

Australian Ethical High Conviction Fund

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Fund ticker: AEAE
Fund Profile - 31 December 2022

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

The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth and income from focusing on a relatively concentrated portfolio of Australian and NZ companies that meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily
Buy/Sell spread: 0.20%/0.20%

Fund facts

Fund size: \$5.82m
Benchmark: S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation
Asset class: Equity
Inception date: 01/10/2021
Minimum investment timeframe: 7 to 10 Years
Risk level: Very High

Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG79196
APIR code: AUG7919AU

Distributions

Frequency: 2
Dates: 30/06, 30/12

Fees

Management costs - PDS: 0.80%
Performance fee: 15%
Minimum initial investment: \$25,000
No minimum applies for the AEAE ETF
Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.05%

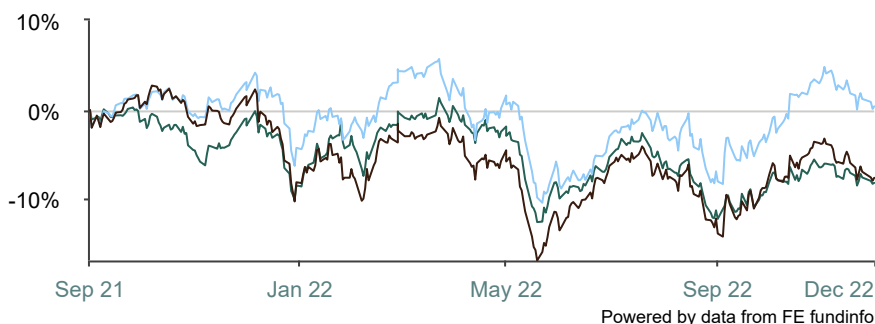
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(after tax, before bonus expense)

Investment strategy

The Fund primarily invests in a relatively concentrated share portfolio of companies predominately drawn from the S&P ASX 300 and selected on the basis of their social, environmental and financial credentials. The Fund utilises an active bottom up stock-picking and benchmark unaware management approach.

Cumulative performance (as at 31/12/2022)



- Australian Ethical High Conviction
- Australian Ethical S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation
- S&P/ASX 300 Industrials Acc.

Performance (as at 31/12/2022)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	-2.0%	4.6%	1.9%	-6.5%	-	-	-	-6.6%
Australian Ethical S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation	-3.3%	9.1%	9.6%	-1.8%	-	-	-	0.3%
S&P/ASX 300 Industrials Acc.	-4.0%	7.2%	6.8%	-8.0%	-	-	-	-6.1%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2022)

	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018
Fund	-6.5%	-	-	-	-
Australian Ethical S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation	-1.8%	-	-	-	-
S&P/ASX 300 Industrials Acc.	-8.0%	-	-	-	-

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

SUNCORP GROUP LIMITED	6.8%
WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION ORD F/PD SHARES	6.0%
CONTACT ENERGY LTD	5.8%
ANSELL LIMITED	5.1%
TELSTRA GROUP LIMITED	5.0%
QBE INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED	4.8%
HEALIUS LTD	4.7%
BANK OF QUEENSLAND LIMITED	4.6%
COLES GROUP LTD	4.5%
TPG TELECOM LTD TPM-VHA MERGED COMPANY DEFERRED DELIVERY	4.2%

Ratings and awards

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Certification:



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Why invest ethically?

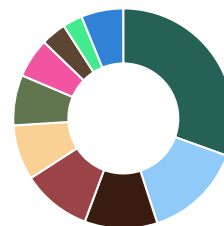
Portfolio diversification: Diversify your portfolio by investing in companies and sectors not well covered by other fund managers and brokers.
Help build a better world: Invest in the new, low-carbon economy, fund medical and technology breakthroughs, efficient transport and more.
Promote human rights: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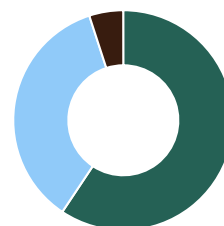
Sector allocation

Financials	30.5%
Health Care	14.5%
Communication Services	10.7%
Materials	10.2%
Industrials	8.1%
Consumer Staples	7.4%
Utilities	5.8%
Real Estate	3.7%
Consumer Discretionary	2.9%
Other	6.2%



Asset allocation

Australian & NZ Large Cap	59.3%
Australian & NZ Small Cap	35.6%
Cash	5.0%



Commentary

The High Conviction Fund gained 4.6% over the quarter, underperforming the S&P ASX 300 Benchmark which appreciated 9.1%. Strong gains in the materials sector, where the Fund has limited exposure, were a significant drag on performance relative to Benchmark. Other sectoral detractors included general industrials (overweight), communications (overweight) and information technology (overweight). The underweight to consumer discretionary added value. By stock, Downer and Healius both fell after providing negative trading updates, while Medibank was impacted by a significant cyber-attack, that caused it to withdraw its previous policyholder growth guidance. We maintain a positive longer-term view of all three companies which operate in typically economically defensive categories, despite the short term share price weakness. On the positive side, insurance names were strong contributors driven by Suncorp and QBE. G8 education also performed strongly following a trading update. Overall, the Fund is positioned relatively defensively and remains focused on more mature profitable companies with established business models.

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