

# Aeon Balanced Prescient Fund

Class A1

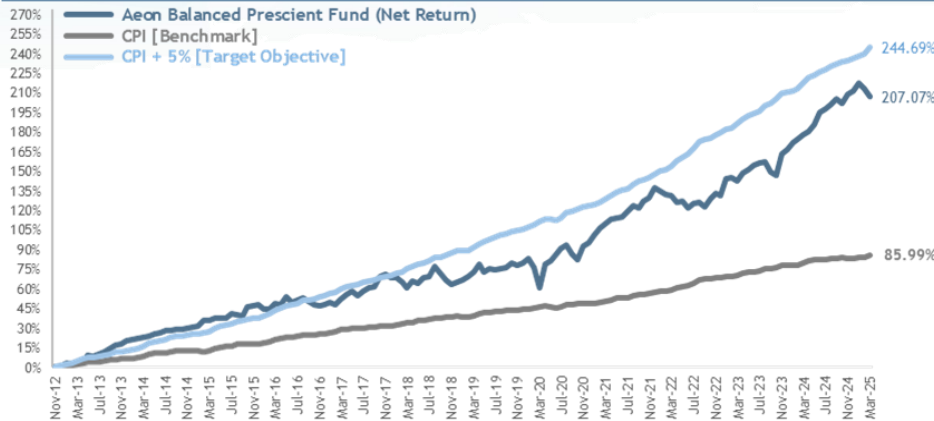
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## Fund Performance

### Cumulative Performance - since inception - Net Return



Monthly - Net Return	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2020 Fund	1.84%	-3.85%	-8.65%	10.94%	1.48%	3.21%	2.21%	1.31%	-3.58%	-2.36%	5.47%	1.63%	8.58%
2020 Benchmark	0.30%	0.30%	1.00%	0.30%	-0.50%	-0.60%	0.50%	1.30%	0.20%	0.20%	0.30%	0.00%	3.33%
2021 Fund	3.13%	2.40%	1.57%	1.96%	0.15%	0.34%	2.20%	2.06%	-1.02%	2.55%	1.03%	3.46%	21.61%
2021 Benchmark	0.20%	0.30%	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.10%	0.20%	1.10%	0.40%	0.20%	0.20%	0.50%	5.43%
2022 Fund	-1.35%	-0.81%	-0.65%	-1.92%	0.30%	-2.45%	1.82%	0.11%	-1.35%	2.57%	2.08%	-0.80%	-2.54%
2022 Benchmark	0.60%	0.20%	0.60%	1.00%	0.60%	0.70%	1.10%	1.50%	0.20%	0.10%	0.40%	0.30%	7.54%
2023 Fund	5.51%	0.21%	-0.81%	2.20%	1.22%	1.24%	0.77%	0.23%	-2.84%	-1.13%	6.56%	1.44%	15.20%
2023 Benchmark	0.40%	-0.10%	0.70%	1.00%	0.40%	0.20%	0.20%	0.90%	0.30%	0.60%	0.90%	-0.10%	5.53%
2024 Fund	1.76%	1.21%	1.04%	0.97%	1.92%	3.24%	1.01%	1.00%	1.42%	-0.99%	2.28%	0.75%	16.73%
2024 Benchmark	0.00%	0.10%	1.00%	0.80%	0.30%	0.20%	0.10%	0.40%	0.10%	0.10%	-0.10%	0.00%	3.04%
2025 Fund	2.03%	-1.47%	-1.95%										-1.43%
2025 Benchmark	0.10%	0.30%	0.90%										1.30%

\* Benchmark return lags by one month.

### Performance Summary - Net Return

	Fund	Benchmark
1 month	-1.95%	0.90%
3 months	-1.43%	1.30%
6 months	0.57%	1.30%
Year to date	-1.43%	1.30%
1 Year	10.57%	3.24%
3 Years (annualised)	9.94%	5.32%
5 Years (annualised)	13.78%	4.90%
7 Years (annualised)	9.68%	4.79%
10 Years (annualised)	8.48%	5.12%
Since Inception (cumulative)	207.07%	85.99%
Since Inception (annualised)	9.46%	5.12%

