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MANAGED FUNDS

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Important Information for New Zealand Investors

Warning statement for New Zealand Investors – as required by the Securities (Mutual Recognition of Securities Offerings – Australia) Regulations 2008 (New Zealand)

This offer to New Zealand investors is a regulated offer made under Australian and New Zealand law. In Australia, this is Chapter 8 of the Corporations Act 2001 and Regulations. In New Zealand, this is Part 5 of the Securities Act 1978 and the Securities (Mutual Recognition of Securities Offerings – Australia) Regulations 2008.

New Zealand investors should note that:

- This offer and the content of the offer document are principally governed by Australian rather than New Zealand law. In the main, the Corporations Act 2001 and Regulations (Australia) set out how the offer must be made.
- There are differences in how securities are regulated under Australian law. For example, the disclosure of fees for collective investment schemes is different under the Australian regime.
- The rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements available to New Zealand investors in Australian securities may differ from the rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements for New Zealand securities.
- Both the Australian and New Zealand securities regulators have enforcement responsibilities in relation to this offer. If you need to make a complaint about this offer, please contact the Securities Commission, Wellington, New Zealand. The Australian and New Zealand regulators will work together to settle your complaint.
- The taxation treatment of Australian securities is not the same as for New Zealand securities.
- The offer may involve a currency exchange risk. The currency for the securities is not New Zealand dollars. The value of the securities will go up or down according to changes in the exchange rate between that currency and New Zealand dollars. These changes may be significant.
- If you expect the securities to pay any amounts in a currency that is not New Zealand dollars, you may incur significant fees in having the funds credited to a bank account in New Zealand in New Zealand dollars.
- The dispute resolution process described in this offer document is only available in Australia and is not available in New Zealand. In particular, the Financial Ombudsman Service described in the section Important Information of this Product Disclosure Statement is only available to Australian residents.

If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of an appropriately qualified financial adviser.

Distribution Reinvestment

Unitholders in a fund may elect to have their distributions reinvested. The reinvestment of distributions is discussed in the section How to invest of this Product Disclosure Statement. Unitholders may elect to have their distributions reinvested on the application form contained in this Product Disclosure Statement. The price of units that are allotted through distribution reinvestment will be determined in the manner described under the heading Unit Price Calculation in the section Important Information of this Product Disclosure Statement. Units allotted through distribution reinvestment will be allotted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Product Disclosure Statement and the constitution for the relevant fund.

Specifically for New Zealand Investors only,

- there is available from the Responsible Entity on request and free of charge the most recent annual report of each fund, financial statements for each fund, the current product disclosure statement for the funds, and the constitution for each fund (including any amendments).
 - within 30 days after the allotment of units through distribution reinvestment, the relevant unitholder will be sent a statement of the amount of the distribution and the number of units that have been allotted.
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About us

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Ethical investment profiles

ABOUT US

About **australianethical**

Since pioneering ethical investment in Australia in 1986, we have grown to manage investments on behalf of over 18,000 responsible investors.

Ethical investment is our only business. We are focused on maintaining our position of leadership amongst ethical, sustainable and responsible investment managers. We are a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment.

What is a managed fund?

A managed fund, sometimes known as a trust, managed investment or unit trust, is a pooled investment product whereby investors buy units in a trust which makes investments that are managed by professional investment managers.

Managed funds can help you achieve your financial goals by growing your capital or producing an income. Managed funds can also help you achieve a more diversified investment portfolio.

How is **australianethical** different?

Our unique investment process incorporates environmental and social criteria in addition to traditional financial analysis. We believe our ethical screening is the most rigorous in Australia.

All of **australianethical**'s investment decisions are aligned with our Ethical Charter. The charter guides the sort of corporate activities we seek to avoid or support. But ethics alone are not enough. Investments must have solid financial performance and generate competitive returns.

What are the benefits?

australianethical believes it makes good investment sense to take account of environmental and social factors. Companies that do better at managing their environmental risks and responsibilities should also perform better commercially.

We believe that the managers of the investments we select are: more likely to think ahead; to care for their staff, customers and the environment; and to use resources wisely.

Ethical screening helps avoid investments with poor environmental and social practices.

Health, safety or environmental problems in the future can lead to fines, compensation payouts and investor contempt.

Society is increasingly requiring business to meet the full environmental costs of production. This leads to an increasing demand for sustainable goods and services, raising the profits of the firms that supply them. We believe sustainable industries are the industries of the future.

