# **PPS GLOBAL EQUITY FUND**

As of 31 Mar 2025

# INVESTMENTS **PRESCIENT**

#### **FUND DESCRIPTION**

The PPS Global Equity Fund is an actively managed, global equity fund that aims to provide investors with long-term capital growth. It takes advantage of investment opportunities in listed equities of companies in both developed and emerging market economies, utilizing a bottom-up and research driven approach.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to outperform the MSCI All Country World Index (or an equivalent index) after fees. Income is a secondary objective for this fund and is achieved by investing in companies with a strong potential to pay dividends in the future.

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

Fund type UCIT A (USD) Class Global Equity Portfolio category Launch date 30 January 2020 Sub-manager Capital Group

Benchmark MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI)

Income distribution No distribution Investment horizon Long-term US\$ 606 789 535 Portfolio size Market value (NAV price per unit) 155.12 50 861

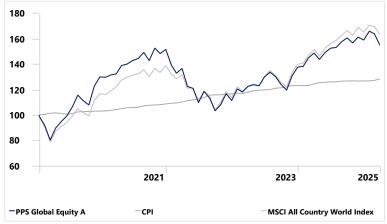
Number of units held ISIN code IE00BJXT2G67 Minimum investment US\$ 10 000 Management fee (excl. VAT) 1.25%

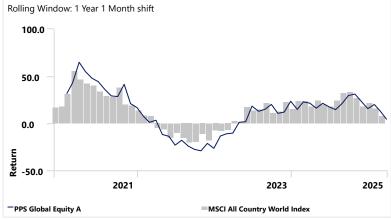
Trustee Northern Trust Fiduciary Services Limited

Risk profile Med-High

Investment manager PPS Multi Managers Proprietary Limited

#### **ILLUSTRATIVE PERFORMANCE^**





<sup>^</sup>The investment performance is for illustrative purposes only. The investment performance is calculated by taking the actual initial fees and all ongoing fees into account for the amount shown and income is reinvested on the reinvestment date.

#### ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

	6 months*	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
PPS Global Equity A	-3.61%	4.15%	4.27%	14.06%	_	_	9.11%
MSCI ACWLD in USD	-2.10%	7.63%	7.42%	15.71%	9.68%	9.39%	10.19%

	YTD* 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
PPS Global Equity A USD Acc	-2.60%	15.57%	23.47%	-26.49%	16.66%	_	_
MSCI All Country World Index	-1.22%	18.02%	22.81%	-17.96%	19.03%	16.82%	27.30%

<sup>\*</sup>Periods less than one year are not annualised

#### **REGIONAL ALLOCATION**



	%
North America	59.3
• Europe	29.4
• Asia	10.5
Oceania	0.4
Africa	0.3
South America	0.1
Middle East	0.0

#### **RISK METRICS\*\***

Metric	Fund	Benchmark
Annualised Standard Deviation	17.3%	16.3%
Maximum Drawdown	-24.4%	-21.2%
Percentage of Positive months	55.6%	58.3%
Information Ratio	-1.04	-
Sharpe Ratio	-0.02	-

<sup>\*\*</sup>Risk metrics calculated over a 3 year period

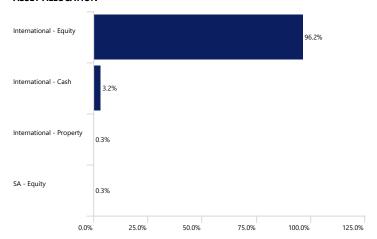
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#### ASSET ALLOCATION



#### PORTFOLIO DETAIL

Top 10 Holdings	Allocation
Meta.Platforms.Inc	3.8%
Microsoft.Corp	3.1%
Taiwan.Semiconductor.Manufacturing	2.7%
Broadcom.Inc	2.2%
Tesla.Inc	2.0%
Nvidia.Corp	1.7%
Essilor Luxottica	1.6%
Netflix Inc	1.6%
Eli Lilly	1.6%
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc	1.4%

#### HIGHEST & LOWEST RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION (12-month rolling performance)

	Fund
Highest	64.9%
Highest Month End Date	31 Mar 2021
Lowest	-29.2%
Lowest Month End Date	31 Oct 2022

#### MSCI SECTOR ALLOCATION

Top 5 MSCI Sector	Allocation
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	5.7%
Industrials	5.4%
Communication Services	5.2%
Software	5.2%
Hotels Restaurants & Leisure	4.7%

#### FEES (%)

Fees	1 Year
Manager Fee	1.25
Other Fees***	0.16
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.41

\*\*\*Other fees include underlying fees (where applicable): Audit fees, Custody fees, Trustee fees and VAT. The fund does not levy performance fees.

#### FUND COMMENTARY

U.S. and international equities diverged as investors weighed the implications of a brewing trade war, waning consumer confidence and high valuations in the technology sector. After two years in a row of 20%-plus gains, U.S. stocks entered correction territory, falling roughly 10% in mid-March before recovering some of the losses. European stocks rallied as investors rotated into value-oriented areas of the market. Technology stocks fell the most, pressured by valuation concerns and worries that a strong run-up in artificial intelligence (AI) stocks had gone too far. The consumer discretionary sector also slipped on sharp declines in U.S. consumer confidence. Amid rising market volatility, energy and utilities stocks fared better as investors favoured solid, dividend-paying companies.

