

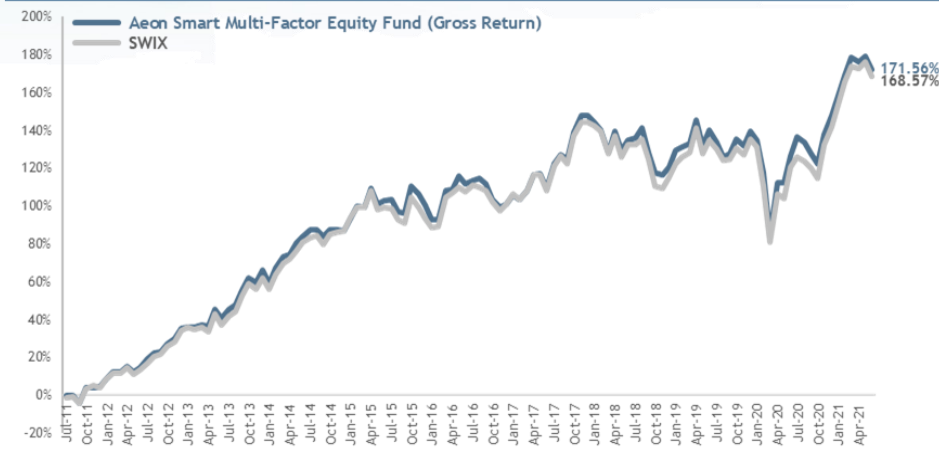
# Aeon Smart Multi-Factor Equity Fund

Fund information as at 30 June 2021



## Fund Performance

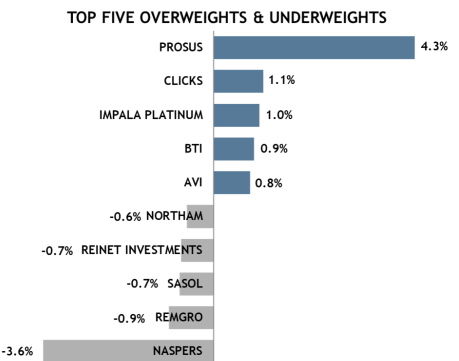
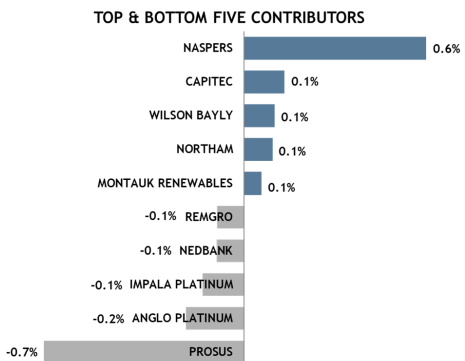
Cumulative Performance - since inception - Gross Return



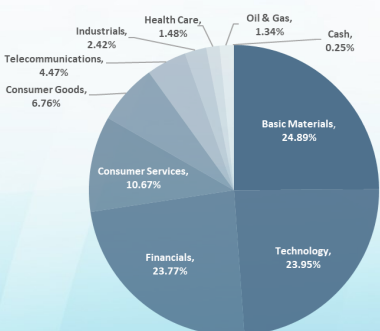
Monthly - Gross Return	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2016 Fund	-3.74%	-0.19%	8.09%	0.31%	3.24%	-1.70%	0.70%	0.49%	-1.30%	-3.89%	-2.19%	0.97%	0.23%
2016 Benchmark	-2.31%	0.06%	8.32%	1.25%	1.34%	-1.27%	1.88%	-0.66%	-0.89%	-2.81%	-2.35%	1.98%	4.13%
2017 Fund	2.47%	-1.09%	2.28%	3.91%	0.33%	-3.72%	6.34%	2.20%	-1.03%	6.35%	3.68%	-0.14%	23.24%
2017 Benchmark	2.57%	-1.49%	2.24%	4.06%	-0.07%	-3.83%	6.34%	2.42%	-1.73%	6.51%	3.09%	-0.16%	21.21%
2018 Fund	-1.24%	-1.85%	-4.76%	4.89%	-4.21%	2.34%	0.41%	2.16%	-5.32%	-4.56%	-0.69%	2.08%	-10.81%
2018 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	3.95%	0.71%	0.81%	5.26%	-5.53%	3.63%	-2.73%	-3.41%	0.99%	3.27%	-1.48%	3.40%	8.55%
2019 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	-2.16%	-7.22%	-15.29%	15.28%	-0.09%	6.78%	4.30%	-1.11%	-2.71%	-2.19%	6.95%	4.13%	3.38%
2020 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	4.42%	4.05%	3.45%	-0.85%	1.17%	-2.70%							9.70%
2021 Benchmark	4.97%	4.61%	3.16%	-0.31%	1.31%	-2.79%							11.21%

Performance Summary - Gross Return	Fund	Benchmark	Active Return
1 month	-2.70%	-2.79%	0.09%
3 month	-2.40%	-1.83%	-0.57%
6 month	9.70%	11.21%	-1.51%
Year to date	9.70%	11.21%	-1.51%
1 Year	19.90%	21.82%	-1.92%
3 Year (annualised)	4.98%	5.00%	-0.03%
5 Year (annualised)	5.11%	5.33%	-0.22%
7 Year (annualised)	5.75%	5.84%	-0.09%
10 Year (annualised)	10.51%	10.38%	0.12%
Since Inception (cumulative)	171.56%	168.57%	2.99%
Since Inception (annualised)	10.51%	10.38%	0.12%

## Fund Holdings (for the quarter as at 30 June 2021)



## Sector Allocation



## Top Ten Holdings (%)

Naspers	18.18
Prosus	5.76
FirstRand	5.25
Anglo American	5.06
Impala Platinum	3.99
Capitec Bank	3.32
British American Tobacco	3.25
MTN	2.94
Standard Bank	2.45
Sibanye Stillwater	2.42

## Fund Description

Aeon Investment Management's Smart Multi-Factor Equity 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 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 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.

