

Fairtree Balanced Prescient Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document - Class A1

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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

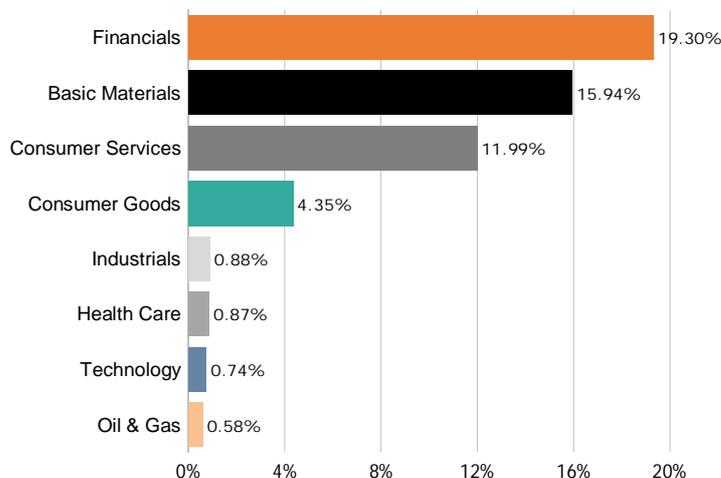
The fund invests in a diverse combination of equities, property, bonds and money market instruments. The portfolio has a long-term focus and invests predominantly in domestic securities whilst up to 25% of the fund may be invested in foreign securities.

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.

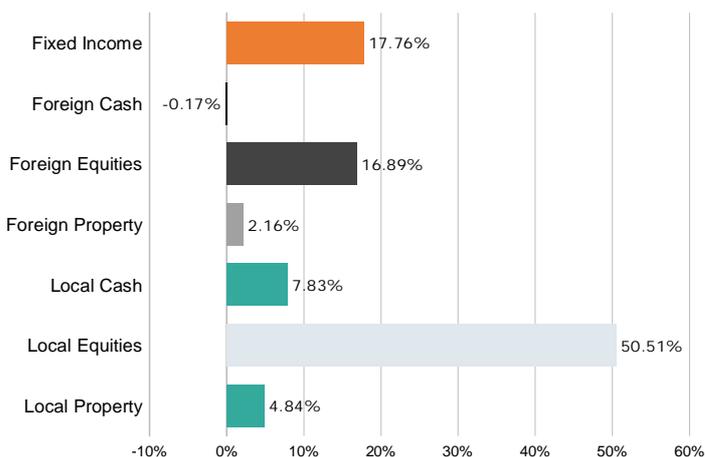
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

Performance data currently not available

SECTOR ALLOCATION(SA EQUITY)



ASSET ALLOCATION



FUND INFORMATION

Inception date:	12 January 2017
Fund size (in Millions):	R 44.37
JSE code:	FBPA1
Unit Price:	108.29
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 (incl. VAT):

Total Expense Ratio (TER%): Please note the Total Expense Ratio and Transaction Costs cannot be determined accurately because of the short life span of the Financial Product and the funds TER will be available after one year.

Performance fee incl. in TER (PF%):

Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):

Total Investment Charges (TIC%):

Fees: **Initial Fee - Adviser (incl. VAT): 0%**
Annual management fee: 1.14% (incl. 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:	N/A
Management and administration:	Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd
Valuation time of fund:	15:00
Transaction cut-off time:	15:00

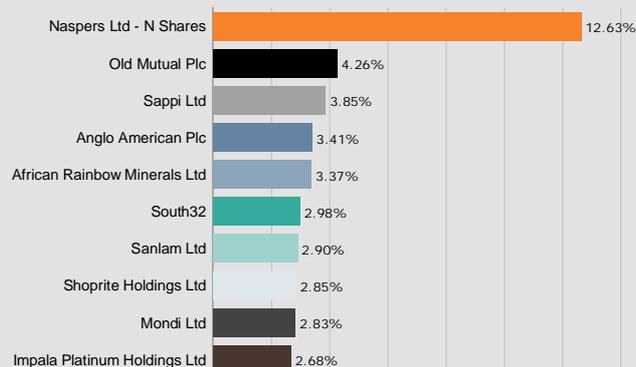
RISK PROFILE



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.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS



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).