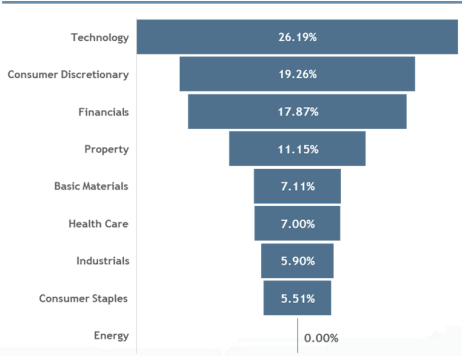
Net Return:	Highest Rolling One Year Return	Lowest Rolling One Year Return
Last 12 months:	22.46%	10.57%
Since Inception:	30.21%	-7.05%

## Fund Holdings (as of 31 March 2025)

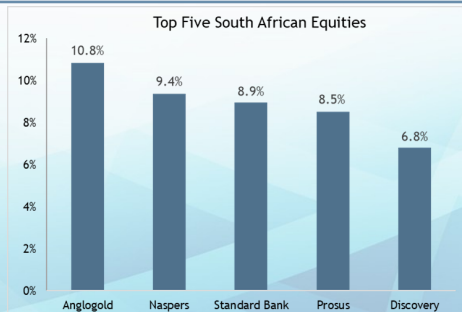
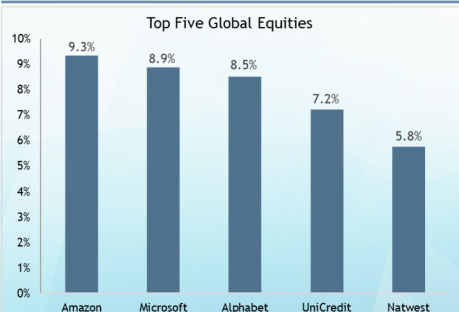
### Asset Allocation

	31-Mar-25	31-Dec-24
Equities	54.2%	54.9%
Cash	2.9%	2.6%
Fixed Income	36.2%	36.4%
Property	6.8%	6.1%
	100.0%	100.0%
Local Equities	15.0%	14.3%
Global Equities	39.2%	40.5%
Local Cash	2.6%	2.5%
Global Cash	0.2%	0.2%
Local Fixed Income	34.7%	35.0%
Global Fixed Income	1.4%	1.4%
Local Property	4.7%	4.4%
Global Property	2.1%	1.7%
	100.0%	100.0%

### Sector Allocation (as a % of Equities)



### Top Five Holdings



## Investment Philosophy

Aeon Investment Management's equity investment style is Growth At a Reasonable Price (GARP) and modelling Implied vs. Sustainable Growth. We also utilise our in-house Currency Model for foreign asset allocation and the Fear & Greed Index for appropriate protective structure overlays. Aeon Balanced Prescient Fund's investment strategy encompasses active asset allocation and active management of underlying equity and fixed income assets. The fund has five diversified sources of alpha (GARP Active Equity, Smart Multi-Factor Equity, GARP Foreign Equity, Diversified Income, Derivative Protective Overlay).

## Fund Objectives

The Aeon Balanced Prescient Fund seeks to achieve:

- Return target of CPI +5%
- Inflation-beating returns by investing in the full spectrum of domestic and foreign equity and fixed income markets
- Provide investors with stable income and modest capital appreciation in the long run
- Manage risk through disciplined portfolio construction
- Employ low cost trading techniques

The portfolio has adhered to its fund objectives.

## Fund Managers



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Senior Portfolio Manager



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Portfolio Manager & Analyst

## Fund Information

**Benchmark:** CPI  
**Target Objective:** CPI +5%  
**Inception date:** 1 November 2012  
**Fund size:** R 438.91 million  
**Number of Units for Class A1:** 1 613 743  
**Price (net asset value per unit for Class A1):** 203.89 cpu  
**Investment horizon:** Five years plus  
**Classification:** South African - Multi Asset - Medium Equity  
**Regulation 28 compliant:** Yes

## Risk Profile

Conservative	Moderate	Aggressive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>These portfolios generally hold more equity exposure than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios.</li><li>In turn the expected volatility is higher than low risk portfolios, but less than high risk portfolios.</li><li>The probability of losses are higher than that of the low risk portfolios, but less than high risk portfolio.</li><li>Expected potential long term investment returns could therefore be lower than high risk portfolios due to lower equity exposure, but higher than low risk portfolios.</li></ul>		

## Fees & Charges

**Retail (Minimum lumpsum R10 000 or Debit Order R1 000):**  
**Fee:** No base fee. 10% of Positive Performance plus VAT.  
**Total Expense ratio (TER) & Transaction Costs (31-Dec-2024):**  
TER - Retail: 1.32%

Fund Class	Retail (%)
Management Fee	-
Performance Fee	1.26
Other Fees*	0.06
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.32
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.13
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	1.45

**Income distribution:** Annually (March)

2024 cpu of 8.36 (retail)

## Administration

**Fund auditor:** Ernst & Young Incorporated  
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## Fund Performance Review & Market Commentary

The Aeon Balanced Prescient Fund was down by 1.43% on a net return basis for the first quarter of 2025 and is up by 10.57% over a one-year period.

