



## Investment Objective

The Fairtree Global Equity Prescient Feeder Fund aims to create medium to long-term capital growth. To pursue its objective, the fund invests in developed market shares, combining global screening models with the Fairtree active fundamental investment philosophy. The fund is constructed in a diversified manner and aims to provide returns above the benchmark while exhibiting a lower level of volatility in returns relative to the benchmark. The portfolio aims to provide returns above the benchmark.

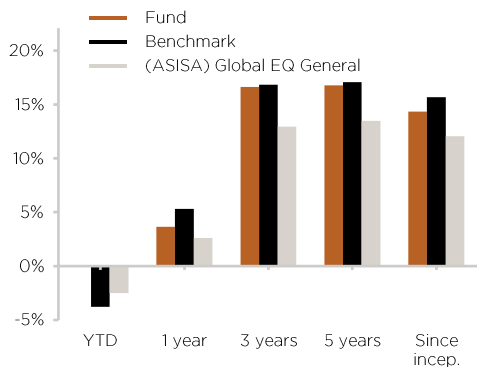
## Investment Policy

The Fairtree Global Equity Prescient Feeder Fund is a global equity fund. The objective of Fund is to provide investors with long term capital growth by investing in global equity markets. In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest in selected shares across all industry sectors ranging across large, mid and smaller cap shares. The fund will be exposed to exchange rate risk. The fund may also invest in money market and the Manager may, at its discretion, include in the portfolio listed and unlisted financial instruments for the exclusive purpose of hedging any exchange rate risks.

## RISK INDICATOR



## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)



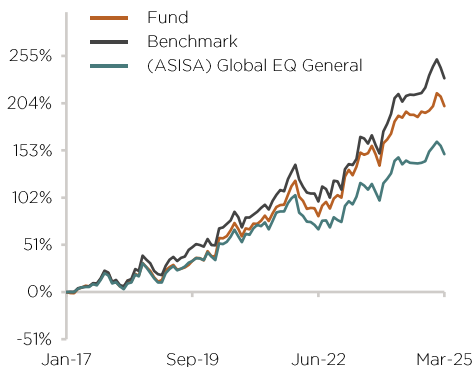
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Date: 31 March 2025

## ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)

|                        | Fund  | Benchmark | Secondary Benchmark |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1 year                 | 3.63  | 5.31      | 2.59                |
| 3 years                | 16.63 | 16.83     | 12.93               |
| 5 years                | 16.78 | 17.08     | 13.49               |
| Since incep.           | 14.34 | 15.66     | 12.06               |
| Highest rolling 1 year | 36.37 | 34.35     | 29.41               |
| Lowest rolling 1 year  | -8.28 | -11.27    | -14.20              |

All performance figures are net of fees.

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE



## RISK AND FUND STATS

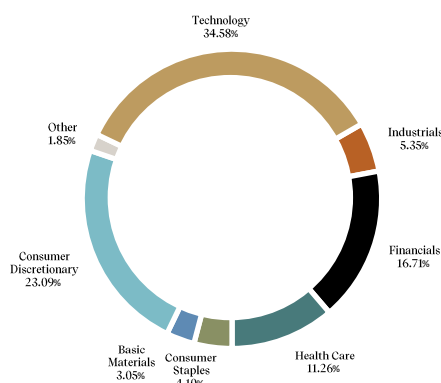
|                    | Since inception (p.a.) | Fund    | Benchmark |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Sharpe Ratio       |                        | 0.57    | 0.64      |
| Sortino Ratio      |                        | 1.13    |           |
| Information Ratio  |                        | -0.25   |           |
| Standard Deviation |                        | 14.32%  | 14.64%    |
| Max Drawdown       |                        | -17.36% | -16.64%   |
| Max Gain           |                        | 14.45%  | 13.39%    |
| % Positive Months  |                        | 57.58%  | 59.60%    |

Benchmark risk statistics for funds with intra-month inception dates are calculated using the monthly return series.

## ASSET ALLOCATION (%)

|        | S.A   | Foreign | Total  |
|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| Equity | 0.54  | 95.73   | 96.27  |
| Cash   | -0.04 | 3.77    | 3.73   |
| Total  | 0.50  | 99.50   | 100.00 |

## EQUITY SECTOR EXPOSURE



## FUND INFORMATION

### Fund Manager:

Cornelius Zeeman and Jacques Haasbroek

### Fund Classification:

Global - Equity - General

### Benchmark:

S&P Global 1200 TR ZAR Lag

### JSE Code:

FGEPA3

### ISIN Number:

ZAE000291407

### Regulation 28 Compliant:

N/A

### Fund Size:

R1.5 bn

### No of Units:

42,486,362

### Unit Price:

279.24

### Inception Date:

January 2017

### Minimum Investment:

R50 000 lump-sum  
R1 000 per month

### Initial Fee:

0.00%

### Annual Management Fee:

0.75% (excl. VAT)

### Performance Fee:

15% outperformance over the S&P Global 1200 Total Return Index, with a high-water mark. Capped at 1.25% (excl VAT).

