

# Aeon Smart Multi-Factor Equity Prescient Fund

Class A1

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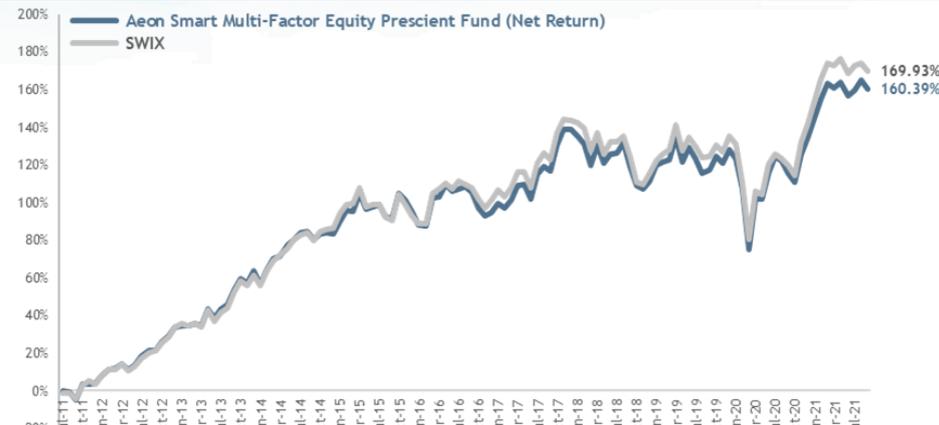
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## Fund Performance

Cumulative Performance - since inception - Net Return

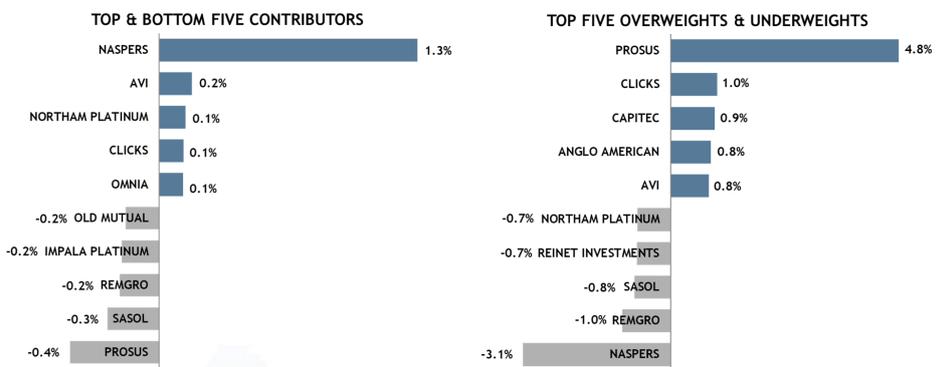


Monthly - Net Return	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
<b>2016</b>													
Fund	-3.78%	-0.23%	8.04%	0.26%	3.19%	-1.75%	0.65%	0.44%	-1.34%	-3.94%	-2.23%	0.92%	-0.34%
Benchmark	-2.31%	0.06%	8.32%	1.25%	1.34%	-1.27%	1.88%	-0.66%	-0.89%	-2.81%	-2.35%	1.98%	4.13%
<b>2017</b>													
Fund	2.42%	-1.14%	2.23%	3.86%	0.28%	-3.77%	6.29%	2.16%	-1.08%	6.30%	3.63%	-0.18%	22.55%
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%
<b>2018</b>													
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%
<b>2019</b>													
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%
<b>2020</b>													
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%
<b>2021</b>													
Fund	4.38%	4.00%	3.40%	-0.90%	1.12%	-2.75%	1.16%	2.09%	-1.73%				11.02%
Benchmark	4.97%	4.61%	3.16%	-0.31%	1.31%	-2.79%	1.59%	0.38%	-1.44%				11.78%

