

Aeon Smart Multi-Factor Equity Prescient Fund

Class A1

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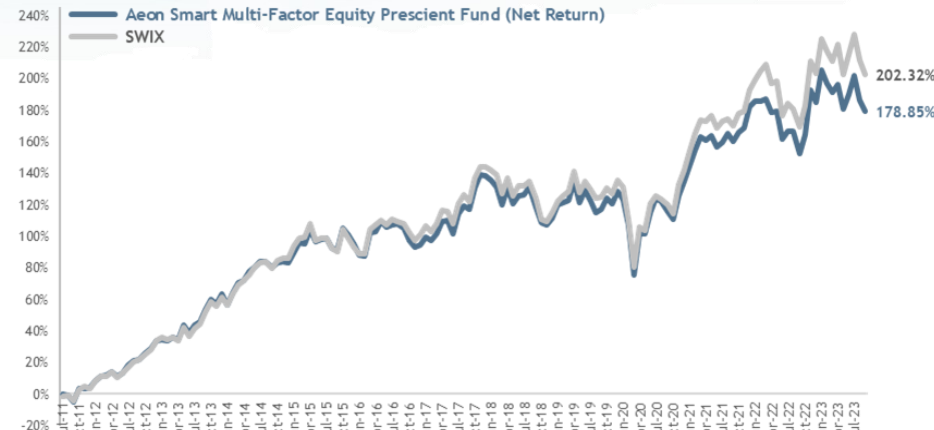
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Fund Performance

Cumulative Performance - since inception - Net Return

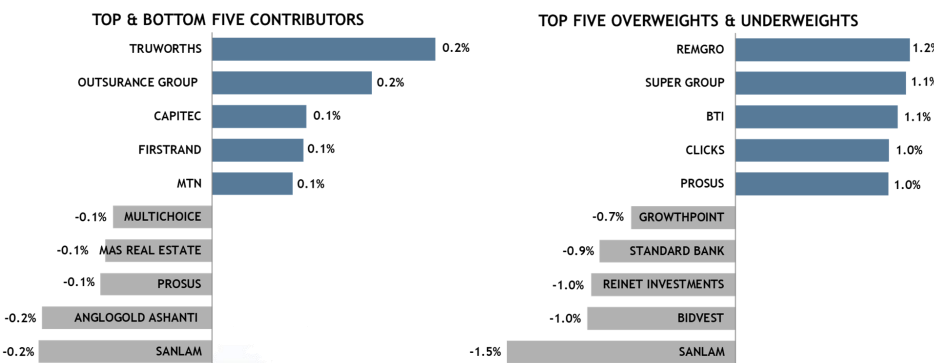


Monthly - Net Return		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2018	Fund	-1.29%	-1.90%	-4.81%	4.84%	-4.26%	2.29%	0.36%	2.11%	-5.37%	-4.60%	-0.74%	2.03%	-11.32%
	Benchmark	-0.68%	-1.18%	-5.00%	4.29%	-4.73%	2.74%	0.10%	1.15%	-4.54%	-6.12%	-0.61%	2.90%	-11.67%
2019	Fund	3.91%	0.66%	0.76%	5.22%	-5.58%	3.58%	-2.77%	-3.46%	0.94%	3.22%	-1.53%	3.36%	7.93%
	Benchmark	3.09%	1.57%	1.25%	5.72%	-5.64%	3.12%	-2.21%	-2.50%	0.37%	2.64%	-1.55%	3.68%	9.32%
2020	Fund	-2.20%	-7.27%	-15.33%	15.23%	-0.14%	6.74%	4.25%	-1.16%	-2.76%	-2.19%	6.95%	4.13%	2.79%
	Benchmark	-1.78%	-9.00%	-14.15%	14.07%	-0.97%	8.07%	2.37%	-1.03%	-1.63%	-2.38%	8.31%	3.95%	2.61%
2021	Fund	4.38%	4.00%	3.40%	-0.90%	1.12%	-2.75%	1.16%	2.09%	-1.73%	2.16%	1.10%	4.86%	20.22%
	Benchmark	4.97%	4.61%	3.16%	-0.31%	1.31%	-2.79%	1.59%	0.38%	-1.44%	2.82%	0.68%	4.62%	21.06%
2022	Fund	1.22%	0.13%	0.49%	-3.08%	0.41%	-6.38%	1.87%	-0.08%	-5.31%	4.87%	10.62%	-2.77%	0.88%
	Benchmark	2.30%	1.93%	1.35%	-3.95%	0.56%	-7.45%	2.83%	-1.33%	-3.86%	5.03%	9.95%	-2.67%	3.59%
2023	Fund	7.20%	-2.68%	-2.01%	1.78%	-5.15%	3.09%	4.22%	-5.00%	-2.67%				-1.97%
	Benchmark	7.23%	-2.33%	-1.89%	3.35%	-5.85%	3.98%	4.11%	-4.85%	-3.06%				-0.18%