### Fee Class:

A3

### Fee Breakdown:

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Management Fee                 | 0.75%        |
| Performance Fees               | 0.00%        |
| Other Fees*                    | 0.38%        |
| <b>Total Expense Ratio</b>     | <b>1.13%</b> |
| <b>Transaction Costs</b>       | <b>0.04%</b> |
| <b>Total Investment Charge</b> | <b>1.17%</b> |

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

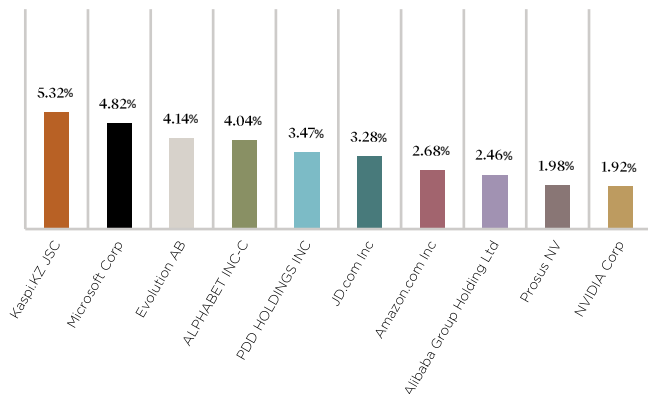
\*TIC Fees are calculated in respect of 12 months ending before 31 December 2024

### Income Distribution:

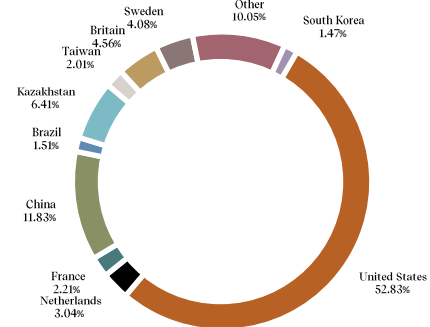
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### TOP 10 HOLDINGS



### COUNTRY EXPOSURE



### FUND MONTHLY RETURNS

|      | JAN    | FEB    | MAR    | APR    | MAY    | JUN    | JUL    | AUG    | SEP    | OCT    | NOV    | DEC    | YTD    |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2017 | -1.27% | -0.07% | 4.56%  | 1.48%  | 1.94%  | -0.64% | 2.72%  | -0.77% | 5.43%  | 6.71%  | -1.20% | -8.37% | 10.07% |
| 2018 | 0.46%  | -4.03% | -1.69% | 7.65%  | -0.84% | 7.50%  | -1.86% | 11.79% | -3.36% | -3.26% | -5.69% | -3.86% | 1.16%  |
| 2019 | 1.27%  | 9.35%  | 2.76%  | 1.89%  | -3.87% | 0.88%  | 1.04%  | 2.17%  | 3.13%  | 2.77%  | -0.29% | -1.82% | 20.45% |
| 2020 | 7.52%  | -3.99% | 0.01%  | 14.45% | -0.27% | 1.43%  | 4.00%  | 4.73%  | -3.81% | -4.70% | 5.50%  | -0.79% | 24.90% |
| 2021 | 3.73%  | -0.14% | 2.03%  | 3.11%  | -3.33% | 4.73%  | 3.82%  | 1.03%  | 0.22%  | 5.44%  | 4.65%  | 2.67%  | 31.39% |
| 2022 | -7.76% | -2.33% | -4.38% | 0.66%  | -0.25% | -4.46% | 6.26%  | 2.06%  | -3.70% | 5.81%  | 1.85%  | -1.38% | -8.28% |
| 2023 | 11.28% | 3.20%  | -2.49% | 4.15%  | 6.44%  | -1.04% | 0.73%  | 3.17%  | -3.57% | -4.82% | 10.13% | 1.69%  | 31.22% |
| 2024 | 2.30%  | 4.81%  | 2.18%  | -0.66% | 2.26%  | -1.13% | -0.07% | -0.81% | 2.01%  | -0.48% | 0.90%  | 1.64%  | 13.58% |
| 2025 | 4.60%  | -1.21% | -3.26% |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | -0.03% |

Since inception till 21 September 2020, the 0.50% fee class was used as this was the most expensive fee class at the time of launch.

