

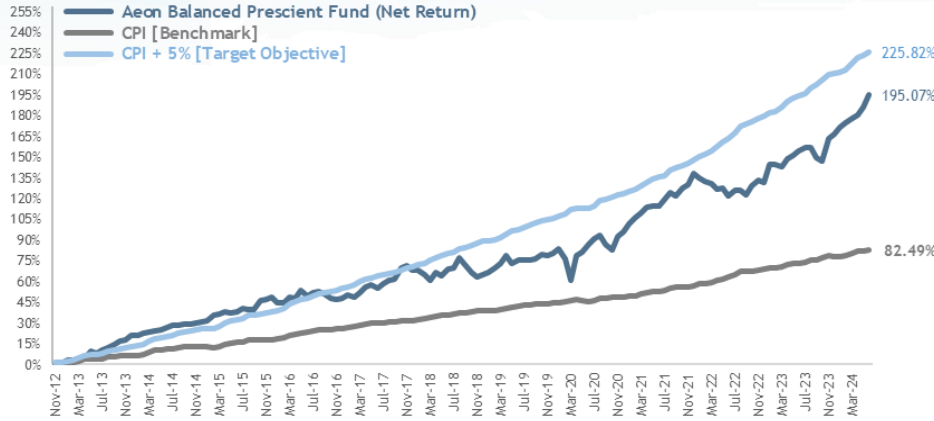
# Aeon Balanced Prescient Fund

Class A2  
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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
2019 Fund	1.08%	1.74%	2.22%	3.36%	-3.56%	1.65%	-0.27%	0.11%	0.44%	2.12%	-0.79%	0.94%	9.24%
2019 Benchmark	-0.20%	-0.20%	0.80%	0.80%	0.60%	0.30%	0.40%	0.40%	0.30%	0.30%	0.00%	0.10%	3.65%
2019 Target Objective	0.22%	0.22%	1.22%	1.22%	1.02%	0.72%	0.82%	0.82%	0.72%	0.72%	0.42%	0.52%	8.94%
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%
2020 Target Objective	0.72%	0.72%	1.42%	0.72%	-0.08%	-0.18%	0.92%	1.72%	0.62%	0.62%	0.72%	0.42%	8.61%
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%	0.10%	0.10%	0.20%	1.10%	0.40%	0.20%	0.20%	0.50%	5.43%
2021 Target Objective	0.62%	0.72%	1.12%	1.12%	1.12%	0.52%	0.62%	1.52%	0.82%	0.62%	0.62%	0.92%	10.79%
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%	0.70%	0.70%	1.10%	1.50%	0.20%	0.10%	0.40%	0.30%	7.54%
2022 Target Objective	1.02%	0.62%	1.02%	1.42%	1.02%	1.12%	1.52%	1.92%	0.62%	0.52%	0.82%	0.72%	13.01%
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%
2023 Target Objective	0.82%	0.32%	1.12%	1.42%	0.82%	0.62%	0.62%	1.32%	0.72%	1.02%	1.32%	0.32%	10.90%
2024 Fund	1.76%	1.21%	1.04%	0.97%	1.92%	3.24%							10.57%
2024 Benchmark	0.00%	0.10%	1.00%	0.80%	0.30%	0.20%							2.42%
2024 Target Objective	0.42%	0.52%	1.42%	1.22%	0.72%	0.62%							5.00%

\* Benchmark return lags by one month.

Performance Summary - Net Return	Fund	Benchmark	Target Objective
1 month	3.24%	0.20%	0.62%
3 months	6.25%	1.30%	2.57%
6 months	10.57%	2.42%	5.00%
Year to date	10.57%	2.42%	5.00%
1 Year	15.97%	5.32%	10.68%
3 Years (annualised)	11.16%	6.05%	11.45%
5 Years (annualised)	10.95%	5.15%	10.50%
7 Years (annualised)	9.66%	4.97%	10.32%
10 Years (annualised)	8.81%	5.12%	10.47%
Since Inception (cumulative)	195.07%	82.49%	225.82%
Since Inception (annualised)	9.72%	5.29%	10.65%

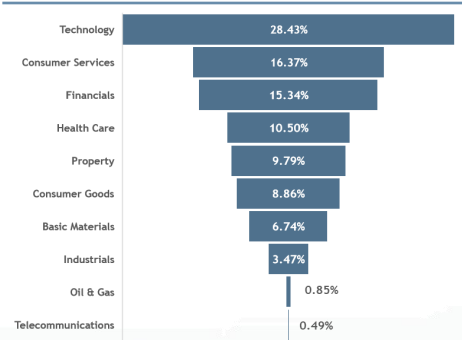
Net Return:	Highest Rolling One Year Return	Lowest Rolling One Year Return
Last 12 months:	15.97%	7.92%
Since Inception:	30.21%	-7.05%

## Fund Holdings (as of 30 June 2024)

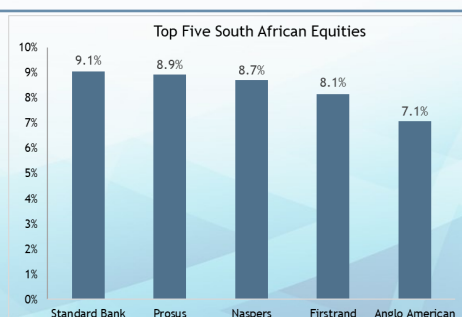
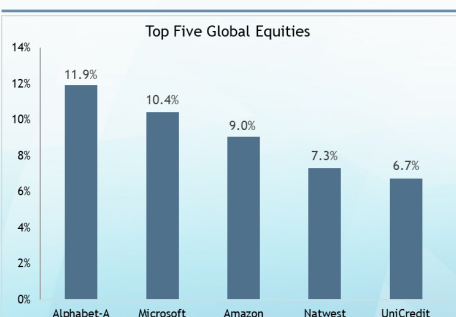
### Asset Allocation

