

Fairtree Balanced Prescient Fund

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FUND PROFILE

The Fairtree Balanced Prescient Fund is an actively managed multi asset class fund. The fund is suitable for investors looking for moderate to high capital growth in excess of inflation with moderate to aggressive risk appetite. It suits investors with an investment horizon of more than 3 years and who prefer to have the asset allocation decision made for them. The fund complies with Regulation 28 and is therefore suitable for retirement savings.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fairtree Balanced Prescient Fund aims to generate long-term wealth for investors by producing inflation beating returns. The fund is managed against a composite benchmark that also forms the strategic asset allocation for the fund.

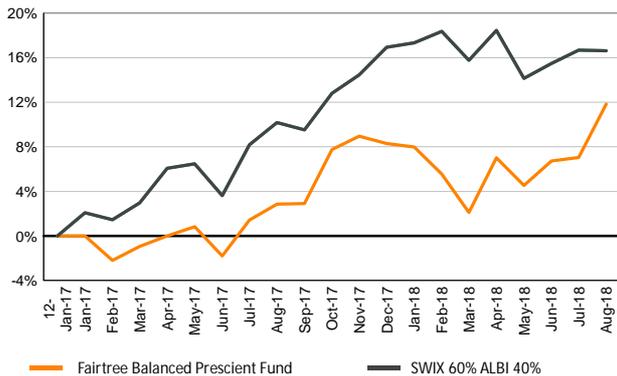
INVESTMENT POLICY

The fund invests in a diverse combination of equities, property, bonds and money market instruments. The portfolio has a long-term focus and invests predominately in domestic securities whilst up to 25% of the fund may be invested in foreign securities. The fund is actively managed, both at security and asset class level to create capital growth while preserving capital on a real (above inflation) and absolute basis.

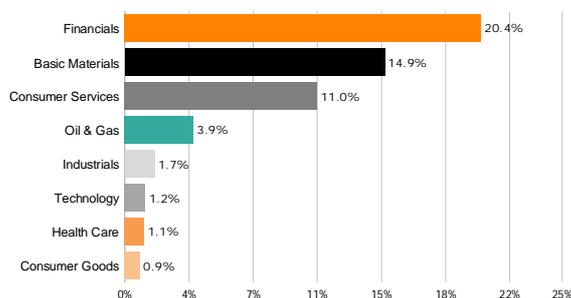
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017	0.01%	-2.20%	1.27%	0.97%	0.81%	-2.59%	3.28%	1.39%	0.08%	4.69%	1.12%	-0.61%	8.29%
2018	-0.29%	-2.23%	-3.28%	4.82%	-2.33%	2.11%	0.29%	4.47%					3.27%

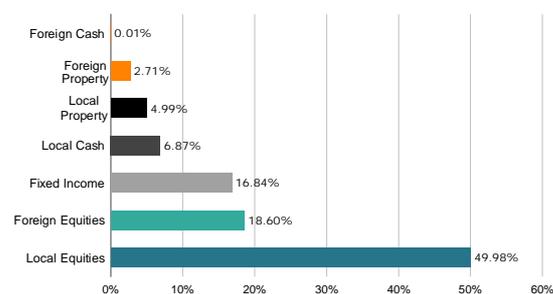
CUMULATIVE FUND RETURNS VS MARKET INDICES



SECTOR ALLOCATION



ASSET ALLOCATION



FUND INFORMATION

Inception date:	12 January 2017
Fund size (in Millions):	R 64.27
JSE code:	FBPA1
Unit Price:	109.46
ISIN Number:	ZAE000236360
Domicile:	South Africa
Fund Structure:	CISCA (Unit Trust)
Fund Category:	SA Multi-Asset High Equity
Regulation 28 Complaint:	Yes
Portfolio Manager(s):	
Stephen Brown (SA Equity):	B Comm, MBA, CFA Joined Fairtree in 2011
Jacobus Lacoek (Asset Allocation):	B Comm(Financial Economics), CFA Joined Fairtree in 2011
Bradley Anthony:	BA (Economic History), CAIA Joined Fairtree in 2011

Cost Ratios:

Total Expense Ratio (TER%):	1.65%
Performance fee incl. in TER (%)(PF%):	N/A
Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):	1.13%
Total Investment Charges (TIC%):	2.78%
Fees:	Initial Fee - Adviser (incl. VAT): 0% Annual management fee: 1.00% (excl. VAT) Performance fee: N/A
Benchmark:	60% FTSE/JSE Shareholder Weighted Total Return Index + 40% JSE/All Bond Total Return Index
Analysis Currency:	ZAR
Minimum Investment:	R50,000 Lump sum or R1,000 p/m debit order

Please see Disclosures and Glossary section for further information on Cost Ratios

Income Distribution:

Declaration:	Annually (March)
Payment:	1st working day of April
Distribution Total for the past 12 months:	2.16 cents per unit
Management and administration:	Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd
Valuation time of fund:	15:00
Transaction cut-off time:	15:00

RISK PROFILE



Risk Level: Moderate - Aggressive

These portfolios generally hold more equity exposure than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios. In turn the expected volatility is higher than the 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.