Our investment process involves a thorough investigation of potential investments beyond traditional financial analysis. This positions us to identify good investment opportunities that others may overlook.

Conventional funds invest in industries such as uranium mining, old growth forest logging, armaments, tobacco and gambling. Avoiding these areas, **australianethical** actively seeks positive investments in emerging growth sectors such as renewable energy, efficient transport, recycling and health.

In knowing your money is involved in positive activities, ethical investment can be both financially and emotionally rewarding.

How we take labour standards, environmental, social and ethical issues into account

The **australianethical** Charter addresses labour standards, environmental and social considerations. The charter sets out the types of activities we seek to support, and the types of activities we seek to avoid.

Researchers from the Centre for Australian Ethical Research (CAER), working with investment analysts from **australianethical**, use the charter when investigating potential investments. Together, rigorous research on industry sectors and potential investments is produced. CAER's access to extensive databases provides insight into companies, industries and countries of concern and interest.

Many ethical fund managers only apply a negative screen. That is, they will not invest in companies involved in certain industries. Others will invest in all industries, but bias investment to the most responsible or least harmful companies in each industry. This approach is known as best of sector.

About **australianethical**

australianethical goes further than negative screening and best of sector. As well as applying a negative screen, we actively seek investment in positive activities and engage with the companies we invest in to improve their corporate responsibility.

All investments are continually monitored. If a company we invest in diversifies into an excluded industry or engages in unacceptable practices, a review is performed which may involve engagement with the company. If the investment is no longer appropriate it will be divested as soon as practicable.

Where can I get more information about **australianethical**?

Our website has lots of detailed information about us – if you want more information or are looking for updated information, see the website.

Investment process



ABOUT US

The Australian **ethical** Charter

THE TRUSTS SHALL SEEK OUT INVESTMENTS WHICH PROVIDE FOR AND SUPPORT:

- a. the development of workers' participation in the ownership and control of their work organisations and places
- b. the production of high quality and properly presented products and services
- c. the development of locally based ventures
- d. the development of appropriate technological systems
- e. the amelioration of wasteful or polluting practices
- f. the development of sustainable land use and food production
- g. the preservation of endangered eco-systems
- h. activities which contribute to human happiness, dignity and education
- i. the dignity and well being of non-human animals
- j. the efficient use of human waste
- k. the alleviation of poverty in all its forms
- l. the development and preservation of appropriate human buildings and landscapes.

THE TRUSTS SHALL AVOID ANY INVESTMENT WHICH IS CONSIDERED TO UNNECESSARILY:

- i. pollute land, air or water
- ii. destroy or waste non-recurring resources
- iii. extract, create, produce, manufacture, or market materials, products, goods or services which have a harmful effect on humans, non-human animals or the environment
- iv. market, promote or advertise, products or services in a misleading or deceitful manner
- v. create markets by the promotion or advertising of unwanted products or services
- vi. acquire land or commodities primarily for the purpose of speculative gain
- vii. create, encourage or perpetuate militarism or engage in the manufacture of armaments
- viii. entice people into financial over-commitment
- ix. exploit people through the payment of low wages or the provision of poor working conditions
- x. discriminate by way of race, religion or sex in employment, marketing, or advertising practices
- xi. contribute to the inhibition of human rights generally.

Ethical investment profiles*

australian**ethical** is one of the few Australian fund managers to disclose its investments. Our website has a more extensive list of investment examples.



Photo courtesy Whole Foods Market Inc

Whole Foods Market Inc

Whole Foods Market is now the world's largest retailer of natural and organic foods, with 197 stores in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. They were America's first national 'Certified Organic' grocer, demonstrating a commitment to the preservation of the integrity of organic foods from field to shopping cart. The company has taken a pro-active stance on a range of issues including food irradiation, genetic manipulation and the sustainability of seafood.

Interface Inc

Interface has transformed itself from a simple carpet manufacturer into one of the world's leading exponents of sustainable business practice. The company has revolutionised its manufacturing processes generating a range of positive environmental outcomes including reductions in waste and energy use, increased use of renewable energy and recycled content, and reduced overall greenhouse gas emissions. In 2004 the company became a corporate member of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, with a policy to actively seek out diverse suppliers, including small, minority-owned, women-owned, disabled-owned, and veteran-owned businesses, and encourage them to become a part of the Interface supply chain.