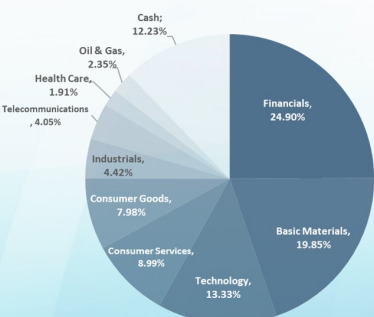
Performance Summary - Net Return		Fund	Benchmark	Active Return
1 month		-2.67%	-3.06%	0.39%
3 month		-3.64%	-3.97%	0.33%
6 month		-4.11%	-2.84%	-1.27%
Year to date		-1.97%	-0.18%	-1.79%
1 Year		10.57%	12.19%	-1.62%
3 Year (annualised)		8.95%	11.22%	-2.28%
5 Year (annualised)		4.97%	6.16%	-1.19%
7 Year (annualised)		4.47%	5.50%	-1.03%
10 Year (annualised)		6.16%	7.10%	-0.94%
Since Inception (cumulative)		178.85%	202.32%	-23.47%
Since Inception (annualised)		8.73%	9.45%	-0.72%

Net Return:	Highest Rolling One Year Return	Lowest Rolling One Year Return
Last 12 months:	13.16%	-0.58%
Since Inception:	50.26%	-21.36%

Fund Holdings (for the quarter as at 30 September 2023)



Sector Allocation



Top Ten Holdings (%)

Naspers	9.32
Firstrand	4.95
Anglo American	4.20
Prosus	3.88
British American Tobacco	3.38
Gold Fields	3.29
Absa Group	3.25
Capitec Bank	3.24
MTN Group	3.05
Standard Bank	2.96

Fund Description

The Aeon Smart Multi-Factor Equity Prescient Fund strategy employs a multiple fundamental factor model as its base. Systematic security selection and trading models are used to achieve the fund's objective of outperforming the SWIX benchmark at low cost and tracking error. The portfolio is constructed in a risk managed framework.

Investors should consider the Aeon Smart Multi-Factor Equity Prescient Fund if they have a long term investment horizon (5-years or longer), and are looking for capital gains at low cost.

Fund Objectives

Aeon Smart Multi-Factor Equity Prescient Fund seeks to achieve:

- Achieve consistent outperformance of the benchmark
- Generate excess returns that are positive, stable, explainable and replicable
- Target tracking error below 2%
- Manage risk through disciplined portfolio construction.

The portfolio has adhered to its fund objectives.

Fund Managers



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Chief Investment Officer



Jay Vomacka
Senior Portfolio Manager

Fund Information

Benchmark: SWIX

Inception date: 1 July 2011

Fund size: R 249.99 million

Number of Units for Class A1: 212 513

Price (net asset value per unit for Class A1): 195.28 cpu

Investment horizon: Five years plus

Classification: South African - Equity - General

Asset Allocation:

	30-Sep-23	30-Jun-23
Equity	87.8	99.9
Cash	12.2	0.1
Total (%)	100.0	100.0

Risk Profile

Conservative	Moderate	Aggressive
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- 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 R1 000):

Flat Fee: 0.50% p.a. plus VAT

Total Expense ratio (TER) & Transaction Costs (30-Jun-2023):

