

**Fund 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.

**Risk Profile\***

Low	Low - Medium	Medium	Medium - High	High
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*Portfolios in this category are tilted towards a high level of capital growth assets (equities) with reduced allocation to income generating assets (bonds). Due to the higher allocation to equities within these portfolios, the investment returns generated will be mostly of a capital nature. Statistical analyses of markets' returns indicate that investments in these portfolios have a high probability of producing inflation-beating returns over a medium to long-term investment horizon (5-10 years plus).*

**General Fund Information**

Investment Manager	Mergence Investment Managers
Classification	South African EQ General
Benchmark	FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (Capped SWIX)
Fund Inception Date	2010/11/16
Domicile	South Africa
Base Currency	Rand
Fund Size	R 9 284 572
Fund Size Date	2024/02/29
JSE Code	MRQPA1
ISIN Number	ZAE000263133
NAV Price (Month-End)	R 2,07
Income Distribution	Annually
Distribution Payment	3rd working day of March
Valuation Time	10:00
Transaction Cut-off	14:00
Regulation 28 Compliant	No
Issue Date	29 February 2024

**Distributions**

Last Distribution Date	03/2024	03/2023	03/2022
Last Distribution (Rand per unit)	0,065	0,069	0,057

**Fund Universe**

This portfolio has a higher exposure to equities than any other risk profiled portfolio and therefore tends to carry higher volatility due to high exposure to equity markets. Expected potential long term returns are high, but the risk of potential capital losses is high as well, especially over shorter periods.

**Investment Strategy**

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 the performance of a strong bias to either value or growth styles. Our investment process is based on detailed bottom-up fundamental analysis where we dig deeper to understand the quality of business models and management teams. We aim to invest mainly in high quality businesses that are trading at a discount to our assessment of fair value, while taking selective exposure to cheap average quality businesses that have a clear value unlock process. Our equity investment process is comprehensive, proprietary research driven and long term focused.

**Who should be investing**

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 and understand the nature of equity exposure in that there is a risk of market fluctuations.

**Fee Structure**

Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1,51%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0,10%
Investment Management Fee	1,15%
Initial Fee	N/A
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1,61%

*The TER above is as of 30 June 2023*

*All fees are annualised and include 15% Value Added Tax (VAT).*

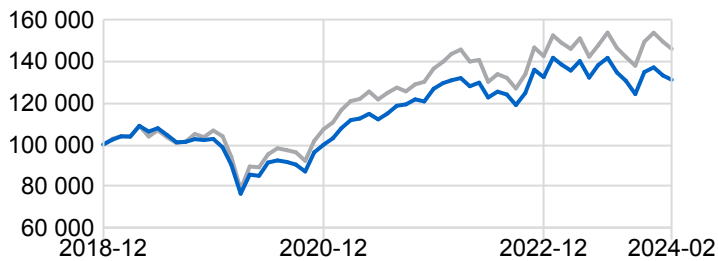
**NAV Values**

	02/2024	01/2024	12/2023
Fund NAV*	9 284 570	10 753 515	9 567 879

*\*Fund size/NAV as at relevant month-end date.*

## Growth of a R 100 000 investment\*

Time period: 2018/12/31 to 2024/02/29



■ Mergence Equity Prime Fund A1 R 131 065

■ FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted Index (Capped SWIX) R 145 901

\*Performance History: Based on an initial investment of R 100 000.

## Return Statistics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
YTD	-4,36%	-5,05%
1 Month	-1,54%	-2,27%
3 Months	-2,77%	-2,30%
6 Months	-2,63%	-0,31%
1 Year	-5,32%	-1,97%
3 Years	6,71%	7,77%
5 Years	4,75%	7,00%
Since Inception	7,68%	9,15%

\*Returns are net of fees reflecting the total monthly return.