Photo courtesy Arriva plc

Arriva plc

Arriva plc is a leading European transport services organisation, operating a fleet of nearly 13,000 vehicles and employing nearly 33,000 people. The Group reduces the environmental impact of operations by using a range of fuels, including ultra low sulphur diesel and compressed natural gas. The company delivers around one billion passenger journeys across eight European countries annually.

* These are examples of investments that may be held by our managed funds. Not all investments are held at all times.

mecu Ltd

mecu Limited has formed over almost 50 years and a succession of credit union mergers. Today mecu is a national credit union that employs over 200 staff and has assets of over \$1.3 billion. mecu offers an environmentally friendly goGreen® Car Loan, which through the planting and maintaining of 17 native trees offsets emissions for the life of the loan. mecu is also the first credit union in the world to become a signatory to the United Nations Environment Programme's Statement by Financial Institutions on the Environment and Sustainable Development.



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Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank generates a high proportion of its earnings from retail banking services, including from home loans. It also supports a range of community banking initiatives.



Photo courtesy Herman Miller Inc

Herman Miller Inc

Herman Miller is a US-based manufacturer and distributor of furnishings, interior products, and related services for the office and healthcare sectors. The company has won numerous awards for its approach to reducing waste, using recycled material in its finished products, and for outstanding innovation in design. Herman Miller has made a Board-level commitment to become sustainable in all aspects of its operations.

Ethical company profiles



Photo courtesy Sims Group Ltd

Sims Group Ltd

The Sims Group is the world's leading metals recycling company, with operations throughout the world. Ancillary activities include secondary metals and plastic reprocessing, and interests in renewable energy. The company has also expanded into the recycling of electronics waste in Europe, the United States and Australia, including the identification of products and components that can be reused, as well as the extraction of raw materials from the remaining waste.

TOMRA Systems ASA

TOMRA is a Norwegian manufacturer of 'reverse vending machines' (RVMs) that collect beverage containers for recycling purposes, and dispense an appropriate refund. In addition to reducing costs and increasing efficiencies for retailers and the recycling industry, TOMRA also helps to 'close the loop' in the life cycle of more than 25 billion beverage containers used each year worldwide.

VMware Inc

A rapid increase in the use of information technology means that the IT sector is now estimated to account for as many greenhouse emissions as aviation. VMware's virtualisation technology helps organisations consolidate servers and increase utilisation rates, greatly reducing power and cooling costs.

64 Allara Street, City, ACT

The 64 Allara Street building, completed in November 2008, is an attractive small scale 'A' grade property in the Canberra central business district. The building has been designed to achieve a 5 Star Green Star rating and a 4.5 NABERS rating when fully occupied. The building is the cornerstone investment of the Australian Ethical Property Trust.



Ethical company profiles

Cochlear Ltd

Cochlear Ltd supplies approximately 70 per cent of the world market in cochlear implants for profoundly hearing-impaired people. Almost half of the implant recipients are children. While some in the deaf community reject the cochlear technology, Australian Ethical believes the positive aspects make the technology worthwhile in providing choice to adults and to parents with children having profound hearing impairment.



Photo courtesy Cochlear Ltd

Pharmaxis Ltd

Pharmaxis is a specialist pharmaceutical company established to research, develop and bring to market human therapeutic products to treat chronic respiratory and autoimmune diseases. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) encompasses a number of serious conditions affecting the lungs (pulmonary system), including emphysema, chronic bronchitis and bronchiectasis. COPD is responsible for the deaths of over 100,000 people a year in the US and Western Europe alone, making it the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. Pharmaxis is in the business of developing treatments for these types of conditions, which affect more than 30 million people worldwide.



Photo courtesy Blackmores Ltd

Blackmores Ltd

Blackmores manufactures and markets health products including vitamins, herbal and mineral nutritional supplements. The company has been committed to non-animal testing of its finished products for twenty five years. The use of complementary medicines is growing in Australia, with the percentage of Australians who use complementary medicines at least once a year rising from 48.5% in 1993 to 67% in 2006. As well as maintaining a long-term employee-share ownership program, Blackmores provides facilities for staff including a gymnasium and subsidised kitchen.



Photo courtesy Benesse Corporation

Benesse Corporation

Benesse Corporation has been involved in the education sector in Japan since 1955. Originally a publisher of school books the company has broadened its focus to provide products and services in the fields of education, language, living and lifestyles and nursing care. In addition to providing educational services to students from pre-school through to university, Benesse offers information services relating to pregnancy and childcare, operates Berlitz language training programs in Japan and operates nursing homes.

