

# Fund Objective

The Mazi Asset Management Prime Africa Equity Fund is a Regional general equity portfolio that seeks to sustain high long-term capital growth.

| Risk Profile* |              |        |               |      |
|---------------|--------------|--------|---------------|------|
|               | _            |        | _             |      |
| Low           | Low - Medium | Medium | Medium - High | High |
|               |              |        |               |      |

Portfolios in this category are tilted towards a higher equity exposure (both local and international) which could be tantamount to greater fluctuations (volatility) in short-term performances. While statistical analyses of markets' returns indicate that investments in equities (company shares) offer the highest expected returns in the longer-term, it also comes with the highest risk of short-term capital losses. Most investment returns from these portfolios are of a capital (rather than income) nature.

# **General Fund Information**

| Classification              | Regional Equity - General - Africa   |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Benchmark                   | MSCI EFM Ex ZA                       |
| Fund Inception Date         | 2017/07/07                           |
| Domicile                    | South Africa                         |
| Base Currency               | Rand                                 |
| Fund Size                   | R 1 574 600 567                      |
| Fund Size Date              | 2021/12/31                           |
| JSE Code                    | MCAFCA                               |
| ISIN Number                 | ZAE000208674                         |
| NAV Price (Month-End)       | R 1,04                               |
| Income Distribution         | Semi-Annually                        |
| Distribution Payment        | 3rd working day of March / September |
| Valuation Time (daily)      | 10:00                                |
| Transaction Cut-off (daily) | 14:00                                |
| Regulation 28 Compliant     | No                                   |
| Issue Date                  | 31 December 2021                     |
|                             |                                      |

# Distributions

| Last Distribution Date            | 09/2021 | 03/2021 | 09/2020 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Last Distribution (Rand per unit) | 0,024   | 0,003   | 0,033   |

# Mazi Asset Management Prime Africa Equity Fund A

31 December 2021

### Fund Universe

The portfolio may invest in listed and unlisted equity securities, preference shares, property securities, listed and unlisted financial instruments and assets in liquid form. The portfolio's equity exposure shall always exceed 80%. The portfolio shall give investors at least 80% exposure to assets in Africa Ex South Africa.

# Investment Strategy

The portfolio may also include participatory interests or any other form of participation in portfolios of collective investment schemes or other similar collective investment schemes as the Act may allow from time to time. Where the aforementioned schemes are operated in territories other than South Africa, participatory interests or any other form of participation in portfolios of these schemes will be included in the portfolio only where the regulatory environment is to the satisfaction of the manager and trustee of a sufficient standard to provide investor protection at least equivalent to that of South Africa.

# Who should be investing

The Fund is suitable for investors who:

• Seek specialist Africa (excluding South Africa) 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

| Fee Structure                  |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Total Expense Ratio (TER)      | 1,26% |
| Transaction Costs (TC)         | 0,92% |
| Administration Fee             | N/A   |
| Investment Management Fee      | 1,15% |
| Initial Fee                    | 3,45% |
| Total Investment Charges (TIC) | 2,18% |

All fees are annualised and including VAT where applicable.

| NAV Values |               |               |               |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|            | 12/2021       | 11/2021       | 10/2021       |
| Fund NAV*  | 1 574 600 566 | 1 543 039 821 | 1 500 217 379 |
|            |               |               |               |

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

# Growth of a R 100 000 investment\*

# TIme period: 2017/07/07 to 2021/12/31



Top Portfolio Holdings

# Portfolio Date: 2021/12/31

|  | Portfolio |
|--|-----------|
| Commercial International Bank (Egypt) SAE      | 17,07%    |
| Safaricom PLC                                  | 8,59%     |
| MTN Nigeria Communications PLC Ordinary Shares | 7,00%     |
| Guaranty Trust Holding Co PLC                  | 6,10%     |
| Maroc Telecom SA                               | 5,13%     |
| Zenith Bank PLC                                | 5,05%     |
| MCB Group Ltd                                  | 4,94%     |
| Equity Group Holdings Ltd                      | 4,02%     |
| Egyptian Kuwaiti Holding                       | 3,87%     |
| Kenva Comm Bk                                  | 3.63%     |

| Risk Statistics    |           |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                    | Portfolio | Benchmark |
| Standard Deviation | 14,20%    | 12,44%    |
| Sortino Ratio      | 2,25%     | 2,46%     |
| Max Drawdown       | -11,25%   | -7,28%    |
| Up Period Percent  | 99,28%    | N/A       |
| Sharpe Ratio       | 1,29%     | 1,40%     |
| Max 1 Month Return | 6,16%     | 5,19%     |
| Min 1 Month Return | -5,32%    | -5,37%    |

