

Australian Ethical International Shares Fund (Wholesale)

Australian Ethical



Fund Profile - 31 December 2023

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 accompanied by high levels of risk through investment in overseas companies. The Fund aims to track MSCI World Index ex Australia (AUD) Net, before taking into account fees and expenses over a 3 year period.

Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily

Buy/Sell spread: 0.05%/0.05%

Fund facts

Fund size: \$104.80m

Benchmark: Australian Ethical International Shares Composite

Asset class: Equity

Inception date: 30/06/2015

Minimum investment timeframe: 7 Years

Risk level: High

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

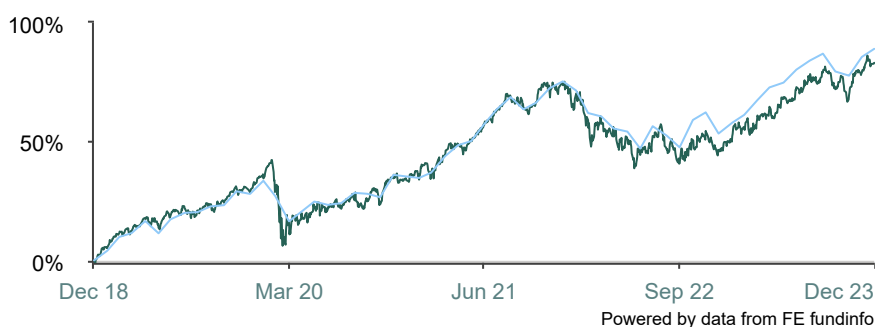
*(after tax, before bonus expense)

**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 31/12/2023)



■ Australian Ethical International Shares
■ Composite Benchmark**

Performance (as at 31/12/2023)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	2.3%	6.5%	5.9%	25.7%	11.1%	12.9%	-	10.0%
Composite Benchmark**	1.8%	5.3%	4.9%	23.2%	11.8%	13.6%	-	10.8%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2023)

	CY2023	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019
Fund	25.7%	-16.1%	29.9%	3.9%	28.6%
Composite Benchmark**	23.2%	-12.5%	29.6%	5.7%	28.0%

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

APPLE INC	5.4%
MICROSOFT CORP	4.7%
ALPHABET INC-CL A	2.8%
NVIDIA CORPORATION	2.1%
META PLATFORMS INC	1.4%
VISA INCORPORATED CLASS A SHARES	1.4%
MASTERCARD INC CLASS A	1.3%
TESLA INC	1.2%
BROADCOM INC	1.1%
ACCENTURE PLC	1.1%

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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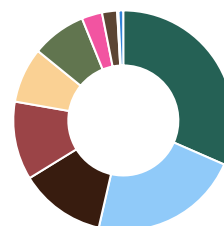
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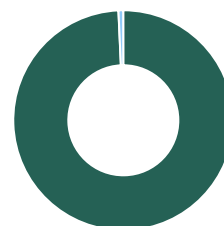
Sector allocation

Information Technology	31.5%
Financials	22.0%
Industrials	12.6%
Communication Services	11.5%
Real Estate	8.1%
Health Care	8.0%
Consumer Discretionary	3.0%
Utilities	2.2%
Consumer Staples	0.2%
Other	0.7%



Asset allocation

International Shares	99.3%
Cash	0.7%



Commentary

Equity markets continued to rise over the quarter, with the MSCI World index returning 9.8% (as measured in local currency). Markets were buoyed by an anticipated start to a rate cutting cycle, in particular by the Fed, with a series of rate cuts priced in for 2024. The Australian 10-year Government bond fell 53bps over the quarter to 3.96%, while the US 10-year fell 69bps to 3.88%. So far, a soft landing, while historically unlikely, remains a possibility, with inflation in much of the developed world approaching their target ranges, while employment has remained resilient. The rate sensitive information technology sector led equity markets, appreciating 11.0% over the quarter to finish up 55.9% for the full year. The International Shares Fund rose 6.6% over the December quarter, outperforming its benchmark by 1.30%. The Fund benefited from an underweight position in the Energy and Consumer Staples sectors, which is due to our ethical selection process. The overweight exposure in Information Technology was also a key contributor during the December quarter, with persistent appetite for technology stocks driving returns. Detracting from performance were the Industrials and Communication Services sectors, which were impacted by negative stock selection.

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