CVC Sustainable Investments Ltd

CVC Sustainable Investments Ltd is an investment company that invests in smaller (typically non-stock exchange-listed) Australian companies that are generating innovative solutions to environmental problems or whose operations cause little or no environmental damage. This includes technologies, processes and products that reduce the use of non-renewable resources, increase energy efficiency or reduce pollution, reduce waste or increase recycling opportunities, and provide solutions to environmental problems.

ING Real Estate Healthcare Fund

The ING Real Estate Healthcare Fund is an ASX-listed property trust that invests in properties used to provide healthcare and associated services. The initial property investment is in Melbourne and forms an important part of the health infrastructure for inner and eastern Melbourne. The fund plans to acquire assets in a range of locations across all types of healthcare-related real estate: hospitals, medical office buildings, medical centres, laboratories and health administration facilities.



Photo courtesy Canberra Montessori School

Canberra Montessori School (Loan for building construction)

The Montessori approach offers a broad vision of education as an aid to life. It is designed to help children with their task of inner construction as they grow from childhood to maturity. Montessori classrooms provide a prepared environment where children are free to respond to their natural tendency to work. The children's innate passion for learning is encouraged by giving them opportunities to engage in spontaneous, purposeful activities with the guidance of a trained adult.

Ethical company profiles



Photo courtesy TrustPower Ltd

TrustPower Ltd

Established in 1925, Tauranga-based TrustPower generates 100% renewable electricity from 34 different power stations across New Zealand. The company has hydro operations in the Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, West Coast, Otago and Canterbury regions, and is the owner of the Tararua Wind Farm, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. The company is planning four more wind farms.

SunPower Corporation

SunPower Corporation designs, manufactures and markets high-performance solar electric technology worldwide. SunPower's high-efficiency solar cells and panels generate up to 50% more power per unit area than conventional solar technologies. PowerLight, a subsidiary, is a leading global provider of large-scale solar power systems. Together with PowerLight, SunPower produces innovative technology across the entire solar value chain to deliver high-performance, superior-looking and lower-cost solar power solutions.

Geodynamics Ltd

Geodynamics are pioneers of the use of geothermal energy for electricity generation in Australia. The last few years has seen the company demonstrate the practicality of their process, which involves pumping water down deep wells, having the heat of the earth transform the water into steam, and using the steam to drive turbines back at the surface to generate electricity. Geothermal energy offers a real alternative to fossil fuels, because it can provide the 'base-load' power that other intermittent renewables such as wind and solar cannot.

Vestas Wind Systems AS

Danish company Vestas began wind turbine manufacturing in 1979, and is now a global, market leading producer of high technological wind power solutions. With more than 25 years experience, the company has an extensive portfolio of turbines which are suited to specific conditions and requirements.



Photo courtesy Vestas Wind Systems AS

Investment choices

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INVESTMENT CHOICES

Investment risks

What are the significant risks?

All investments involve risk. Our managed funds invest in various markets (for example, the share market, fixed interest market, property market). Just as the value of these markets goes up and down, so will the returns produced by our managed funds. The most important risk that you need to understand is that your investment can decline in value as well as increase. **australianethical** does not guarantee a return on any of its managed funds. There is no guarantee that past returns achieved by a managed fund will continue into the future.

Types of risk

There are many different types of risk. Some types of risk are specific to the type of managed funds we operate (commonly called 'scheme risk'). Other types of risk are common to all investments ('investment risk').

Scheme risk	There are risks in investing through a managed fund which you may not face if you were to invest directly. The most significant of these is that the law may require withdrawal of your investment to be delayed if there is not enough 'cash like' assets held within the managed fund. Other risks are that the managed funds could terminate, fees and expenses could change, we could be replaced as responsible entity or the investment professionals managing the funds could change. There is also the risk that investing in a managed fund may give different results from investing directly because of the treatment of income or capital gains within the managed fund, and as a result of other investors coming and going from the managed fund.
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Investment risk – there are risks common to all investing:

Individual investment risk	Individual investments in our managed funds, like shares in one company, can and do fall in value or perform below expectations. This could be as a result of changes in a company's internal operations or management, or changes to its business environment.
Market risk	Economic, technological, political or legal conditions, and even market sentiments change and this affects the value of investment markets and our managed funds. Unexpected events, such as terrorist attacks, can also significantly affect markets.
Interest rate risk	Changes in interest rates can have a positive or negative impact on the investment value or returns of our managed funds. For example, if you are locked into investments where the interest rate is fixed for long periods and interest rates rise, you have to wait until those investments mature before taking advantage of those higher rates. In the meantime, returns will be below the market rate.
Currency risk	Changes in the value of overseas currencies compared to the Australian dollar can impact the value of overseas investments held in managed funds.