The first quarter of the year was driven by the announcement of tariffs by US President Donald Trump on global trading partners, and the potential trade war. This drove volatility into global equities given the heightened risks. Multiple geographies experienced weak equity markets with the risk-off sentiment. Markets were also impacted by the release of a new AI model from a Chinese company, DeepSeek. This led to a sell-off in Nvidia and other AI related US stocks. In South Africa, the resources sector emerged as the top performer during the quarter, driven by Harmony Gold, Goldfields, and Impala Platinum. In contrast, the retail sector struggled, impacted by Motus, Truworths, and Cashbuild.

In the US, the threat of resurging inflation remains, especially now with the implementation of tariffs on various US trade partners. The latest US CPI rate is still above the Fed's 2% target, currently at 2.8% for the 12 months ending in February 2025. The US Fed has kept rates on hold at 4.5% in the wake of economic uncertainty. The European Central Bank continued to lower interest rates, cutting by 25 basis points in March. Overall, global equities, as measured by the MSCI All Country World Index, posted a negative return of -1.7% during the quarter. Emerging markets outperformed developed markets as investors rotated toward risk assets with commodities and sectors less impacted by the trade war.

On the commodities front, gold prices reached record highs of \$3,100 per ounce. This increase was fuelled by investors searching safe-haven assets amid growing geopolitical uncertainty. Brent crude oil was volatile during the quarter, reaching a high of \$81.50 per barrel but ended the quarter at \$75 as the risk of lower demand weighed on global growth. China's stimulus measures added support for commodity prices during the quarter.

Locally, growth picked up in the fourth quarter of last year, led by the household sector, which was boosted by lower inflation and withdrawals from the Two-Pot pension system. Growth for 2024 was 0.6%, slightly worse than in 2023. In parliament, the national budget speech introduced some tensions within the Government of National Unity over a proposed VAT hike, leading to the postponement of the meeting from February to March, testing the strength of the GNU. Although the CPI rate remains within the lower end of the SARB's target range of 3-6%, the SARB did not decrease interest rates in its March meeting.

As we showcase our portfolio, we would like to provide insights into our key investments. This quarter, we are highlighting Woolworths Holdings Limited (WHL), a leading South African retailer renowned for its premium offerings in food, clothing, and general merchandise. The company operates in both South Africa and Australia and benefits from strong brand loyalty, positioning itself as a premium retailer with a focus on quality. Recently, Woolworths has faced pressure due to weak performance in its Fashion, Beauty, and Home division. A weak Australian macro-environment has placed further strain on their Country Road business. Despite this, the market is primarily only pricing in the strength of its food operation. Hence, as the other segments recover, this presents significant upside potential. With an ambitious leadership team, the company is making decisive efforts to turn around the Fashion, Beauty, and Home division. This along with the potential for an Australian consumer recovery creates optionality. We are excited to hold Woolworths as part of our portfolio and believe that it is well-positioned to unlock value.

## Glossary

**Annualised performance:** Annualised performance show longer term performance rescaled to a 1 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 1 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.



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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.

Below are fund specific risks:

**Default risk:** The risk that the issuers of fixed income instruments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The issuers credit quality is vital. The worse the credit quality, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

**Derivatives risk:** The use of derivatives could increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses in a Fund. As such, large changes in value and potentially large financial losses could result.

**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 risks and currency fluctuations.

**Interest rate risk:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to be inversely related to interest and inflation rates. Hence their value decreases when interest rates and/or inflation rises.

**Property risk:** Investments in real estate securities can carry the same risks as investing directly in real estate itself. Real estate prices move in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic and political conditions, interest rates and tax considerations.

**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 grow.

**Derivative counterparty risk:** A counterparty to a derivative transaction may experience a breakdown in meeting its obligations thereby leading to financial loss.

**Liquidity risk:** If there are insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments, the result may lead to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than expected.

**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.

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 15:00 or 17:00 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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