

# PRESCIENT GLOBAL BALANCED FUND (B)

## MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT & GENERAL INVESTOR REPORT

### INVESTMENT AND RETURN OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to achieve long term capital growth appreciation over a full market cycle by maintaining meaningful exposure to growth assets like equities.

### INVESTMENT PROCESS

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of global equity securities, debt and debt-related securities, money market instruments and global currencies. The Fund can invest directly or indirectly (through the use of Regulated Funds or derivatives) in these asset classes.

### WHO SHOULD INVEST

Investors seeking capital growth and a hedge against Rand depreciation by having exposure to a diversified mix of offshore assets. The Fund is suitable for investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon.

### RISK INDICATOR DEFINITION

These portfolios typically exhibit more volatility and potential for capital losses due to higher exposure to equities and exposure to offshore markets where currency fluctuations may result in capital losses. These portfolios typically target returns in the region of 5% - 6% above inflation over the long term.

# Prescient

31 MARCH 2023

## ABOUT THE FUND

### Fund manager:

Prescient Balanced Team

### Fund classification:

EAA USD Moderate Allocation

### Legal Structure:

UCITS

### Benchmark:

40% MSCI World Index  
30% US Treasuries  
25% MSCI Emerging Market Index  
5% US Cash

### Bloomberg Code:

PR30BUSD

### ISIN:

IE00BK0T9P40

### Fund Size:

\$71.4 m

### No of units:

35,752

### Unit price (cpu):

1,072.50

### Inception date:

31 March 2019

### Minimum Investment:

\$1 000

\*(this is a restricted class, prior approval from directors required.)

### Initial Fee:

0.00%

### Annual management fee:

0.50% (no VAT)

### Fee class:

B

(All performance figures are net of TIC)

### Fee breakdown:

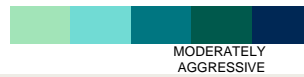
Management Fee	0.50%
Performance Fees	0.00%
Other Fees*	0.44%
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	<b>0.94%</b>

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

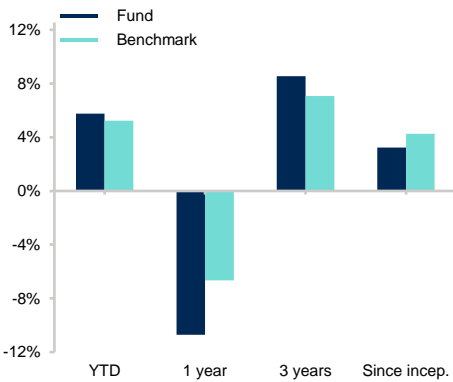
### Income distribution:

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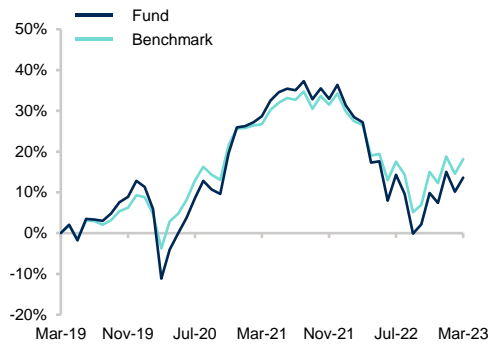
## RISK INDICATOR



### ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)



### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE



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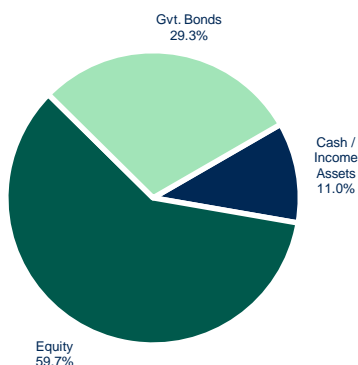
	Fund	Benchmark
1 year	-10.70	-6.65
3 years	8.54	7.07
Since incep.	3.24	4.26
Highest rolling 1 year	44.86	31.65
Lowest rolling 1 year	-24.78	-19.99

### RISK AND FUND STATS

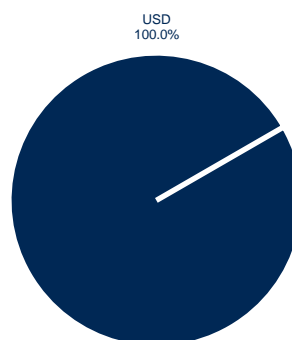
#### Since inception (p.a.)