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	Fairtree Balanced Prescient Fund	SWIX 60% ALBI 40%
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Performance comparison

Inception date	Jan-17	Jan-17
Current month	Aug-18	Aug-18
Total period (No. months)	20	20
Analysis currency	ZAR	ZAR

Return analysis

Return for current month	4.47%	-0.06%
Total return (since inception)	11.83%	16.61%
Average annualised return (since inception)	6.94%	9.66%
Current 12 month rolling return	8.74%	5.82%
Highest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	8.74%	16.94%
Lowest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	3.09%	5.82%

Consistency analysis

% Up months (since inception)	65.00%	70.00%
% Up months (last 12 months)	58.33%	66.67%
Standard deviation (since inception - annualised for periods > 12 mths)	8.24%	6.76%

Risk analysis

Downside deviation (since inception - annualised Risk free)	4.44%	4.24%
Largest monthly drawdown	-3.28%	-3.62%
Average monthly drawdown	-1.93%	-1.62%
Largest cumulative drawdown	-6.29%	-3.62%

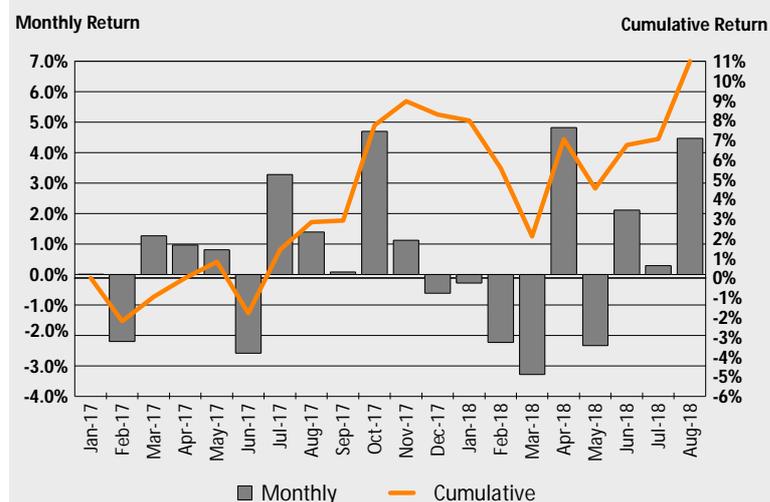
Risk/ return analysis

Total gain / Total loss	1.87	2.62
Average gain / Largest loss	0.59	0.50
Average gain / Average loss	1.01	1.12
Sharpe ratio (since inception - annualised for periods > 12 mths)	0.09	0.35
Sortino ratio (since inception - annualised for periods > 12 mths)	0.18	0.55

Market correlation

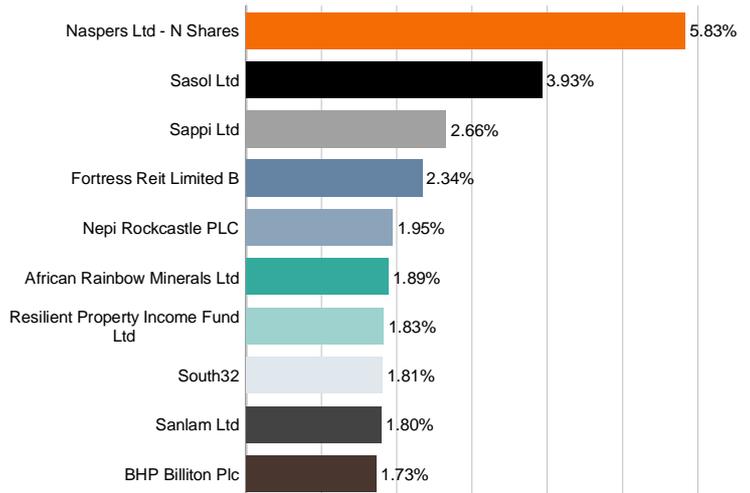
Index correlation (SWIX 60% ALBI 40%)	0.88	(Monthly)
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Monthly and Cumulative Returns (Net of Fees)



Please note: Monthly return presented on the graph are rolling monthly returns.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS



MARKET COMMENTARY

South Africa government bonds sold off over the month as emerging markets came under renewed pressure. The 10 year government bond yield closed 41bps higher at 8.99%, as the bond curve steepened. The All Bond Index returned -1.9% over the month to bring the year to date return to +4.5%, outperforming the equity market by more than 4% over the same period. The Rand took the biggest hit from emerging market concerns and lost about +9.6% over the month as offshore investor sold about R20bn bonds over the month. Year to date bond outflows are around R50bn.

