

# Aeon Active Equity Prescient Fund

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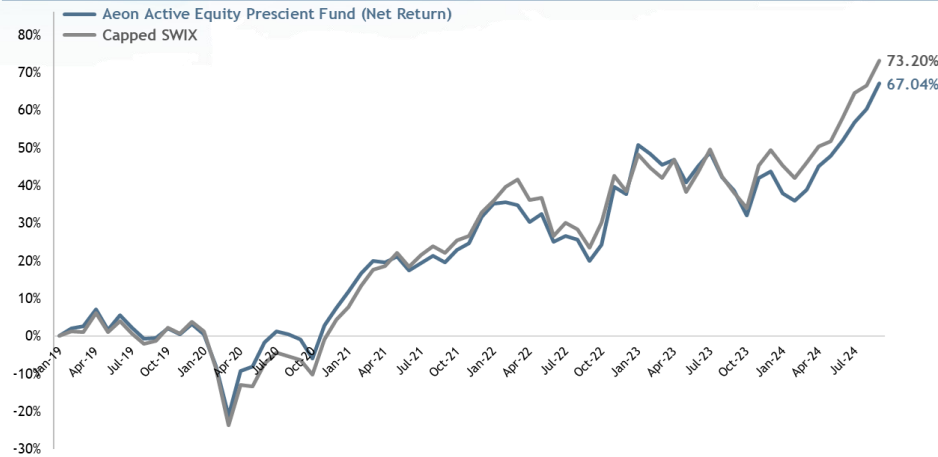
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## Fund Performance

Cumulative Performance - since inception - Net Return

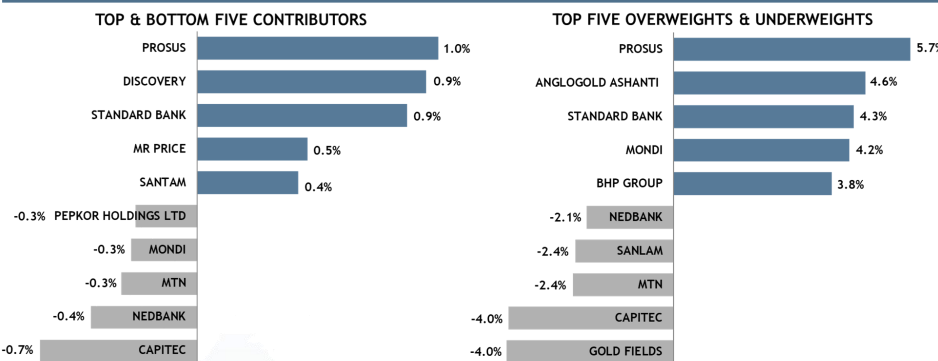


Monthly - Net Gross	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2019</b>													
Fund	1.99%	0.70%	4.28%	-5.04%	3.71%	-2.99%	-2.94%	0.20%	2.62%	-1.59%	2.69%	3.20%	
Benchmark	1.23%	-0.18%	5.00%	-4.75%	2.88%	-3.13%	-2.70%	0.67%	3.64%	-1.47%	3.09%	3.85%	
<b>2020</b>													
Fund	-2.65%	-8.39%	-14.40%	15.20%	1.28%	6.90%	3.06%	-0.78%	-1.44%	-5.06%	9.41%	4.49%	4.15%
Benchmark	-2.57%	-9.55%	-16.69%	14.18%	-0.41%	6.98%	3.01%	-0.88%	-1.07%	-4.24%	10.38%	5.47%	0.57%
<b>2021</b>													
Fund	4.03%	4.36%	2.87%	-0.33%	1.25%	-3.14%	1.75%	1.66%	-1.57%	2.85%	1.45%	5.62%	22.49%
Benchmark	3.08%	5.33%	3.71%	0.81%	2.93%	-3.02%	2.59%	2.02%	-1.41%	2.69%	0.94%	4.85%	27.07%
<b>2022</b>													
Fund	2.59%	0.40%	-0.59%	-3.39%	1.59%	-5.46%	1.14%	-0.73%	-4.56%	3.57%	12.50%	-1.38%	4.63%
Benchmark	2.39%	2.69%	1.49%	-3.95%	0.54%	-7.48%	2.83%	-1.33%	-3.84%	5.33%	9.62%	-2.81%	4.39%
<b>2023</b>													
Fund	9.40%	-1.48%	-1.97%	0.86%	-4.10%	3.01%	2.64%	-4.49%	-2.46%	-4.83%	7.51%	1.25%	4.27%
Benchmark	6.96%	-2.32%	-1.95%	3.43%	-5.81%	3.84%	4.13%	-4.79%	-2.97%	-2.93%	8.33%	2.90%	7.87%
<b>2024</b>													
Fund	-3.95%	-1.50%	2.11%	4.60%	1.85%	2.71%	3.26%	2.17%	4.26%				16.29%
Benchmark	-2.84%	-2.27%	2.89%	2.92%	0.93%	4.17%	4.09%	1.29%	3.97%				15.89%