The portfolio finished the behind the MSCI All Country World Index (-2.26% vs -1.32%). The highlight of underperformance in Q1 is concentrated to some idiosyncrasies which Capital believes will be mostly transitory in nature. The most significant examples being Tesla, Broadcom and TSMC. Elsewhere however, the key structural components of the portfolio have been contributing in this new market environment for 2025, namely being overweight in Europe (+0.9%), underweight to US(+0.2%), underweight Magnificent 7 stocks (+0.5%) and underweight IT sector (+0.4%).

The Portfolio was a net seller of equities over the period, reducing positions across IT, communication services, energy sectors and more. There were marginal additions to consumer staples, financials and materials sectors. The main purchases were in European companies, with top 2 being industrials. Investors also added to European banks on the back of an improving outlook. European banks in general are benefiting from stabilization of interest rate expectations and solid earnings. The PPS portfolio added UniCredit one of the most shareholder-friendly banks in Europe run by best-in-class management, as well as Santander, which appears to be on a path of disruption with a focus on capital allocation going forward. The top sale was in Novo Nordisk to reflect its incrementally higher risk in product competitiveness within its obesity franchise. The portfolio trimmed a number of semiconductor and related holdings after a very strong run in 2024. On average, these companies returned more than 100% last year. Also amongst trimmed positions was Caterpillar on a softer demand outlook for the next two years.

The fund has adhered to its policy objective.

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#### DISCLOSURES

The PPS Global Equity Fund is a sub-fund of the Prescient Global Funds ICAV an open-ended umbrella type investment company, with segregated liability between its sub-funds, authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland, as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities under the European Communities (UCITS) Regulation, 2011 as amended (the Regulations). It is managed by Prescient Fund Services (Ireland) Limited which is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland, as a UCITS IV Management Company. The Prescient Global Funds ICAV full prospectus and the Fund's KIID are available free of charge from the Manager in English or by visiting www prescient ie

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) are generally medium-to long-term investments. The value of participatory interests (units) may go down as well as up, and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The Manager has the right to close any Portfolios to new investors to manage them more efficiently in accordance with their mandates CIS are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. The manager does not provide any quarantee either in respect of the capital or the return of a portfolio Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure that can be used by investors and advisers to determine how much of a Financial Product's underlying assets are relinquished as payment for services rendered in the administration of the Financial Product. Transaction Costs (TC) is a measure of the total costs incurred in buying and selling assets underlying the CIS are a necessary cost in administering the CIS and impact CIS's 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 CIS, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER TER's and TC's are expressed as a percentage of the daily net asset value of the CIS calculated over a period of three years on an annualised basis. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TER's Total Investment Charges (TIC) is a measure of total cost relating to the investment. The TER and TC disclosed are estimates based on our best estimate of the underlying costs. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions are available on request. Performance figures are from PPS Multi-Managers and Morningstar. These performance figures are for lump sum investments. All PPS Multi-Managers performance figures and values are quoted after the deduction of costs and applicable taxes incurred within the Fund Performance is calculated for the portfolio and the individual investor performance may differ based on the initial fees applicable, the actual investment date and dividend withholding tax. Please note that performance over periods greater than one year is annualised Annualised performance is the average return earned on an investment each year over a given time period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request. The highest and lowest returns for any 1 year over the period since inception have been shown.

This fund is exposed to foreign securities and as such, it may be subject to the macroeconomic, settlement risks and political risks brought about by this exposure. It may also be subject to currency risk, which means the underlying investments of the fund could depreciate or appreciate against the reporting currency of the investor. Because these securities are listed on other exchanges, it may be subject to the relevant regulatory authority, and thus the tax implications and legislative changes of that particular entity. There may also be delays in realizing investments, due to system or liquidity issues experienced by the respective exchange. In addition, market and investment value fluctuations may occur. Overall, please be advised that, as indicated by the risk profile and potentially influenced by asset allocation, risks may be associated with this fund such as general market risk, company risk, credit risk, counterparty risk and third party operational risk.

Unit Trust prices are calculated on a Net Asset Value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any deductible expenses from the Fund divided by the number of units in issue. Portfolio valuations occur at 5 pm (New York time) daily. Prices are published daily and are available via www prescient ie Transactions must be received by Prescient Fund Services (Ireland) Limited before 10:00 (Irish time) to receive the net asset value price for that day.

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

Highest & Lowest return refers to the highest and lowest return of the fund for any 1 year over the period since inception.

The PPS Global Equity Fund is registered and approved under section 65 of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act 45 of 2002.

#### Glossary:

WEBSITE:

NAV: The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

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.

**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.

% Positive Month: The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

#### Risk profile definition: Moderate-Aggressive/ Medium-High

Generally, these portfolios hold more equity exposure than lower risk profiled portfolios. These portfolios therefore tend to carry more volatility. Expected potential long-term returns could be higher than other risk profiles, in turn potential losses of capital could be higher.

#### **Disclaimers for Fund Specific Risks**

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

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

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.

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