Emerging markets are struggling to shake off the pressures of: a stronger US dollar, tighter global central bank policy, global trade conflict, higher oil price and a moderation in growth outside the US. Some emerging markets have been caught vulnerable and risk of contagion has risen. The Turkish Lira and Argentina Peso have both depreciated more than 20% over the month, followed by the South African Rand (-9.6%), Russian Ruble (-7.4%) and Brazilian Real (-7.3%).

South Africa does not have an inflation problem. It has a credible central bank and fiscal authority and carries sufficient reserves to offset immediate pressures. However, a relatively large twin deficit requires a high level of portfolio flows. Given the current uncertainty around land reform and a weak growth environment, investment confidence has waned causing the currency to come under pressure.

Second quarter growth for South Africa came in at -0.7%, the second negative quarter in succession, marking it the first recession since the global financial crisis. The real cause of the recession is a low structural growth trajectory although cyclical factors in the agricultural sectors (drought) and temporary pressure on consumers (VAT, taxes, fuel) were the catalyst. The data also showed that investment remains depressed and business confidence low. Growth for 2018 is now projected to be around 0.7%, well below the Treasury's estimate of 1.5%. Forward looking economic data does not point to a pick-up in growth yet. Lower tax revenues from lower economic activity will add to fiscal pressures and we now see a risk that Moody's may review South Africa's stable outlook to negative. The risk of a further downgrade to junk has increased but may only happen in 2019. We hope to see post-election political and economic reforms that will transform the long term investment landscape.

The combination of weaker currency leading to higher future inflation and negative growth will present the SARB with a challenge at the upcoming meeting later this month. However, in the absence of an immediate inflation problem and with demand weak we believe the SARB will remain on hold for now.

US data continue to print stronger than expected, suggesting that Q3 may be another strong quarter after Q2's 4.2% growth. This is almost double the potential growth and should keep the Fed on the path to hike rates 2 more times this year and at least 3 times next year. However, concerns around increased trade tariffs and trade wars may still negatively impact business confidence and growth.

Outside the US growth has moderated somewhat with political development in Europe weighing on sentiment and China focussed on balancing economic growth with its reform agenda. China has started to provide some monetary support and we expect more monetary and fiscal easing to be announced over the second half of 2018.

Equities: The outlook for global earnings growth remains positive supported by above trend growth and accommodative financial conditions. We expect global inflation to pick up gradually over the medium term supported looser fiscal policies and higher input costs. The global deflationary outlook favours cyclical and value orientated stocks, while the outlook for higher global bond yields weighs on high valuation defensive names. As yields rise and volatility increase valuations will be tested more frequently. We believe the overall South Africa equity index will follow global equity markets higher due to its externalised nature. We remain cautiously optimistic on domestic equities as we believe economic activity will improve over the next 12 months. We like global cyclical companies with global earnings growth potential and companies with the ability to generate cash sustainably.

Fixed Income: South Africa's inflation will rise over the next few months. Given current weak economic activity the SARB will remain on hold for now, but may still hike rate before year end. The SARB remains focussed on anchoring inflation expectations closer to 4.5%. Yields have risen to reflect growth and fiscal weakness. We look for signs of an improvement the emerging market back drop and local economic environment to become more constructive on bonds.

Currency: We believe the US dollar strength has stabilised but could remain strong over the short term as policy divergence persists. Longer term the US dollar should weaken as economic data in Europe improves and tension around trade dissipates somewhat.

Alternatives: Stronger global growth will allow less accommodative monetary policy and looser fiscal policies which should lead to higher interest rates, volatility and lower correlations amongst asset classes and securities. Market rotations and increased dispersion has typically led to a more favourable environment for alternative assets to perform.

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.
Alpha	Denoted 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	The Sortino Ratio is used to measure the risk-adjusted return of 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.
Average Duration	The weighted average duration of all the underlying interest bearing instruments in the Fund.
Average Credit quality	The weighted average credit quality of all the underlying interest bearing instruments in the Fund (internally calculated).
Dividend Yield	The weighted average dividend yield of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The dividend yield of each company is the dividends per share divided by the price.
PE Ratio	The weighted average price earnings ratio of all the underlying equity in the Fund. The price earnings ratio of each company is the price divided by the earnings per share.
High Water Mark	The highest level of performance achieved 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 a percentage of investment profits, often both realized and unrealized.
Transactions 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).

DISCLAIMER

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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.

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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