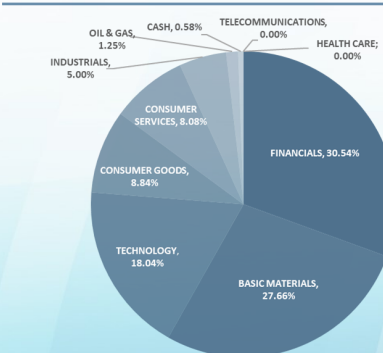
Performance Summary - Net Return	Fund	Benchmark	Active Return
1 month	4.26%	3.97%	0.29%
3 months	10.00%	9.62%	0.38%
6 months	20.37%	18.62%	1.74%
Year to date	16.29%	15.89%	0.39%
1 Year	20.47%	25.41%	-4.94%
3 Year (annualised)	11.82%	12.35%	-0.53%
5 Year (annualised)	10.92%	11.92%	-1.00%
7 Year (annualised)			
Since Inception (cumulative)	67.04%	73.20%	-6.16%
Since Inception (annualised)	9.48%	10.18%	-0.70%

Net Return:	Highest Rolling One Year Return	Lowest Rolling One Year Return
Last 12 months:	20.47%	-8.47%
Since Inception:	52.39%	-23.30%

## Fund Holdings (for the quarter as at 30 September 2024)



## Sector Allocation



## Top Ten Holdings (as a % of Total AUM)

Standard Bank	9.33
Prosus	9.33
Naspers	8.72
FirstRand	7.98
AngloGold Ashanti	6.57
Anglo American	6.25
BHP Group	5.84
Discovery	5.05
BTI	5.03
Mondi	4.75

## Fund Description

Aeon Investment Management's equity investment style is Growth At a Reasonable Price (GARP). Our adaptation of the GARP style seeks to combine the best of growth and value investing, by buying companies with long term sustainable growth rates in earnings per share greater than that implied by the company's market valuation.

## Fund Objectives

The Aeon Active Equity Prescient Fund seeks to achieve:

- Invest in high quality businesses at attractive prices that are positioned for long term growth.
- Outperform the client's equity benchmark over different investment cycles.
- Consistently apply our implied growth methodology.
- Manage risk through disciplined portfolio construction.
- Employ low cost trading techniques.

The portfolio has adhered to its fund objectives.

## Fund Managers



## Fund Information

**Benchmark:** Capped SWIX (J433T)  
**Inception date:** 21 January 2019  
**Fund size:** R 1,425.66 million  
**Number of Units for Class A1:** 447 445  
**Price (net asset value per unit for Class A1):** 140.85 cpu  
**Investment horizon:** Five years plus  
**Classification:** South African - Equity - General  
**Asset Allocation:**

	30-Sep-24	30-Jun-24
Equity	99.4	98.7
Cash	0.6	1.3
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Risk Profile

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

## Fees & Charges

**Retail (Minimum lumpsum R10 000 or Debit Order R1000):**  
**Flat Fee:** 0.75% p.a. plus VAT  
**Total Expense Ratio (TER) & Transaction Costs (30-Jun-2024):**  
**TER - Retail:** 0.89

Fund Class	Retail (%)
Management Fee (excl. VAT)	0.75
Performance Fee	-
Other Fees	0.14
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	<b>0.89</b>
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.16
<b>Total Investment Charge (TIC)</b>	<b>1.05</b>

**Income distribution:** Annually (March)  
 2024 cpu of 3.91 (retail)

## Administration

**Fund auditor:** Ernst & Young Incorporated  
**Fund trustee & custodian:** Nedbank Limited  
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## Fund Performance Review & Market Commentary

The Aeon Active Equity Prescient Fund (CIS) outperformed its benchmark by 38 bps on a net return basis for the third quarter of 2024 and is underperforming its benchmark by 494 bps over a one-year period.

