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Fairtree ALBI Plus Prescient Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document - Class A1

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund will aim to deliver an annualised return of ALBI plus 1%, after fees, which comprises a reasonable level of income as well as capital performance. Due to the nature of the bond type investments, the majority of the returns through the cycle will be dominated via quarterly income distributions.

INVESTMENT POLICY

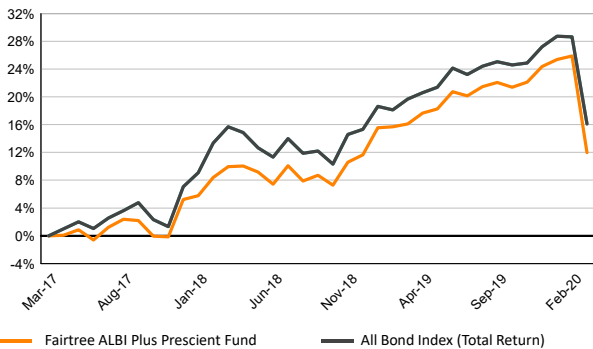
The main objective of the fixed income team is to provide superior risk-adjusted returns over and above the published All Bond Index (ALBI) to our clients irrespective of market conditions. We believe that markets are not always efficient and therefore present mispriced opportunities, which can be taken advantage of to generate excess returns. We aim to seek out mispriced risk in the market consisting of inter and intra market arbitrage. The fund looks to take advantage of any short or long-term anomalies in the market, whilst minimising any risks associated with running those positions.

A disciplined approach to quantitative analysis within a team framework can help identify these mispriced assets. We believe that a team-based quantitative approach to the valuation of assets, combined with cutting-edge portfolio construction techniques and risk management help build a fund to achieve the stated objectives of superior risk-adjusted returns.

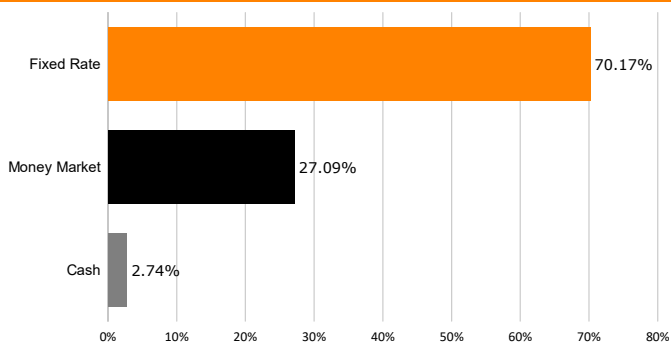
HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2017				0.10%	0.77%	-1.48%	1.85%	1.16%	-0.18%	-2.20%	-0.08%	5.37%	5.24%
2018	0.51%	2.45%	1.44%	0.09%	-0.78%	-1.61%	2.46%	-1.99%	0.76%	-1.28%	3.08%	0.92%	6.08%
2019	3.52%	0.11%	0.35%	1.37%	0.50%	2.08%	-0.49%	1.12%	0.49%	-0.59%	0.64%	1.81%	11.39%
2020	0.81%	0.40%	-11.04%										-9.96%

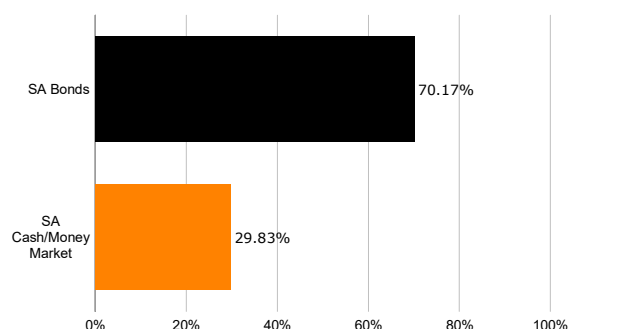
CUMULATIVE FUND RETURNS VS MARKET INDICES



INTEREST BEARING ALLOCATION (%)



ASSET ALLOCATION



FUND INFORMATION

Portfolio Manager(s):

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Inception date:

18 April 2017

Fund size (in Millions):

R 82.2

JSE code:

FPPA1

Unit Price:

91.17

ISIN Number:

ZAE000236477

Domicile:

South Africa

Fund Structure:

CISCA (Unit Trust)

Fund Category:

South African - Interest Bearing - Variable Term

Regulation 28 Compliant:

Yes

Cost Ratios:

Total Expense Ratio (TER%):

0.88%

Performance fee incl. in TER (PF%):

N/A

Transactions Costs Ratio (TC%):

0.02%

Total Investment Charges (TIC%):

0.90%

Fees:

Initial Fee - Adviser (incl. VAT): 0%
Annual management fee: 0.65% (excl. VAT)
Performance fee: N/A

Benchmark:

ALBI plus 1% p.a.

