

# Mergence Equity Prime Fund (B1)

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## FUND DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT MANDATE

Our philosophy of pragmatism underlines our approach to investing in equities, and thus the Fund's objective to be a consistent generator of alpha through cycles. We embrace a style agnostic approach given the cyclical nature of performance of a strong bias to either value or growth styles. Our investment process is based on detailed bottom up fundamental analysis. We aim to invest in high quality businesses that are trading at a discount to our assessment of fair value. Our equity investment process is comprehensive, proprietary research driven and long term focused.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Mergence Equity Prime Fund is a collective investment scheme that aims to provide investors with capital growth over the long term. The objective is to achieve returns that are in excess of the FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (Capped SWIX) over any three-year rolling period, without exposing the Fund to excessive risk.

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

### Fund's Monthly Returns

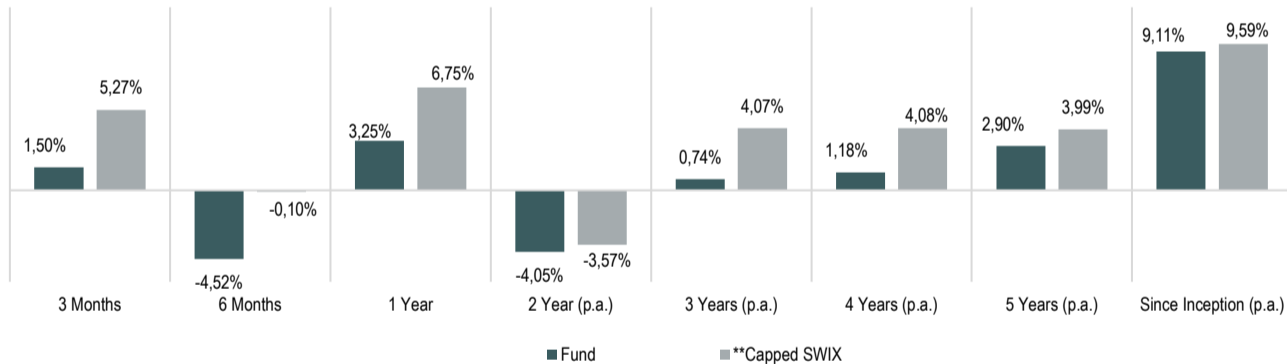
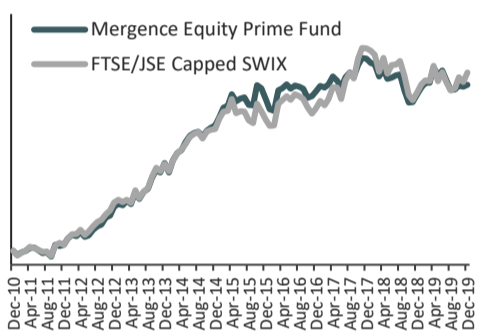
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
2019	2,43%	1,54%	-0,03%	4,95%	-2,43%	1,56%	-2,99%	-3,23%	0,20%	1,33%	-0,39%	0,57%	3,25%
2018	-1,27%	-0,42%	-3,80%	2,27%	-2,86%	0,29%	0,76%	0,30%	-5,05%	-3,98%	0,06%	2,65%	-10,83%
2017	1,85%	-0,44%	1,06%	2,55%	-1,42%	-1,96%	3,19%	1,55%	-1,38%	3,83%	2,11%	-0,19%	11,05%
2016	-3,53%	-0,58%	7,31%	0,76%	1,28%	-1,47%	1,03%	-0,27%	-0,77%	-2,97%	0,61%	1,50%	2,51%
2015	3,32%	3,41%	0,69%	3,97%	-2,38%	0,98%	0,42%	-2,66%	-0,15%	7,13%	-1,03%	-3,52%	10,08%
2014	-4,16%	5,69%	3,14%	1,31%	3,31%	2,51%	1,09%	0,41%	-1,78%	2,34%	1,05%	0,84%	16,53%
2013	1,56%	-0,71%	2,50%	-1,87%	6,64%	-3,64%	3,83%	1,49%	5,24%	4,05%	-1,39%	4,40%	23,80%
2012	4,43%	2,17%	-0,69%	2,44%	-2,99%	1,16%	3,51%	2,28%	0,89%	4,37%	1,03%	5,13%	26,13%
2011	-2,98%	2,00%	1,07%	2,03%	0,15%	-1,86%	-1,81%	0,35%	-3,07%	8,86%	-0,91%	0,99%	4,37%