## Monthly Performance

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	-2,86%	-1,54%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4,36%
2023	7,00%	-2,27%	-2,11%	3,35%	-5,66%	4,55%	2,51%	-4,94%	-3,01%	-4,85%	8,51%	1,66%	3,52%
2022	2,13%	1,06%	0,81%	-2,96%	1,34%	-5,49%	2,29%	-1,11%	-4,06%	4,83%	8,97%	-2,60%	4,42%
2021	3,12%	4,67%	3,59%	0,68%	2,00%	-2,31%	2,52%	3,23%	0,54%	2,04%	-0,82%	5,03%	26,85%
2020	-3,91%	-8,50%	-15,38%	11,97%	-0,64%	7,51%	1,10%	-0,80%	-1,38%	-3,66%	10,55%	3,79%	-2,72%
2019	2,40%	1,51%	-0,07%	4,92%	-2,49%	1,52%	-3,05%	-3,29%	0,16%	1,29%	-0,42%	0,53%	2,73%
2018	-1,32%	-0,46%	-3,84%	2,22%	-2,91%	0,25%	0,71%	0,26%	-5,09%	-4,06%	-0,35%	2,66%	-11,60%
2017	1,81%	-0,48%	1,03%	2,51%	-1,47%	-2,01%	3,15%	1,50%	-1,43%	3,79%	2,07%	-0,23%	10,51%
2016	-3,59%	-0,63%	7,30%	0,75%	1,23%	-1,51%	0,99%	-0,29%	-0,81%	-3,02%	0,56%	1,47%	2,06%
2015	3,29%	3,38%	0,65%	3,92%	-2,43%	0,94%	0,37%	-2,71%	-0,19%	7,08%	-1,08%	-3,57%	9,52%
2014	-4,22%	5,67%	3,11%	1,25%	3,27%	2,47%	1,05%	0,36%	-1,82%	2,30%	1,01%	0,77%	15,94%
2013	1,52%	-0,75%	2,47%	-1,92%	6,60%	-3,68%	3,79%	1,45%	5,22%	4,01%	-1,43%	4,36%	23,23%
2012	4,40%	2,14%	-0,74%	2,40%	-3,04%	1,12%	3,48%	2,25%	0,85%	4,33%	1,20%	4,89%	25,57%
2011	-3,08%	1,92%	0,98%	1,98%	0,06%	-1,91%	-1,85%	0,32%	-3,12%	8,84%	-0,95%	0,94%	3,65%
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0,51%	-

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The portfolio's share prices fluctuate and are not guaranteed. Returns may decrease or increase as a result of currency fluctuations. When making an investment in the portfolio, an investor's capital is at risk. See disclaimer and disclosures for important information regarding this Minimum Disclosure Document. Mandate Compliance: The portfolio remains within the reporting framework as at the date of this report

## Top Portfolio Holdings

Portfolio Date: 2024/02/29

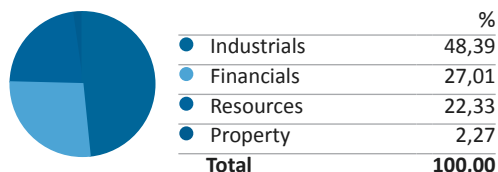
	Portfolio
Naspers Ltd	9,21%
Firststrand Limited	7,91%
British American Tobacco PLC	6,91%
Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA Class A	6,48%
Prosus NV Class N	5,60%
Standard Bank Group Ltd	5,50%
Aspen Pharmacare Holdings PLC	5,43%
Anglo American PLC	3,57%
Sanlam Ltd	3,27%
Mondi PLC	3,25%

## Risk Statistics

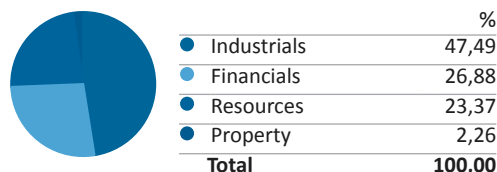
	Portfolio	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	13,20%	13,92%
Sortino Ratio	0,27%	0,37%
Max Drawdown	-12,30%	-12,82%
Up Period Percent	89,47%	N/A
Sharpe Ratio	0,18%	0,25%
Max 1 Month Return	8,97%	9,62%
Min 1 Month Return	-5,66%	-7,48%

## Asset Allocation

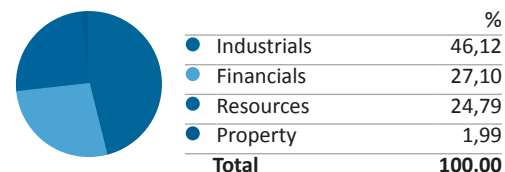
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## Glossary of Terms

**Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index.

**Sortino Ratio** measures the risk-adjusted return of an investment asset, portfolio, or strategy. It is a modification of the Sharpe ratio but penalizes only those returns falling below a user-specified target or required rate of return, while the Sharpe ratio penalizes both upside and downside volatility equally.

**Sharpe Ratio** is a measure for calculating risk-adjusted return. It is the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of total risk.

**Max Drawdown** is the maximum loss from a peak to a trough of a portfolio, before a new peak is attained. Max drawdown is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period.

**Total Investment Charge (TIC)** is the sum of the Total Expense Ratio (TER) and the Transaction Costs (TC).

**Total Expense Ratio (TER)** is the global standard used to measure the impact that the deduction of management and operating costs has on a fund's value. It gives you an indication of the effects these costs have on the future growth of your investment portfolio. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. Also, the current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TERs.

**Transaction Costs (TC)** is 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, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Calculations are based on actual data where possible and best estimates where actual data is not available.

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