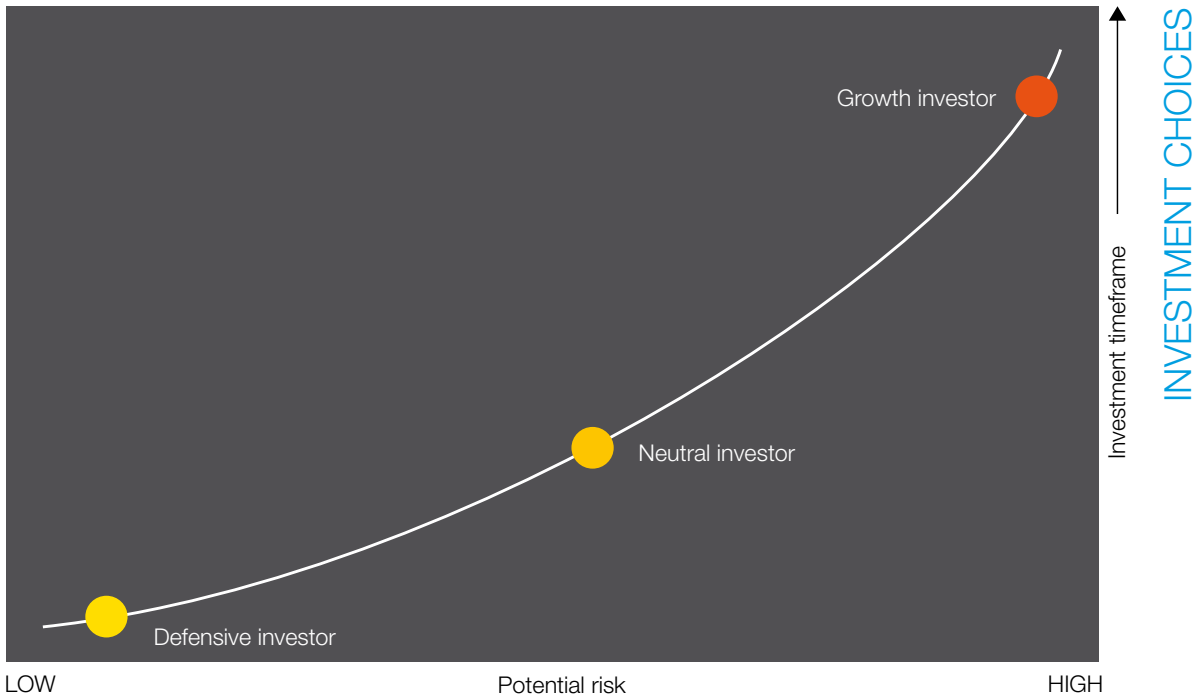
Managing risk

We need to manage these risks together. From our perspective, we have well-developed processes to manage scheme risk. We use careful research, a range of investment limits, market data and diversification to manage individual investment and market risk. We use investment limits and (in some circumstances)

derivatives to manage interest rate and currency risk.

From your perspective, to manage your investment risk, it is very important that you understand what type of investor you are, and the risk/reward profiles of the different managed funds we offer. If you are unsure about these areas, you should seek professional advice.

Investment risks



● Defensive investor

With a short-investment timeframe you must conserve capital and ensure stable income.

● Neutral investor

With a medium-term investment timeframe you seek lower volatility, but with some growth and income.

● Growth investor

With a longer-term investment timeframe you are able to accept higher risk, seek growth and are not reliant on income produced by your investments.

Selecting the right investment – what type of investor are you?

Depending on your goals, age and financial situation, your investment timeframe and capacity to absorb investment risk will vary. Broadly speaking, you are likely to be a defensive, neutral or growth investor, and need to find products suitable for these investor types.

Selecting the right investment – what are the risk/return profiles of our managed funds?