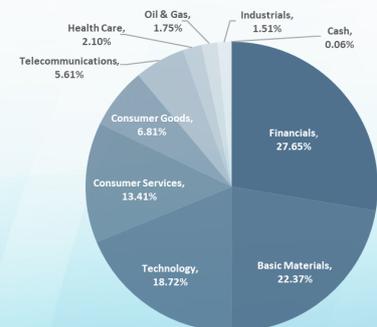
Performance Summary - Net Return	Fund	Benchmark	Active Return
1 month	-1.73%	-1.44%	-0.29%
3 month	1.48%	0.51%	0.98%
6 month	-1.10%	-1.33%	0.23%
Year to date	11.02%	11.78%	-0.76%
1 Year	20.76%	22.85%	-2.09%
3 Year (annualised)	5.97%	6.38%	-0.41%
5 Year (annualised)	4.87%	5.37%	-0.50%
7 Year (annualised)	5.40%	5.99%	-0.59%
10 Year (annualised)	10.58%	10.92%	-0.34%
Since Inception (cumulative)	160.39%	169.93%	-9.54%
Since Inception (annualised)	9.79%	10.17%	-0.39%

Net Return:	Highest Rolling One Year Return	Lowest Rolling One Year Return
Last 12 months:	50.26%	9.70%
Since Inception:	50.26%	-21.36%

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



## Sector Allocation



## Top Ten Holdings (%)

Naspers	10.84
Prosus	7.88
Firststrand	5.87
Anglo American	5.00
MTN Group	3.97
Capitec Bank	3.51
Standard Bank	3.22
British American Tobacco	3.15
Impala Platinum	2.82
Bid Corporation	2.26

## 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



Asief Mohamed  
Chief Investment Officer



Jay Vomacka  
Senior Portfolio Manager

## Fund Information

**Benchmark:** SWIX

**Inception date:** 1 July 2011

**Fund size:** R 237.78 million

**Number of Units for Class A1:** 247 286

**Price (net asset value per unit for Class A1):** 196.22 cpu

**Investment horizon:** Five years plus

**Classification:** South African - Equity - General

**Asset Allocation:**

	30-Sep-21	30-Jun-21
Equity	99.9	99.8
Cash	0.1	0.3
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 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

**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-2021):**

TER - Retail: 0.62%

Fund Class	Retail (%)
Management Fee (excl. VAT)	0.50
Performance Fee	-
Other Fees*	0.12
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	<b>0.62</b>
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.10
<b>Total Investment Charge (TIC)</b>	<b>0.72</b>

**Income distribution:** Annually (March)

2021 cpu of 4.72 (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 98 bps on a net return basis for the third quarter of 2021 and is underperforming its benchmark by 209 bps over a one-year period.

An underweight position in Naspers and an overweight position in AVI were the main positive contributors to return for the third quarter of 2021. An overweight position in Prosus and an underweight position in Sasol were the main detractors. The benchmark equity index was up 0.51% for the third 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 September saw global equity markets mixed following the turmoil in Afghanistan, the Chinese authorities' technology sector crackdown, the continued increase in Covid-19 cases of the Delta variant, as well as fears that the Fed's tapering might come sooner than expected. We are more optimistic about the recovery of the world's economy as vaccine deployment and acceptance continues to improve. Market sentiment was boosted by Fed Chair Powell's speech at the Jackson Hole policy symposium, in which he indicated that though the Fed could start reducing its bond purchase program later this year, interest rate increases would not be imminent. The sector that fared best for the quarter ended September was Healthcare led by index heavyweight Aspen. Resources was the weakest sector for the quarter led by Impala, BHP and Sibanye as softer commodity prices weighed on the sector.

Globally, central banks and governments have continued to be accommodative as a reactionary measure to tackle the pandemic. 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. Sentiment was buoyed when the US Senate passed the new \$1-trillion infrastructure spending bill. In China, the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) released multiple draft proposals focussed on limiting unfair competition in the technology sector. It also passed the Personal Information Protection law which imposes restrictions on how companies handle user data. Because of this, technology companies were under pressure throughout the quarter. This was reflected locally in the Naspers Prosus group. Globally, investors are finding countries' gradual re-openings positive, 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. Investors are also keenly monitoring a slowdown in China's economic growth rate as well as global inflation as indicators of slowing global growth into the new year.

Locally, the country is still reeling from the violent riots which resulted in the looting of many stores, destruction of properties and the death of over 350 people. The army had to be deployed to assist the police in restoring stability. 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 spending also anticipated to be muted. The pandemic remains a key focus with state funds allocated to the purchase and distribution of vaccines.

Looking forward, growth expectations for the local economy seem to be dependent on global growth, improving confidence, positive local government action, and Covid-19 containment measures. There have begun some positive surprises in the economy which have been welcomed. 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.

**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.