	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	-1.02%	
Sharpe Ratio	0.12	0.24
Standard Deviation	16.30%	12.33%
Max Drawdown	-27.23%	-21.96%
Max Gain	9.07%	7.58%
% Positive Months	58.33%	58.33%

### ASSET ALLOCATION



### CURRENCY EXPOSURE



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## FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2019				2.10%	-3.80%	5.38%	-0.15%	-0.34%	1.77%	2.64%	1.22%	3.64%	12.86%
2020	-1.36%	-4.85%	-16.13%	7.99%	4.28%	3.77%	4.62%	3.85%	-1.89%	-0.95%	9.07%	5.30%	11.56%
2021	0.25%	0.77%	1.17%	2.99%	1.53%	0.65%	-0.28%	1.66%	-3.26%	2.06%	-1.92%	2.57%	8.30%
2022	-3.67%	-2.19%	-0.98%	-7.77%	0.23%	-8.21%	5.94%	-4.14%	-8.86%	2.23%	7.57%	-2.21%	-21.21%
2023	7.06%	-4.20%	3.11%										5.75%

## FUND COMMENTARY

A fast-moving banking confidence crisis diverted investor focus from the long-running inflation narrative and put a dent in any notion of a more hawkish move from the US Federal Reserve – anchoring general market sentiment that the Fed will be cutting rates before the year's end. Closures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, and capital issues at Credit Suisse and First Republic have raised concerns about the state of the industry. While big banks are considered well capitalized, smaller institutions have faced liquidity crunches due to the rapidly rising interest rates that have created unrealized losses on the books. Silicon Valley, for instance, had to realize and sell bonds at a loss due to withdrawals and a slowdown in new deposits, triggering a crisis of confidence and a run on the bank. The Fed and other regulators stepped in with emergency measures that seem to have stemmed immediate funding concerns. The moves were designed to prevent any further failures by easing fears of large losses among uninsured big depositors. This significantly impacted the implied policy rate expectations priced in by market participants. The implied policy rate expectations priced in as at the end of March which now indicates that the market thinks the Fed will hike 25 basis points just once more, before aggressively cutting rates within the next year.

These repricing's have created wild swings in the bond market. The Move Index, a yield curve weighted index of the normalized implied volatility on 1-month Treasury options is extremely elevated and has recently been at levels last seen during the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, 2008 GFC and 2000 Tech bubble. A combination of uncertainty in the bond market and the possibility of rate cuts in the US makes for a strong case for growth assets over fixed income globally. That said, global equities are sitting on extremely unattractive valuation multiples, even after the strong selloff of 2022. This while emerging market equities offer reasonably attractive valuation metrics makes a strong case for a rotation into emerging market risk.

The US Fed went ahead and raised interest rates by 25 basis points last month to increase the target range to 4.75%-5%, expressing caution about the recent banking crisis and indicating that hikes are nearing an end. This marks its ninth hike since March of last year. The Fed also noted that future increases are not assured despite market pricing to the contrary and will depend largely on incoming data. Across the Atlantic, the European Central Bank hiked 50 basis points, while the Bank of England lifted rates by just 25 basis points despite the country still battling with double digit inflation prints.

Global equity markets ended the month positive, as volatility subsided towards month-end. The MSCI World gained +3.1%, while its emerging market counterpart added +3.0%, and US Treasuries gained +2.9%

Over the course of the quarter the MSCI World returned +7.7%, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index +4.0%, the S&P500 gained +3.7% and US Bonds were up +3.0%.

### Contributors to performance:

Both equity and fixed interest were positive contributors over the month and the quarter.

### Detractors from performance:

No detractors to performance.

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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 Fund 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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This portfolio operates as a white label fund under the Prescient Unit Trust Scheme, which is governed by the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act.

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