## Fund Managers



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## Fund Information

**Benchmark:** SWIX  
**Inception date:** 1 July 2011  
**Fund size:** R 232.76 million  
**Investment horizon:** Five years plus  
**Classification:** South African - Equity - General  
**Asset Allocation:** 99.7% Equity and 0.3% Cash

## Risk Profile

Conservative	Moderate	Aggressive

- 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

**Institutional clients have the option of a flat fee or performance fee structure:**

- **Flat Fee:** 0.35% p.a. plus VAT.
- **Performance Fee:** Base fee of 0.25% p.a. plus VAT, plus Outperformance fee share participation rate of 20%. Out-performance capped at 300 bps based on a rolling three-year performance period.

## Administration

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# AEON Smart Multi-Factor Equity Fund

Fund information as at 30 June 2021



## Fund Performance Review & Market Commentary

The Aeon Smart Multi-Factor Equity Fund underperformed its benchmark by 57 bps for the second quarter of 2021 and is underperforming its benchmark by 192 bps annualised over a one-year period.

An underweight position in Naspers and an overweight position in Capitec were the main positive contributors to return for the second quarter of 2021. Overweight positions in Prosus and Anglo American Platinum were the main detractors. The benchmark equity index was down 1.83% for the second quarter of 2021.

At Aeon Investment Management we continue to make every effort to ensure client performance exceeds investor expectations, however, we anticipate a temporary drop in the rolling performance in the near term as positive alpha periods fall off the measured periods. The rolling period's fund performance is anticipated to lag the benchmark and peers in the short term.

The quarter ended June saw global equity markets strongly positive following positive sentiment over the rollout of vaccines in multiple countries, and improved economic and earnings data. Despite the continued increase in the number of global Covid-19 cases, market participants are seeing through this, and are now more optimistic about the recovery of the world's economy as vaccine deployment and acceptance continues to improve. Markets were further buoyed with the easing of restrictions in some European countries, the continued rise in commodity prices due to higher demand, and improved consumer and PMI data releases in the US. On the negative side, new Covid-19 infection 'variants' have continued to increase with the Delta variant the most pervasive, and some renewed lockdown measures having been reintroduced. Investor sentiment was, however, unperturbed and boosted by the release of minutes from the Fed's monetary policy meeting which showed that the Fed's policy is to remain accommodative. The situation remains fluid and market volatility is expected to remain. The sector that fared best for the quarter ended June was Consumer Discretionary led by Richemont, Mr Price and TFG. Resources was the weakest sector for the quarter, led by Anglo American Platinum, Impala Platinum and AngloGold Ashanti as some investors banked recent gains.

Globally, central banks and governments have continued to be accommodative as a reactionary measure to tackle the pandemic. An already low interest rate environment has left authorities with limited intervention capabilities. The Fed previously announced that it will be targeting average inflation of 2% going forward meaning that US interest rates could remain lower for longer. However, due to progress made on the vaccination front, the committee indicated that it now expects a faster rate of monetary policy tightening with 2 rate hikes likely in 2023. Inflation concerns were toned down following the release of the US' CPI report which showed that inflation had increased to a 13 year high of 5% year on year in May which was largely driven by sectors of the economy that had been boosted by the easing of lockdown restrictions. This supported the Fed's view that inflation would not be persistent, and that monetary policy would remain accommodative for some time. Biden unveiled his budget for the 2022 financial year which contained plans to increase spending on infrastructure as well as social programs, while being funded by tax hikes on companies and high-income earners. Investors are finding this news flow positive for trade which should bode well for business and company earnings through the recovery process. However, business uncertainty and poor forecast visibility will remain until economies fully reopen, and sporadic lockdown restrictions have ended.

Locally, the domestic environment took cues from global markets with global Dollar weakness benefiting local industry. SA is now experiencing a 3rd wave of Covid-19 infections with Gauteng being the most affected province. Lockdown restrictions have now been tightened to alert level 3 with the night-time curfew extended, while restrictions have been imposed on alcohol sales and public gatherings. Local sentiment has continued to be negative as the country faces economic growth obstacles. South Africa's fiscal position remains constrained through poor policy decisions, and ineffective implementation by government. Financial conditions may be difficult for South Africa in the years ahead with consumer spend also anticipated to be muted. The pandemic remains a key focus with state funds allocated to the purchase and distribution of vaccines. This is an important task for government and all eyes are on the implementation rollout. On the positive end, government sold a 51% stake in SAA to the Takatso Consortium which will hopefully relieve pressure on the state's finances.

Looking forward, growth expectations for the local economy seem to be dependent on a strong recovery in global growth, improving confidence, positive local government action, and Covid-19 containment measures. Astute stock picking with our Growth at Reasonable Price (GARP) philosophy that delivers superior value through the cycle and a focus on companies whose cash flows support earnings is expected to stand us in good stead moving forward.

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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.

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

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