TER - Retail: 0.62%

Fund Class	Retail (%)
Management Fee (excl. VAT)	0.50
Performance Fee	-
Other Fees*	0.12
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.62
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.07
Total Investment Charge (TIC)	0.69

Income distribution: Annually (March)

2023 cpu of 7.95 (retail)

Administration

Fund auditor: Ernst & Young Incorporated

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Fund Performance Review & Market Commentary

The Aeon Smart Multi-Factor Equity Prescient Fund outperformed its benchmark by 33 bps on a net return basis for the third quarter of 2023 and is underperforming its benchmark by 162 bps over a one-year period.

Overweight positions in Truworths and OUTsurance were the main positive contributors to return for the third quarter of 2023. An underweight position in Sanlam and an overweight position in AngloGold Ashanti were the main detractors. The benchmark equity index was down 3.97% for the third quarter of 2023.

The quarter ended September was negative for global equities as cautious statements from global central banks regarding expectations of interest rate cuts were negatively received by investors. The “higher-for-longer” interest rate narrative filtered negatively on sentiment. The price of oil also increased due to Russia and Saudi Arabia’s supply cuts, decreased shale output from the US, and Russia’s temporary ban on fuel exports. This caused market participants to become concerned that central banks would need to maintain higher interest rates to counteract the impact of the higher oil price on inflation.

Previously, investors had displayed optimism due to Chinese government stimulus measures and indications that global inflation was gradually subsiding. However, this optimism was set against the backdrop of prior high inflation rates and aggressive interest rate hikes by central banks worldwide. The global inflationary trend is starting to show signs of easing, with expectations that some central banks may shift toward cutting interest rates in the future. However, strong U.S. employment data and the emergence of geopolitical risk could signal the potential for sustained inflation levels, and market participants are reassessing future inflation expectations.

For the quarter ended September, the Industrial sector emerged as the top performer, led by Mondi and Bidvest. On the other hand, Consumer Discretionary experienced the most significant decline during the quarter, led by index heavyweight Richemont.

Locally, sentiment remains subdued. The nation faces numerous structural growth challenges, most notably the persistent energy supply issues that continue to disrupt businesses, consumer trade, and erode confidence. South Africa’s fiscal position remains constrained due to historical policy decisions and a lack of effective government implementation. The issue of load shedding is expected to persist as a part of everyday life for the foreseeable future. The financial outlook for South Africa in the coming years looks challenging, characterised by low GDP growth rates, high unemployment, resulting in weakened consumer spending and widening income inequality. Looking ahead, the growth prospects of the local economy appear to hinge on several key factors, including global economic trends, commodity prices, increased confidence, positive government initiatives, and inflation management.

Our strategy focuses on astute stock selection, guided by our Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP) philosophy, which seeks value throughout economic cycles. We prioritise companies with strong cash flows that can support earnings, aiming to benefit our portfolios in the coming period.

To give you a glimpse into our portfolio, we share insights on our portfolio companies. This quarter, we are spotlighting Mr. Price Group Ltd., a relatively recent addition to our portfolio. Mr. Price is a cash-focused, value-driven retailer with over 1,700 stores across Africa and a track record of impressive earnings growth. Apparel retailers have faced substantial challenges recently. Factors like load shedding, supply chain disruptions, a weaker consumer environment, and intensified competition have squeezed profit margins. Mr. Price, similar to its industry counterparts, contended with these challenges, especially as most of its stores lacked backup power solutions, and consumers redirected their spending toward essentials like food and travel. Despite these challenges, our investment philosophy and process have identified substantial upside potential in Mr. Price’s current price. Our analysis suggests that the market may be overestimating the long-term impact of loadshedding and the weakened consumer environment. Additionally, concerns surrounding Mr. Price’s acquisitive growth strategy have weighed on its valuation.

Taking all these factors into account, we are optimistic about Mr. Price’s earnings prospects over the next five years. We believe there is potential for earnings to outperform expectations, ultimately leading to significant returns for our funds and clients.

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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.

For any additional information such as fund prices, brochures and application forms please go to www.aeonim.co.za

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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.