Overweight positions in Prosus and Discovery were the main positive contributors to return for the third quarter of 2024. Underweight positions in Capitec and Nedbank were the main detractors. The benchmark equity index was up 9.62% for the third quarter of 2024.

The third quarter of this year was volatile for global equities, partly due to the sell-off following the surprise Bank of Japan's interest rate hike, which triggered a market decline in August. In September, the US Federal Reserve began its rate-cutting cycle with a 50-basis point cut, more aggressive than anticipated. This led to optimism about a "soft landing" and further aggressive rate cuts. The Bank of England also reduced its main interest rate from 5.25% to 5%, indicating a broader trend among central banks aimed at supporting economic recovery. Locally, for the quarter ending in September 2024, the general retail sector emerged as the top performer, led by Mr. Price, followed by Motus and Pepkor. In contrast, the resources sector experienced some weakness during the quarter, driven by Sasol, Sibanye Stillwater, and Glencore.

Global equities, as measured by the MSCI All Country World Index, posted a return of 6.5% for the quarter and a year-to-date return of 19.3%. In the US, the September inflation print aligned with market expectations at 2.5%, while GDP numbers exceeded expectations at 3.0% for the second quarter. The US equity markets, measured by the S&P 500, continued to reach new heights during the quarter, driven by market optimism. Emerging market equities outperformed developed markets, returning 8.9% for the quarter, driven by Chinese government stimulus announced in September. On the commodities front, Brent crude oil remained volatile due to rising conflicts and tensions in the Middle East, ending the quarter at \$71.70—down 16% from the start of the quarter. Gold rose 14%, driven by increasing geopolitical tensions and monetary easing.

Locally, GDP figures for Q2 2024 revealed that the economy grew by 0.4%. During this quarter, the country celebrated nearly 200 days without load shedding, signalling marked improvement in electricity generation. Local stocks continued to rally, recording a 9.6% return for the quarter. The rand was one of the top-performing emerging market currencies during this period, strengthening by 5% to close at USDZAR 17.21. The latest inflation print (August inflation at 4.4%) came in just below the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) mid-point target of 4.5%. This is the lowest inflation print since April 2021 when the rate was also 4.4%. In their latest monetary policy meeting, SARB decreased interest rates by 25 basis points, marking the start of a cutting cycle.

As we showcase our portfolio, we aim to provide insights into our key investments. This quarter, we spotlight Wilson Bayly Holmes-Ovcon (WBO), one of Africa's largest construction companies, which holds a significant market share in South Africa. Despite facing a challenging macroeconomic environment, WBO has demonstrated remarkable financial resilience compared to its peers. The company has successfully maintained profitability during industry downturns, reflecting its effective management and operational efficiency. Its diverse portfolio, which spans various sectors including civil engineering and building construction, helps mitigate risks associated with sector cyclicalities. Over the past decade, South Africa has experienced significant underinvestment in infrastructure development. In a recent Parliament Address, President Cyril Ramaphosa expressed a strong commitment to transforming South Africa into a "construction site." As infrastructure development gains momentum and interest rates decrease, WBO is strategically positioned to capitalize on the anticipated increase in large infrastructure projects. Its size and experience enable the company to continue driving shareholder value.

In general, the fund's focus on disciplined stock selection using a Growth at Reasonable Price (GARP) philosophy—targeting companies with strong cash flows and earnings—is expected to benefit the portfolio moving forward.



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Where a current yield has been included for Funds that derive its income primarily from interest bearing income, the yield is a weighted average yield of all underlying interest bearing instruments as at the last day of the month. This yield is subject to change as market rates and underlying investments change.

The Manager retains full legal responsibility for any third-party-named portfolio. Where foreign securities are included in a portfolio there may be potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risks, political risks, foreign exchange risks, tax risks, settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. Please note that all documents, notifications of deposit, investment, redemption and switch applications must be received by Prescient by or before 13:00 (SA), to be transacted at the net asset value price for that day. Where all required documentation is not received before the stated cut off time Prescient shall not be obliged to transact at the net asset value price as agreed to. Funds are priced at either 3pm or 5pm depending on the nature of the fund. Prices are published daily and are available on the Prescient website.

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 request.

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## Glossary

**Annualised performance:** Annualised performance show longer term performance rescaled to a one 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 one year over the period since inception have been shown.

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

**cpu:** cents per unit.

**Alpha/Active Return:** Denoted the outperformance of the fund over the benchmark.

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

**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.