

Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund

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Fund Profile - 31 December 2021

Australian Ethical is one of Australia's leading ethical fund managers. By investing responsibly in well-managed ethical companies, we deliver competitive financial performance to our clients and positive change to society and the environment. Since our inception in 1986, our Ethical Charter has guided all investment decisions and underpinned our business practices. Every year 10 per cent of our profits* are distributed to charitable organisations and social impact initiatives through The Australian Ethical Foundation.

Investment objective

To provide long-term growth focusing on Australian companies that meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily

Buy/Sell spread: 0.15%/0.15%

Fund facts

Fund size: \$223.45m

Benchmark: S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation

Asset class: Equity

Inception date: 19/09/1994

Minimum investment timeframe: 7 Years

Risk level: Very high

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Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00028

APIR code: AUG0002AU

Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

Fees

Management costs - PDS: 1.69%

Minimum initial investment: \$1,000
\$500 with a Regular investor plan

Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.03%

A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

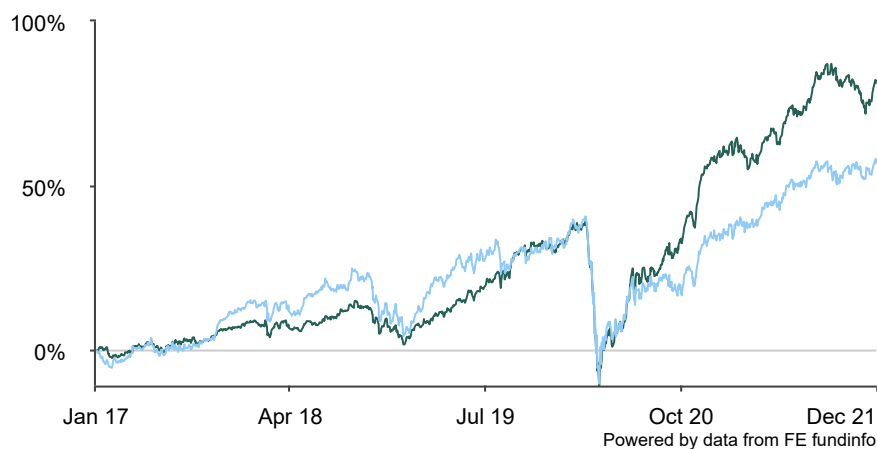
*(after tax, before bonus expense)

**The Benchmark was the composite S&P/ASX Small Industrials Accumulation Index from inception until 12 August 2019 and the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index thereafter.

Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified share portfolio of companies predominately listed on the ASX and selected on the basis of their social, environmental and financial credentials. The Fund utilises an active stock-picking management style with stocks generally selected for growth rather than income, with a bias towards smaller capitalisation stocks listed on the ASX. All stocks are chosen on the basis of relative value where we deem the risks are being adequately priced.

Cumulative performance (as at 31/12/2021)



■ Australian Ethical Australian Shares
■ Benchmark

Performance (as at 31/12/2021)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	3.0%	-1.1%	5.0%	14.2%	20.3%	12.7%	14.6%	10.6%
Benchmark	2.7%	2.2%	4.0%	17.5%	13.6%	9.6%	11.2%	7.6%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2021)

	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018	CY2017
Fund	14.2%	19.9%	27.0%	-4.1%	9.0%
Benchmark	17.5%	1.7%	22.5%	-6.5%	15.7%

Source: FE fundinfo.

Total returns are calculated using the sell (exit) price, net of management fees and gross of tax as if distributions of income have been reinvested at the actual distribution reinvestment price. The actual returns received by an investor will depend on the timing, buy and exit prices of individual transactions. Return of capital and the performance of your investment in the fund are not guaranteed. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Figures showing a period of less than one year have not been adjusted to show an annual total return. Figures for periods of greater than one year are on a per annum compound basis. The current benchmark may not have been the benchmark over all periods shown in the above chart and tables. The calculation of the benchmark performance links the performance of previous benchmarks and the current benchmark over the relevant time periods.

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Top 10

MACQUARIE TELECOM GROUP LTD ORD F/PD DS	4.6%
HEALIUS LTD	3.9%
BANK OF QUEENSLAND LIMITED	3.5%
MIRVAC GROUP STAPLED SECURITIES	3.1%
SUNCORP GROUP LIMITED	3.0%
CONTACT ENERGY LTD	2.8%
WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION ORD F/PD SHARES	2.8%
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	2.7%
GENWORTH MORTGAGE INSURANCE	2.7%
BENDIGO AND ADELAIDE BANK LIMITED	2.6%

Ratings and awards

RIAA

Certification:



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Why invest ethically?

Portfolio diversification: Diversify your portfolio by investing in companies and sectors not well covered by other fund managers and brokers. **Help build a better world:** Invest in the new, low - carbon economy, fund medical and technology breakthroughs, efficient transport and more.

Promote human rights: We strive to avoid any investment in companies involved in the poor treatment of asylum seekers or the exploitation of workers through poor working conditions.

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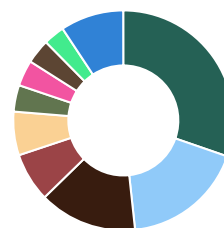
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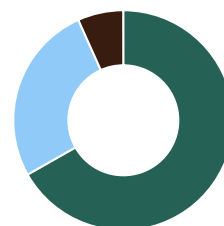
Sector allocation

Financials	30.3%
Health Care	18.0%
Information Technology	14.4%
Communication Services	7.2%
Utilities	6.4%
Industrials	3.9%
Consumer Discretionary	3.8%
Real Estate	3.6%
Materials	3.1%
Other	9.3%



Asset allocation

Australian & NZ Small Cap	66.8%
Australian & NZ Large Cap	26.5%
Cash	6.7%



Commentary

The number one issue global investors are grappling with is the emergence of supply chain driven inflation. This inflation is driving future interest rate expectations up. Soft and hard commodity owners are beneficiaries in an inflationary environment as commodity prices tend to keep pace with inflation while high growth companies, particularly those in the earlier stage of commercialisation, are getting penalised by investors through the discounting of their earnings by a higher rate and through the fact significant earnings are still several years off. We attribute our underperformance to global inflationary concerns.

The Australian Shares Fund underperformed its benchmark over the quarter: -1.1% vs +2.2% (Wholesale -1.0 vs +2.2%). The underperformance is attributed to small companies underperforming large companies in this quarter and the Funds significant underweight in materials, with mining companies performing very strongly.

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