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:

Quarterly (March, June, September, December)

Payment:

1st business day of Apr/Jul/Oct/Jan

Distribution Total for the past 12 months:

June 2019, September 2019, December 2019,
March 2020,
6.27 cents per unit

Management Company:

Prescient Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd

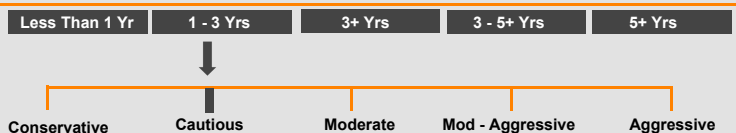
Valuation time of fund:

15:00

Transaction cut-off time:

15:00

RISK PROFILE



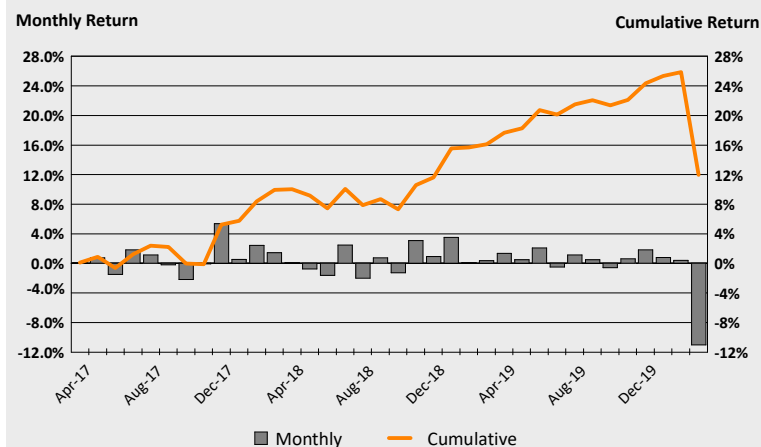
Risk Level: Cautious

This portfolio is permitted to invest in foreign securities which, within portfolios, may have additional material risks, depending on the specific risks affecting that country, such as: 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. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. Investors are reminded that an investment in a currency other than their own may expose them to a foreign exchange risk.

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	Fairtree ALBI Plus Prescient Fund	All Bond Index (Total Return)
Performance comparison		
Inception date	Apr-17	Apr-17
Current month	Mar-20	Mar-20
Total period (No. months)	36	36
Analysis currency	ZAR	ZAR
Return analysis		
Return for current month	-11.04%	-9.75%
Total return (since inception)	11.96%	16.11%
Average annualised return (since inception)	3.90%	5.19%
Current 12 month rolling return	-3.56%	-2.99%
Highest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	13.10%	15.69%
Lowest rolling 1-year return (since launch)	-3.56%	-2.99%
Consistency analysis		
% Up months (since inception)	69.44%	63.89%
% Up months (last 12 months)	75.00%	66.67%
Standard deviation (since inception - annualised for periods > 12 mths)	8.54%	8.43%
Risk analysis		
Downside deviation (since inception - annualised Risk free)	6.86%	6.27%
Largest monthly drawdown	-11.04%	-9.75%
Average monthly drawdown	-1.97%	-1.76%
Largest cumulative drawdown	-11.04%	-9.79%
Risk/ return analysis		
Total gain / Total loss	1.57	1.70
Average gain / Largest loss	0.12	0.17
Average gain / Average loss	0.69	0.96
Sharpe ratio (since inception - annualised for periods > 12 mths)	-0.34	-0.20
Sortino ratio (since inception - annualised for periods > 12 mths)	-0.42	-0.26
Market correlation		
Index correlation (ALBI)	0.96	(Monthly)

Monthly and Cumulative Returns (Net of Fees)



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

MARKET COMMENTARY

The South African All Bond Index (ALBI) lost 9.75% for investors during the month of March, lead in part by the R186 and R2030 bond yields selling off by 1.76% and 1.885% respectively. Local equities, represented by the Top 40 total return, were not spared either, ending the month down 10.44%. STEFI returned 59 basis points (bps) for the month.

The Fairtree Albi Plus Prescient Fund lost 11.04% during the month, underperforming its benchmark by 1.29%. The underperformance in the fund was largely attributable to credit positions exposed to the 5 year CDS spreads of the Republic of South Africa and Eskom. These CDS spreads continued to have a poor year as they widened by 2.04% and 5.43% respectively. Global news was dominated by the Covid-19 virus with very few markets or asset classes being spared the ensuing decimation. While the end of month numbers for ALBI, Albi Plus, and the Top 40 total return were all doom and gloom, small comfort should be taken that these numbers were in fact somewhat off the lows of the month. This volatility was indicative of investors' struggle to price the ultimate impact of the virus.

Going forward, we continue to focus on replicating the interest rate characteristics of the ALBI benchmark while continuing to search for opportunities to add value through diversified credit exposure.

SPECIFIC RISK

- 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.

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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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.

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, macro-economic 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. 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.

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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