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

| Re | turn | Stati | istics | 3 |
|----|------|-------|--------|---|
|    |      |       |        |   |

|                 | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| YTD             | 21,78%    | 20,93%    |
| 1 Month         | 1,96%     | 1,82%     |
| 3 Months        | 11,02%    | 7,17%     |
| 6 Months        | 22,69%    | 18,35%    |
| 1 Year          | 21,78%    | 20,93%    |
| 3 Years         | 9,62%     | 11,49%    |
| 5 Years         | N/A       | N/A       |
| Since Inception | 7,52%     | 7,16%     |

\*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    |
| 2021                | 6,16%  | -2,24% | -5,25%  | 1,20%  | -5,32% | 5,35%  | 5,81%  | 1,51%  | 2,89%  | 6,05% | 2,68%  | 1,96%  | 21,78% |
| 2020                | 8,93%  | -3,88% | -13,90% | 11,36% | -2,62% | -0,49% | -3,23% | 4,62%  | -0,38% | 0,48% | -1,67% | -2,19% | -5,17% |
| 2019                | -3,86% | 12,35% | 3,53%   | 0,90%  | -1,18% | -1,14% | -3,75% | 10,08% | 0,49%  | 0,63% | -1,31% | -2,13% | 14,07% |
| 2018                | 3,51%  | -0,37% | 4,74%   | 2,94%  | -3,09% | 8,92%  | -6,45% | 8,87%  | -7,89% | 0,10% | -7,17% | 3,66%  | 6,04%  |
| 2017                | -      | -      | -       | -      | -      | -      | -      | -2,57% | 3,26%  | 4,99% | -0,67% | -8,64% | -      |

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 porfolio remains within the reporting framework as at the date of this report





| Prime   | rime Collective Investment Schemes Management Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd |                |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|         |  |                |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Portfolio Contact Details       |                             |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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### **Glossary of Terms**

Standard Deviation is a statical 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.

# Quaterly Commentary

#### **Market Commentary**

All major African markets generated positive local currency returns in 2021. Morocco was the clear outperformer, ending the year up 18%. Egypt and Kenya managed gains of 10.2% and 9.4% respectively, while Nigeria ended the year up 6%.

All major African currencies gave up some ground against the dollar in 2021, with Egypt being notable exception. The Egyptian pound was broadly flat, gaining 15 basis points against the US dollar. The Moroccan Dirham and Kenyan shilling gave up 3.7% and 3.5% against the dollar respectively. The Nigerian Naira was the worst performer, giving up 6.3% for the year.

Countries have adapted to the new operating conditions, and we are seeing fewer countries opting for hard lockdowns. Despite the arrival of new variants of the virus, the impact of the virus on activity appears to be declining as economies have adjusted to the new working arrangements under the pandemic. Despite the slow rollout of vaccines across the continent, economies are re-opening, and we are hopeful that the worst of the pandemic is behind us

#### **Portfolio Positioning**

The fund remains overweight Egypt, Kenya, and Nigeria while Morocco is the key underweight. The Egyptian market remains undervalued, while the underlying economy and companies continue to perform well. We continue the overweight position in Kenya, driven by expected strong economic growth. The Moroccan market is likely to see some pressure as interest rates rise, and lofty equity valuations decline.

The Mazi Africa Fund generated a gross Rand return of 11.4% during the third quarter of 2021 compared to the benchmark return of 7.0%, outperforming the benchmark by 4.4%. The outperformance can be attributed to the overweight positions in Commercial International Bank, Airtel Africa, and FBN Holdings. Our general underweight in Moroccan equities was the main detractor to performance along with Abou Kir, Telecom Egypt and MTN Ghana.

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