	30-Jun-24	31-Mar-24
Equities	50.7%	53.6%
Cash	7.7%	6.3%
Fixed Income	36.0%	34.3%
Property	5.5%	5.8%
	100.0%	100.0%
Local Equities	12.7%	14.0%
Foreign Equities	38.1%	39.6%
Local Cash	7.3%	6.1%
Foreign Cash	0.4%	0.2%
Local Fixed Income	34.3%	32.3%
Foreign Fixed Income	1.8%	2.0%
Local Property	4.0%	4.2%
Foreign Property	1.5%	1.6%
	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



Asief Mohamed  
Chief Investment Officer



Jay Vomacka  
Senior Portfolio Manager

## Fund Information

**Benchmark:** CPI  
**Target Objective:** CPI +5%  
**Inception date:** 1 November 2012  
**Fund size:** R 351.50 million  
**Number of Units for Class A2:** 73 441 759  
**Price (net asset value per unit for Class A2):** 196.76 cpu  
**Investment horizon:** Five years plus  
**Classification:** South African - Multi Asset - Medium Equity  
**Regulation 28 compliant:** Yes

## Risk Profile

Conservative  Moderate  Aggressive

- These portfolios generally hold more equity exposure than low risk portfolios but less than high risk portfolios.
- In turn the expected volatility is higher than low risk portfolios, but less than high risk portfolios.
- The probability of losses are higher than that of the low risk portfolios, but less than high risk portfolio.
- 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.

## 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 (31-Mar-2024):**  
TER - Retail: 0.65%

Fund Class	Retail (%)
Management Fee (excl. VAT)	0.50
Performance Fee	-
Other Fees*	0.15
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	<b>0.65</b>
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.23
<b>Total Investment Charge (TIC)</b>	<b>0.88</b>

**Income distribution:** Annually (March)  
2024 cpu of 8.60 (retail)

## Administration

**Fund auditor:** Ernst & Young Incorporated  
**Fund trustees & custodian:** Nedbank Investor Services  
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## Fund Performance Review & Market Commentary

The Aeon Balanced Prescient Fund was up by 6.25% on a net return basis for the second quarter of 2024 and is up by 15.97% over a one-year period.

The second quarter of this year was generally positive for equities. The US delivered positive returns, driven by the "magnificent seven" and the AI boom. The optimism in the US continues to be fuelled by the growing anticipation of a 'soft landing' and a possible rate cut in September by the US central bank. In Europe, the central bank initiated a 25bps rate cut in June, making it one of the first major reserve banks to cut in this cycle. Locally, the Financial sector emerged as the top performer, led by the JSE, Capitec, and Coronation, while Resources experienced some weakness, driven by Goldfields, Sibanye Stillwater, and Sasol.

The data from the US has been mixed, with inflation printing above market expectations and GDP numbers printing below expectations at 1.4% for the first quarter. Nonetheless, this data has not stopped the S&P 500 from reaching new highs during the quarter. In the UK, the equity market reached record highs as the economy reported higher-than-expected GDP of 0.7%, boosting confidence. In the rest of Europe, stocks generally reported flat to negative returns despite the rate cut.

Locally, the GDP figures for the first quarter of 2024 revealed that the economy underperformed, growing a mere 0.1%. The disappointing performance was attributed to supply-side issues. The Reserve Bank kept interest rates unchanged in their last meeting, at 15-year highs, in line with market expectations, and emphasized their need to see inflation decrease towards its 4.5% target.

In the May elections, the ruling party, the ANC, failed to win an absolute majority for the first time since the dawn of democracy in 1994. This led to the formation of an unprecedented Government of National Unity (GNU) comprising various political parties. This announcement drove a rally in South African centric shares. However, the GNU does not come without risks and the GNU will be monitored closely.

As part of showcasing our portfolio, we aim to provide you with insight into our portfolio counters. This quarter, we highlight a new portfolio counter, Shoprite Holdings Ltd (SHP). SHP is Africa's largest food retailer, with a significant presence across the continent and a strong market share in South Africa. Shoprite's commitment to providing low prices and quality products has solidified its reputation as a leading retailer. SHP has recently implemented several strategic initiatives and investment in digital transformation is expected to lead to increased operational efficiencies, improved profit margins, and greater market reach. Despite the challenging macroeconomic environment, Shoprite has demonstrated resilience with robust revenue growth and consistent market share gains. The company's strong balance sheet and disciplined capital allocation strategy have enabled it to navigate economic headwinds effectively. Furthermore, Shoprite's focus on cost containment and operational efficiency has contributed to its ability to deliver solid financial performance. The continued urbanization and rising middle class in Africa present significant growth opportunities for SHP. As disposable incomes increase, consumer spending on food and household goods is expected to rise, benefiting Shoprite's extensive retail network. The company's strategic expansion into underpenetrated markets and investment in infrastructure development further support its growth trajectory. We are optimistic about Shoprite's future prospects and believe that its strong market position, operational excellence, and strategic initiatives will drive sustained 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.

## 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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