

March 2024

# General Investor Report

Cordatus Worldwide Flexible Prescient Fund A1



## Return for the quarter ending 31 March 2024

		%
<b>CORDATUS</b>	<b>WORLDWIDE FLEX FUND A1</b>	<b>9.3</b>
SA Equity	FTSE/JSE All Share	-2.2
SA Property	FTSE/JSE SA Listed Property	3.8
SA Bonds	BEASSA All Bond	-1.8
SA Preference shares	FTSE/JSE Preference Share	2.6
SA Cash	STeFI Call Deposit	1.9
SA Inflation	Urban, All Areas	1.1

## All figures in ZAR

		%
Offshore Equity	MSCI World Index	12.7
Offshore Property	FTSE EPRA Nareit Global	2.0
Offshore Bonds	FTSE WGBI	1.0
Offshore Inflation	US BLS Urban All Areas	2.3
Offshore Cash	ICE BofA Overnight	5.0
ZAR	vs USD	-3.5
ZAR	vs GBP	-2.6

## % Change in Top 10 holdings over quarter

	03.2024	12.2023
Microsoft Corp	4.3	4.1
Simon Property Group	4.0	3.8
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	3.6	3.2
United Rentals Inc	3.5	2.9
UBS AG	3.4	3.6
Palo Alto Networks Inc	3.1	3.4
Glencore International PLC	3.0	3.5
ASML Holdings NV	2.9	2.4
WESCO International Inc	2.8	3.0
Anheuser-Busch Inbev ADR	2.7	3.0

## Activity during the quarter

The Fund added to equity exposure during the quarter. New positions in Rentokil Initial, Estee Lauder, Johnson Controls and Yum China were added as regional growth and earnings remain resilient. These new entrants trade at attractive valuations, offering the required margin of safety and required return over our investment horizon.

## Top & Bottom 5: % contribution for quarter

	Return	Contri
United Rentals Inc	30.5	0.9
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	26.6	0.9
ASML Holding NV	32.7	0.8
MICROSOFT CORP	16.1	0.7
SIMON PROPERTY GROUP	15.0	0.6
Woodside Energy Group Ltd	1.0	0.0
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV ADR	-2.6	-0.1
Roche Holding AG	-6.5	-0.1
NIKE Inc	-10.0	-0.1
Glencore International PLC	-5.4	-0.2

## Contributions to Fund quarterly return

Diversified sector exposure in the form of United Rentals (plant hire), SMFG (banks), Simon (real estate) and ASML/MSFT (tech) continue to impress. Outside of these top contributors, further absolute returns above 20% were delivered by Amazon, AngloGold, Fortinet, KB Financial, Shinhan and GSK. The four stocks which delivered a negative absolute return within the Fund for the quarter all trade at attractive valuations and remain an important holding within the Fund.

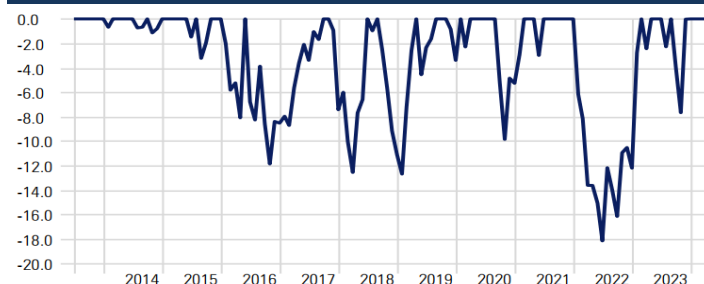
## Asset Allocation %

	03.2024	12.2023
Equity	87.0	81.4
Property	4.0	3.8
Bonds	0.0	0.0
Prefs	0.0	0.0
Cash	9.0	14.9
Other	0.0	0.0
Domestic	3.6	3.4
Offshore	96.4	96.6

## Changes in asset allocation

Offshore equity was increased during the quarter on resilient regional growth and company earnings, funded by USD cash. Risk assets (equity plus real estate) comprises 91% of Fund capital. Domestic exposure comprises a single holding in the form of AngloGold Ashanti and Fund working capital in ZAR.

## Risk: Drawdown since inception



## A note on portfolio risk

Drawdown measures the peak-to-trough decline during a specific period, quoted as a percentage between the latest peak and subsequent trough of the Fund, before a new peak is achieved. It is instructive when measuring the loss to the portfolio during a period and the subsequent return required to return to the previous peak of the portfolio. The drawdown profile shown alongside depicts the increased volatility being experienced in risk markets over the past 5 years. Asset allocation intervention during such periods is necessary to compress the recovery time factor and/or limit further downside. The appropriate period over which to measure performance of the Fund is rolling 5-year periods, given the risk profile and recommended holding period. Shorter measurement periods are linked to a higher variance in returns (see table below left).

## Risk: Rolling period returns over

	5 yrs	3 yrs	1 yr
% Maximum return	16.1	22.4	33.1
% Average return	11.7	11.5	12.7
% Minimum return	8.0	2.1	-12.2

## Adherence to Fund Policy Objective

The Fund has adhered to its Policy Objective, as stated in the Supplemental Deed, in all respects during the quarter. There are no unresolved breaches to report from prior periods.

## Total Investment Charge (TIC) %

	12.2023	12.2022	12.2021
Worldwide Flex Fund Class A1	0.87	0.84	0.84
Worldwide Flex Fund Class A2	1.27	1.24	1.25

## Income Distribution (cpu)

	03.2024	03.2023	03.2022
Worldwide Flex Fund Class A1	2.93	3.14	2.42
Worldwide Flex Fund Class A2	1.72	2.12	1.40

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