MARKET COMMENTARY

After a strong finish to the year, the global backdrop remains constructive for risk assets and the continuation of the current economic up cycle. The absence of inflationary pressures, low asset market volatility and stable growth outlook for the US, Europe and China will allow global central banks to remain accommodative over the next few months. US financial conditions have eased further despite the unemployment rate dropping to 4.1%, well below the natural rate. Forward looking survey indicators suggest further improvement in the global economy over the next few quarters with manufacturing activity being very strong. The US tax bill was signed off towards year end and should add around 0.25% to GDP this year. This strong economic back ground will allow global central banks to roll back accommodative policies gradually. In this context the US should continue to gradually hike rates, at least 3 times, over the next 12 months. The European Central Bank is also expected to announce an end to its asset purchase program during the first half of this year. Should inflation start to come through towards the second half of 2018 and central banks become less accommodative, the healthy backdrop for emerging markets may come under pressure. However at this stage, global growth remains stable, commodity prices are rising and the US dollar has weakened and therefore we don't see a reversal of risk appetite as being imminent.

In South Africa asset linked to the local economy rallied sharply as the outcome of the ANC conference raised expectations for political stability and economic reforms. South African retailers and banks performed well as the market moved from pricing in two hikes over the next 18 months to at least one cut over the same period.

The result of the ANC conference has reduced the political risk premium significantly and it may fall further if the newly elected president of the ANC, Cyril Ramaphosa and his supporters can broker a deal whereby the country's president, Jacob Zuma resigns. We believe this is possible within the next month or two. This will allow Ramaphosa to make much needed cabinet changes and implement policy to set the country on a course towards economic reforms.

However, the fiscal outlook may not improve immediately and liquidity concerns at SOE's remain a challenge. The recent announcement to provide free tertiary education to poor families will also add pressure on the Treasury. As a result Moody's may still downgrade South Africa's local currency debt to sub-investment grade in March which will lead to South Africa being kicked out of the Citi WIGB Index and foreigners being forced to sell South African government bonds. This scenario remains a key risk for the currency and will be a key factor in the SARB's policy setting over the next few months.

The South African Reserve Bank has kept rates on hold at 6.75% since Jul-17 as political instability, higher oil price and the risk of higher inflation due to further Rand depreciation kept policy makers hawkish. However, growth remains weak and inflation continues to surprise on the downside. Given the recent strength of the currency and scope for political risk premium to reduce further the SARB may decide to cut rates by another 0.5% over the first half of the year.

Equities: The outlook for global earnings growth remains strong supported by the economic recovery and low inflation. We expect global inflation to pick up only gradually over the medium term supported by easy financial conditions and looser fiscal policies. The global deflationary outlook created positive sentiment around cyclical and value orientated stocks, while the outlook for higher global bond yields will put pressure on high valuation defensive names. We believe the overall South Africa equity index will follow global equity markets higher due to its externalised nature. We have turned more optimistic on domestic equities although as we believe economic activity will improve over the next 12 months. However, we remain cautious and selective. 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 continue to fall over the next few months driven by lower food prices, strong ZAR and weak demand. The SARB has cut interest rates once but paused due to political uncertainty. Although the risk premium has fallen post the ANC conference in December, the risk of further credit downgrades over the medium term will keep the SARB relatively cautious. We believe the SARB will move towards rate cuts over the next few months. South Africa's level of yields remains very attractive. The focus on the search for yield by global investors and a healthy emerging market backdrop may support lower bond yields, however the fiscal outlook remains challenging and a cut to sub-investment grade by Moody's may still lead to foreign outflows.

Currency: We believe the US dollar will strengthen as the Fed continues to gradually hike rates on the back of stronger growth and rising inflation. However the ECB will also be looking to halt its asset purchase program later this year which may support the EUR. The short term outlook for the Rand is stable to stronger, but we believe the currency will depreciate towards the second half of 2018 as the emerging market backdrop turns less healthy.

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.

DISCLAIMER

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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

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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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