

Australian Ethical Balanced Fund

Fund Profile - 30 September 2023

Australian
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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 investors with a balance between capital growth and a moderate level of income through a diversified portfolio of assets that supports the Australian Ethical Charter.

Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily

Buy/Sell spread: 0.10%/0.10%

Fund facts

Fund size: \$92.67m

Benchmark: Australian Ethical Balanced Composite

Asset class: Mixed Asset

Inception date: 16/10/1989

Minimum investment timeframe: 5 years

Risk level: Medium-High

Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00010

APIR code: AUG0001AU

Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

Fees

Management costs - PDS: 1.52%

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

Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.02%

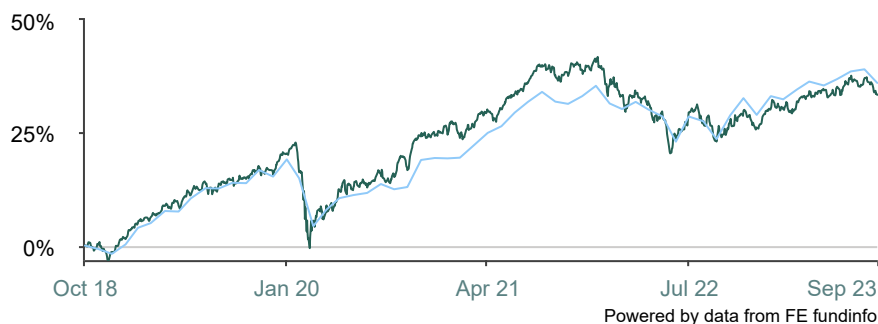
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(after tax, before bonus expense)

Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified portfolio of asset types and markets to reduce the volatility of returns. Asset classes include Australian and international shares, property and fixed income securities.

Cumulative performance (as at 30/09/2023)



■ Australian Ethical Balanced

■ Benchmark

Performance (as at 30/09/2023)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	-2.7%	-1.4%	1.1%	8.4%	5.0%	5.2%	6.2%	6.5%
Benchmark	-2.2%	-0.6%	1.1%	10.1%	6.5%	5.7%	7.1%	7.2%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2022)

	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018
Fund	-10.3%	13.2%	7.5%	17.3%	-0.8%
Benchmark	-4.8%	13.4%	3.6%	17.4%	1.2%

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

DEXUS HEALTHCARE PROPERTY FUND ORDINARY UNITS	4.0%
INVESTA PROPERTY GROUP	2.7%
BALANCED TM	1.5%
APPLE INC	1.5%
MICROSOFT CORP	1.2%
U/K REPO FV 33-1M US TREAS 2-25 0541 MTY 02/10/23	0.9%
WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION ORD F/PD SHARES	0.9%
DEXUS WHOLESALE PROPERTY FUND	0.9%
U/K REPO FV 31-7M US TREAS 2-375 1149 MTY 03/10/23	0.8%
ALPHABET INC-CL A	0.8%

Ratings and awards

RIAA

Certification:



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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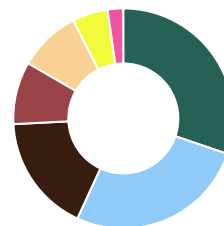
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Asset allocation

Australian & NZ Shares	30.2%
International Shares	26.6%
Australian Fixed Interest	17.3%
Property	9.2%
International Fixed Interest	9.1%
Alternative Assets	5.2%
Cash, FRN's and short duration fixed interest	2.3%



Commentary

Both equity and bond markets fell over the quarter. Underpinning these declines was a move higher in the yield curve, with the US 10-year government bond yield increasing 76bps, exceeding 15 year highs. With inflation remaining stubbornly above the Fed's target of 2-3%, unemployment still below 4% and the oil price on the rise again, markets are repositioning for rates to remain relatively high compared to recent history over the longer term.

The Balanced Fund (Wholesale) (the 'Fund') fell 1.2% net of fees in the quarter ended 30 September 2023, underperforming its benchmark which fell 0.6%. The Balanced Fund (Retail) fell 1.3% net of fees in the quarter, also underperforming the benchmark. This was driven by decline in values across traditional asset classes. Both domestic and international equity markets fell, with our equity portfolios respectively returning -2.2% against the S&P/ASX 200 return of -0.8%, and -0.4% against the MSCI World ex Australia Index return of -0.43%. With the rise in bond yields, our domestic and international fixed income exposures also fell -0.3% and -2.1% respectively.

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