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# Selected for CDP Climate Change A-List

Achieved the highest rating for six consecutive years



AEON has received consistent recognition from CDP, a non-profit organization specializing in international environmental research and information disclosure. The company has achieved the highest rating, the A-list, for six consecutive years, acknowledging its commitment to reducing emissions, addressing climate change risks, and promoting a low-carbon economy.

CDP's annual environmental disclosures are widely recognized as the global standard for corporate environmental transparency. In 2024, over 700 financial institutions, managing assets exceeding USD 142 trillion, requested environmental disclosures through CDP's platform. A total of more than 24,800 companies worldwide responded to the current survey. Ratings are assigned on an 8-point scale ranging from 'A' to 'D-' and are utilized by institutional investors to guide investment decisions.

## **AEON's Initiatives on Climate Change (Examples)**

#### Declared the "AEON Manifesto on the Prevention of Global Warming" in 2008

AEON became the first Japanese retailer to establish specific CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets with the announcement of the "AEON Manifesto on the Prevention of Global Warming." The company achieved its target one year ahead of schedule in 2011. AEON then launched the "Next-Generation Eco Stores (Smart AEON)" initiative, further advancing its eco-store efforts. While pioneering environmentally and socially responsible store development, AEON has also promoted the "AEON Eco Project," driving sustainable management that balances corporate growth with social progress.

# > Announced the "AEON Decarbonization Vision" in 2018

Aiming to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions across the entire value chain, AEON is working together with all stakeholders involved, including customers, product manufacturers, and logistics partners, to promote a decarbonized society.

# > Achieved the interim target set in the "AEON Decarbonization Vision" seven years ahead of schedule in 2023

By the end of fiscal year 2023, AEON's renewable energy supply in its domestic operations reached 3.855 million kWh, equivalent to approximately 55% of the electricity used in AEON's domestic stores, achieving the interim target set in the AEON Decarbonization Vision for 2030, seven years ahead of schedule.

AEON will continue to make group-wide efforts to realize a decarbonized society by advancing various climate and nature-related initiatives throughout its entire supply chain.

#### Reference:

#### Disclosures Based on the TNFD / TCFD Recommendations

#### **Nature-related Strategies**

#### Scenario Analysis to Meet the 1.5°C Target

AEON's business activities are supported by product procurement and store operation activities. Climate-related issues are primarily issues of how to visualize and reduce the impact of greenhouse gases generated at the procurement or store stages. It is therefore important how decarbonization measures are incorporated into company systems and requires the consideration of strategies that balance transition risks and physical risks, which have a trade-off relationship. To implement this approach, we take into account various information obtained from expert sectors with a focus on reports by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), perform an analysis of scenarios leading to 1.5°C and 4°C worlds, and make various modifications to the variables within those scenarios to ascertain climate-related transition risks, physical risks, and opportunities.

## - Scope of Climate-related Risks and Opportunities

All AEON group companies in Japan and overseas come under the scope of climate-related risks and opportunities. From a risk management perspective, companies and suppliers that make up the supply chain are also included. Here, we identified the risks and opportunities organized through scenario analyses performed within that scope.

#### Climate-related Significant Financial and Strategic Impact

Direct loss: When the expected maximum damage caused by climate-related events, such as disasters, that result in the destruction of store facilities or damage to product inventory, exceeds 1% of operating profit, it is said to have a "significant financial and strategic impact."

Indirect loss: When the expected duration of interruption to business operations and activities due to store closures or disruptions in the logistics network of business is approximately one week, it is said to have a "significant financial and strategic impact."

Based on the above definitions, we have estimated some of the financial risks that climate-related issues have on actual store operations.

#### **AEON Decarbonization Vision**

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