### MARKET COMMENTARY

The Fund returned -3.26% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 0.99%. Global markets saw a sharp downturn in March, with the MSCI ACWI decreasing by 3.95% as US tariffs continued to weigh on investor sentiment, and the US declining 5.9% over the month. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index increased by 0.63% (all in USD). MSCI EM saw India and South Africa posting notable positive returns, increasing 9.4% and 7.5%, respectively.

US equities ended the month 5.9% lower, pressured by escalating tariff announcements and policy uncertainty out of Washington. March was marked by rapid policy shifts from President Trump, with tariffs, inflation, employment and consumer spending driving market concerns. Sentiment weakened further amid rising layoffs, retail warnings and government job cuts. The Fed left interest rates unchanged at 4.25%-4.50% during its March meeting due to increased economic uncertainty. They also lowered the GDP growth forecast to 1.7% from 2.1%, indicating more moderate economic activity than anticipated, while the unemployment rate increased slightly to 4.2%. European shares ended the month lower by 0.30%. As expected, the European Central Bank (ECB) reduced interest rates by 0.25% to 2.5%, marking the sixth cut since June 2024. The ECB revised its GDP growth projections downward, expecting the Eurozone economy to expand by 0.9% in 2025, down from the previous estimate of 1.1%. German equities increased 1.7% over the month, responding positively to the announcement of increased public spending and potential tax cuts. UK equities were up 0.7% in March, while the Bank of England left its interest rates unchanged at 4.5%, warning of global trade uncertainty. Within emerging markets, India experienced a strong rally, increasing 9.4% over the month, driven by strong foreign inflows, financial sector gains and optimism around rate cuts and regulatory reforms.

On a sector level, Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary were the worst-performing sectors over the month. The Fund's underweight in Information Technology added to performance, while stock picking within the Consumer discretionary sector added to relative performance. Energy and Utilities were the only two sectors that contributed positively in March. Noteworthy portfolio actions over the month included selling the Fund's positions in Shell, TotalEnergies, Petrobras, Zoetis and PepsiCo. Oil prices headed higher despite growing recession risks. Therefore, the risk-reward profile on the first three energy names deteriorated significantly as their share prices followed the higher oil prices. We also trimmed our position in Coca-Cola following strong performance. Defensive names performed well as market participants flocked to safety. The existing positions in technology names—Microsoft, Alphabet, Meta and Amazon—were topped up amid share price weakness. These are high-growth companies that have derated. We also topped up positions in Kaspi, Evolution, Pinduoduo and TSMC, while new positions were initiated in JPMorgan Chase and Raymond James Financial.

Notable contributors to Fund performance were positions in Halyk Bank (+17bps absolute and relative), Prosus (+15bps absolute and relative) and Pinduoduo (+12bps absolute and relative). Notable detractors from performance over the month came from Kaspi (-61bps absolute and relative), Alphabet (-38bps absolute, -16bps relative) and Novo Nordisk (-29bps absolute, -21bps relative).

The Fund is positioned with a large underweight in the cyclical names, as we see a growing risk of a recession in the US economy. The strong rally in our Chinese e-commerce holdings was used to reduce the emerging market technology exposure. We redeployed some cash into developed market technology names, although we maintain an underweight position and higher-than-average cash holding. The Fund remains overweight in China through the Chinese technology shares and overweight in Kazakhstan through Financial shares.



#### 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.

**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:** A measure of the risk-adjusted return of a portfolio. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but only penalises the returns falling below a user specified target, or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalises both upside and downside volatility equally.

**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.

**Performance Fee Cap:** The maximum performance fee that can be charged over a specified period

#### Specific Risk

**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.

#### Disclosure

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

#### Risk Indicator Definition

The Portfolio is more diversified than the benchmark, thus holding smaller positions in the largest capitalisation stocks than the benchmark. This comes with the risk of more volatile relative returns to the broader market when the largest stocks in the benchmark outperform. We believe however that this strategy of holding a more diversified portfolio results in lower single stock risk, and whilst there may be periods of underperformance when the large cap stocks rally, we firmly believe in efficient risk management on an absolute basis. The strategy is also exposed to various factors driving investment performance, for example Value and Momentum, and these factors may also experience periods of relative underperformance. Global research has shown however, that consistent long term exposure to these factors lead to investment reward. This portfolio is permitted to invest in foreign securities which may have additional risks (FX Movements for example). However, the portfolio does not currently hold any foreign securities and the manager does not intend on exposing the portfolio to any foreign securities going forward.

#### Disclaimer

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) should be considered as medium to long term investments. The value may go up as well as down and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS's are traded at the ruling price and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing. The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. There is no guarantee in respect of capital or returns in a portfolio. A CIS may be closed to new investors in order for it to be managed more efficiently in accordance with its mandate.

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.

A Feeder Fund is a portfolio that invests in a single portfolio of a collective investment scheme which levies its own charges, and which could result in a higher fee structure for the feeder fund.

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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