### Return vs benchmark

	Fund	**Capped SWIX	Active Return
3 Months	1,50%	5,27%	-3,77%
6 Months	-4,52%	-0,10%	-4,41%
1 Year	3,25%	6,75%	-3,50%
2 Year (p.a.)	-4,05%	-3,57%	-0,48%
3 Years (p.a.)	0,74%	4,07%	-3,33%
4 Years (p.a.)	1,18%	4,08%	-2,90%
5 Years (p.a.)	2,90%	3,99%	-1,09%
Since Inception (p.a.)	9,11%	9,59%	-0,49%

\*\*Capped SWIX: Previously SWIX until 31/10/18

### Cumulative Performance



## ABOUT THE FUND

### Asset Manager

Mergence Investment Managers (Pty) Ltd

### Portfolio manager/s

Peter Takaendesa & Izak van Niekerk

### ASISA Classification

South African / Equity / General

### ISIN Code

ZAE000152351

### Regulation 28 Compliance

No

### Benchmark

FTSE/JSE Shareholder - weighted Index (SWIX)

### Fund size

R31,328 million

### Launch date

January 2011

### Minimum Investment

R 2 million

### Income Distribution (annually)

March 2018 (2.97 cents per unit)

### Asset Allocation

Domestic Equity: 98.92% Cash: 1.08%

### FEES

Management Fee (per annum)	1,00%
Performance fee	0,00%
Other Fees*	0,21%
<b>Total Expense Ratio</b>	<b>1,21%</b>
Transaction Cost	0,26%
<b>Total Investment Charge</b>	<b>1,47%</b>

\* Other fees includes underlying fees (where applicable), Audit fees, Custody fees, Trustee fees + VAT.

## RISK INDICATOR

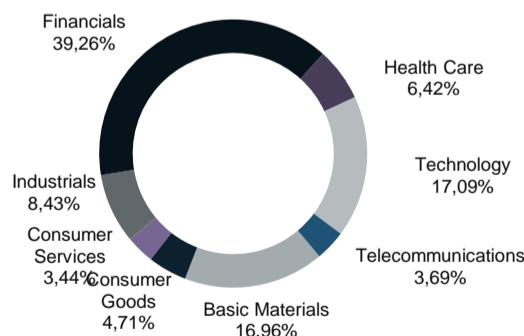
Low Moderate High

### RISK MEASURES SINCE LAUNCH

Risk Stats	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Deviation	9,43%	10,62%
Information Ratio	-0,13	
Maximum Gain	19,94%	20,58%
Maximum drawdown	-13,35%	-15,22%
Positive Months	62,96%	61,11%
Highest rolling 1-year return	33,15%	31,88%
Lowest rolling 1-year return	-13,29%	-15,22%

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

### Asset Allocation



### Top 10 Holdings

	% of Total
Naspers	10,63
Anglo American	4,58
Argent Industrial	4,56
Aspen	4,50
Standard Bank	4,28
Brait	4,06
Stellar Capital Partners	3,62
MTN	3,27
Prosus	3,23
Regergen	2,93

## RISK DESCRIPTION

Low - Moderate:

- less volatility than more aggressive mandated portfolios; and
- expected potential long term returns could be lower over the medium to long term.

### WHO SHOULD INVEST

The Fund is suitable for investors who:

- seek specialist South African equity exposure as part of their overall investment strategy;
- believe long term equity exposure adds value;
- understand the nature of equity exposure in that there is a risk of market fluctuations.

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## GLOSSARY SUMMARY

**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.

**Information Ratio:** A risk-adjusted measure of return calculated by dividing the active return of a Fund by the tracking error 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.

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