

Australian Ethical Balanced Fund (Wholesale)

Fund Profile - 30 September 2022

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: 0.05%/0.05%

Fund facts

Fund size: \$246.61m

Benchmark: Australian Ethical Balanced Composite

Asset class: Mixed Asset

Inception date: 28/03/2018

Minimum investment timeframe: 5 years

Risk level: Medium-High

Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00176

APIR code: AUG0017AU

Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

Fees

Management costs - PDS: 0.76%

Minimum initial investment: \$25,000 minimum in the Fund and \$200,000 investment across Australian Ethical's managed funds.

Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.02%

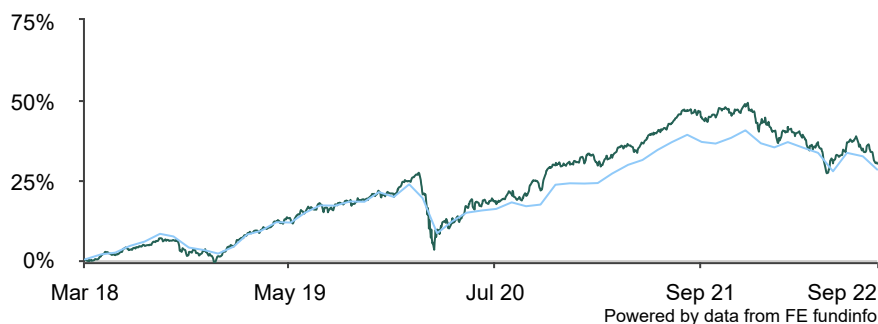
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(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 30/09/2022)



■ Australian Ethical Balanced

■ Benchmark

Performance (as at 30/09/2022)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	-3.5%	-0.1%	-7.7%	-10.1%	3.2%	-	-	6.0%
Benchmark	-3.2%	0.4%	-6.3%	-6.3%	2.7%	-	-	5.6%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2021)

	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018	CY2017
Fund	14.0%	8.5%	18.4%	-	-
Benchmark	13.4%	3.6%	17.4%	-	-

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	6.9%
INVESTA PROPERTY GROUP	4.6%
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT 2-25 SER153 21/11/2022	1.7%
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT 5-5 133 21/04/2023	1.2%
APPLE INC	1.2%
MICROSOFT CORP	1.0%
WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION ORD F/PD SHARES	0.8%
MORRISON & CO GROWTH INFRASTRUCTURE FUND - MGIF NO 2	0.7%
SUNCORP GROUP LIMITED	0.7%
ALPHABET INC-CL A	0.7%

Ratings and awards

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Certification:



Why invest ethically?

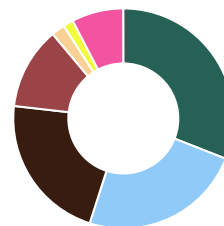
Portfolio diversification: Diversify your portfolio by investing in companies and sectors not well covered by other fund managers and brokers.
Help build a better world: Invest in the new, low-carbon economy, fund medical and technology breakthroughs, efficient transport and more.
Promote human rights: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

Australian & NZ Shares	31.0%
International Shares	24.0%
Australian Fixed Interest	21.9%
Property	12.1%
Alternative Assets	2.0%
International Fixed Interest	1.5%
Cash, FRN's and short duration fixed interest	7.6%



Commentary

The MSCI World ex AU index finished the quarter down 4.4% as pent-up demand, ongoing impacts from COVID-19, and the conflict in Ukraine continues to put pressure on inflation. In the US YoY CPI rose to 9.1% in August. In Australia June CPI rose to 6.1% YoY, the highest annual change in over 30 years. The global economy faces a bleak outlook, with Europe facing a looming energy crisis, most developed market Central Banks rapidly raising rates to tackle inflation, while in China the People's Bank of China has been loosening policy as its economy slows to its lowest rate of growth in decades, driven by an ongoing property crisis and continued lockdowns as part of its zero-COVID policy.

The Balanced Fund fell -0.2% (-0.1% Wholesale) in the quarter ended 30 September 2022, underperforming its benchmark which was up by 0.4%. Both the absolute and relative performance was driven by our international equities portfolio, which fell 2.3% against its MSCI World Index ex AU benchmark return of 0.3%. This was partially offset by positive absolute and relative performance in our domestic equities portfolio, which rose 1.3% against the benchmark, the S&P/ASX 200, return of 0.4%. The largest detractor was the Communication Services sector within the international equities portfolio, due to both underperformance and an overweight position in the sector. The largest contributor was the Materials sector in the domestic equities portfolio which appreciated 22.5%. Pilbara Minerals accounted for half of the total contribution, appreciated 99% over the quarter, benefiting from rising lithium prices, and positive sentiment around future demand for EVs and battery technology. Our fixed income holdings declined 0.6% over the quarter with the Australian Government 10-y bond yield closing 22bps higher at 3.88% after a volatile quarter, having slid under 3% in early August.

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