

Australian Ethical International Shares Fund (Wholesale)

Australian Ethical



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

To provide long-term growth through investment in international companies which meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily

Buy/Sell spread: 0.05%/0.05%

Fund facts

Fund size: \$83.32m

Benchmark: Australian Ethical International Shares Composite

Asset class: Equity

Inception date: 30/06/2015

Minimum investment timeframe: 7 Years

Risk level: High

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Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00259

APIR code: AUG0025AU

Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

Fees

Management costs - PDS: 0.59%

Minimum initial investment: \$25,000

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)

**The Benchmark was the MSCI Global Climate index from inception to 1 July 2016 and is the MSCI World ex Australia index thereafter.

Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified portfolio of companies listed on international stock exchanges, which meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

Cumulative performance (as at 31/12/2022)



■ Australian Ethical International Shares
■ Composite Benchmark**

Performance (as at 31/12/2022)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	-5.7%	3.4%	0.9%	-16.1%	4.2%	7.4%	-	8.1%
Composite Benchmark**	-5.5%	3.9%	4.3%	-12.5%	6.2%	9.3%	-	9.2%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2022)

	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018
Fund	-16.1%	29.9%	3.9%	28.6%	-1.7%
Composite Benchmark**	-12.5%	29.6%	5.7%	28.0%	1.5%

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

APPLE INC	4.5%
MICROSOFT CORP	3.8%
ALPHABET INC-CL A	2.3%
MASTERCARD INC CLASS A	1.4%
MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORPORATION	1.3%
CHUBB LIMITED	1.3%
BROADCOM INC	1.1%
VISA INCORPORATED CLASS A SHARES	1.1%
PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC	1.1%
SUN LIFE FINANCIAL INC OF CANADA F/PAID ORD SHARES	1.1%

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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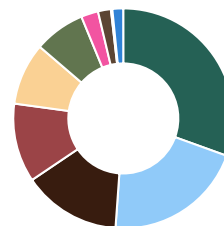
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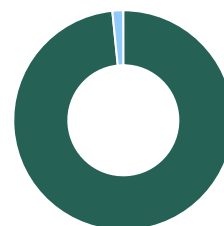
Sector allocation

Information Technology	30.5%
Financials	20.6%
Industrials	14.4%
Communication Services	11.6%
Real Estate	9.1%
Health Care	7.5%
Consumer Discretionary	2.5%
Utilities	1.9%
Consumer Staples	0.2%
Other	1.6%



Asset allocation

International Shares	98.4%
Cash	1.6%



Commentary

Global markets had a strong final quarter for 2022 after a volatile nine months, with the MSCI World index ex Australia rising 7.5% and the S&P ASX 300 rising 9.1%. Despite inflation remaining elevated, there were indications that prices could stabilize, as natural gas prices fell from a high of €340/MWh in August to pre-Ukraine levels near €70 by the end of the year. The US bond yield decreased dropping from 4.23% in October to 3.88% by the end of the year. The Australian bond market was more volatile, falling from 4.2% in October to 3.29% in December before finishing the year at 4.05%.

The International Shares Fund increased 3.3% (Wholesale 3.4%) over the December quarter versus its benchmark (MSCI ex Australia) which increased 3.9%, resulting in underperformance of -0.6% (Wholesale -0.5%). The global equities markets recovered from the previous quarter's underperformance, despite ongoing concerns of continuing interest rate hikes to curb inflation.

The sectors positively contributing to the Fund's performance were Financials and Communication Services. The Fund is overweight both sectors, but it was stock selection that was the main driver of performance.

The sectors which detracted from performance were Energy, Materials and Consumer Staples. These sectors outperformed over the quarter, however the Fund is substantially underweight all three sectors due to our ethical selection process. The high oil price due to the Ukraine war had the largest impact on the Fund for the quarter.

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