

(All performance figures are net of TIC)

### Fee Breakdown:

Management Fee 1.25%

Performance Fees 0.00%

Other Fees\* 0.58%

**Total Expense Ratio (TER) 1.83%**

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

### Income Distribution:

Does Not Distribute

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## FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2014			-0.88%	0.40%	1.28%	-0.19%	-0.10%	0.39%	0.19%	-0.29%	1.85%	-0.19%	2.45%
2015	1.82%	1.50%	0.83%	-0.83%	0.28%	-1.66%	0.28%	-1.78%	-1.33%	1.45%	0.48%	-1.89%	-0.96%
2016	-1.93%	-0.98%	1.49%	0.29%	0.39%	-0.88%	0.98%	0.49%	-0.29%	-0.10%	-1.07%	0.00%	-1.64%
2017	0.39%	1.56%	0.38%	0.29%	0.48%	0.00%	-0.38%	-0.10%	0.67%	1.23%	0.47%	0.47%	5.59%
2018	2.04%	-0.27%	-2.65%	1.03%	-0.09%	-0.65%	1.40%	-0.09%	0.65%	-2.75%	-0.09%	-0.38%	-1.95%
2019	3.79%	1.00%	0.36%	1.98%	-3.53%	4.49%	0.00%	-0.61%	2.03%	1.64%	0.60%	1.44%	13.74%
2020	-2.25%	-1.88%	-10.34%	1.55%	2.19%	1.49%	0.37%	1.01%	-1.00%	0.37%	1.92%	1.61%	-5.50%
2021	-0.09%	0.44%	0.79%	1.48%	0.86%	1.87%	0.17%	1.00%	-0.41%	0.83%	-1.81%	2.10%	7.41%
2022	-2.38%	-1.18%	1.02%	-4.21%	0.44%	-3.59%	3.91%	-1.84%	-5.16%	3.57%	4.08%	-2.00%	-7.64%
2023	3.29%	-1.46%	1.40%	1.12%	-1.28%	2.67%	1.34%	-1.24%	-1.93%	-1.28%	4.94%	3.06%	10.84%
2024	0.72%	0.64%	1.90%										3.29%

## FUND COMMENTARY

In March, the Federal Reserve maintained interest rates as anticipated and indicated its intention to implement multiple cuts before the year's end. The central bank decided to keep its benchmark overnight borrowing rate within the range of 5.25% to 5.5%, a range unchanged since July 2023. Additionally, the Fed projected three quarter-percentage point cuts by the end of 2024, marking the first reductions since the early stages of the Covid pandemic in March 2020.

Meanwhile, inflation in the Eurozone, comprising of 20 nations, eased to 2.4% in March, a figure lower than expected. This decrease in inflation raised expectations of the European Central Bank (ECB) initiating rate cuts before the United States, where inflation remains above 3%.

As markets anticipate rate adjustments in Western economies, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) in Asia raised interest rates for the first time since 2007, putting an end to the negative interest rate environment in the country. The new rates now stand between 0% and 0.1%. Although there was speculation in the market regarding the BOJ's move, the timing remained uncertain.

Furthermore, gold prices reached another record high last month, driven by expectations of U.S. interest rate cuts and the metal's perceived value as a safe haven asset. Gold prices typically exhibit an inverse relationship with interest rates; as interest rates decrease, gold becomes more attractive compared to fixed-income assets like bonds, which offer weaker returns in a low-interest-rate environment.

March marked the end of a successful first quarter for global equities, driven by enthusiasm surrounding technology and AI chips, as well as anticipation of central banks normalizing interest rates. The MSCI World Total Return Index climbed steadily over the first three months of the year, achieving an impressive 8.9% increase in Q1. Notably, Japan's Nikkei index outperformed other developed indices, soaring by more than 20%. Similarly, the S&P500 Total Return Index also recorded substantial gains, exceeding 10%. European indices also experienced favourable returns. While emerging markets saw growth, it was less pronounced compared to developed markets, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Index registering a modest 2.4% increase. On the bond front, global bonds saw a decrease of -2.1%, as expectations for rate cuts were delayed due to persistent inflation in certain sectors.

### Contributors to performance:

Global equity was the strongest contributor to performance over the course of the quarter.

### Detractors from performance:

No detractors to performance over the quarter.

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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.

**CPU:** Cents Per Unit to the Glossary

**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.

**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.

## Fund Specific Risks

**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.

## Information Disclosure

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

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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.

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