We have managed funds which cater for different investor types. At the higher end of the investment risk/return spectrum we have our Larger Companies, Smaller Companies and International Equities Trusts. These products focus specifically on a single asset class (shares) but are diversified by industry type and geographic location. Growth investors are most likely to be interested in the Larger Companies and Smaller Companies Trusts. For growth

investors looking to invest higher amounts (\$20,000 or more) the International Equities Trust may be of interest.

Our Balanced Trust (towards the middle of the risk/return spectrum) is most likely to be attractive to growth and neutral investors. The Balanced Trust offers a portfolio diversified by geography, asset type (shares, property and fixed interest) and in terms of industry type.

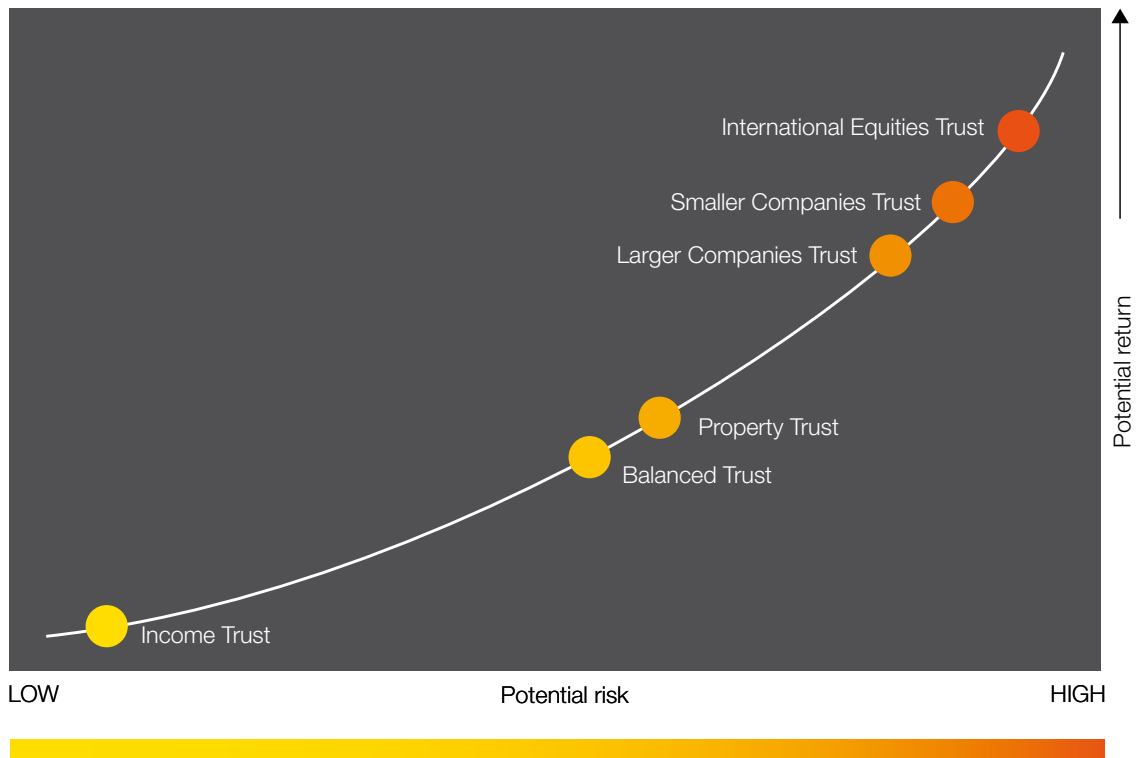
Growth and neutral investors looking to invest higher amounts (\$20,000 or more) may be interested in the Property Trust – also positioned towards the middle of the investment risk/return spectrum. Potential investors need to be cautious however – unlike the other managed funds, the Property Trust will be often illiquid and therefore withdrawals of investments are limited.

Defensive investors are most likely to be interested in our Income and Balanced Trusts. Of our various managed funds, the Income Trust has the lowest investment risk, and is expected to produce the lowest return.

Investment risks

You can tailor your own risk/return profile by investing in different managed funds. For example, someone who is predominantly a neutral investor may wish to raise their risk/

return profile somewhat by combining an investment in the Property Trust with an investment in one of our share-based funds, such as the Smaller Companies Trust.



This chart represents the general relative risk and potential return characteristics of the various managed funds. The chart is not a forecast or prediction as to risk or potential return and the scale is indicative only.

Managed fund profiles

australian **ethical** Balanced Trust

INVESTMENT CHOICES

Established
October 1989

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.

Overview

The Balanced Trust invests over different asset types and markets to reduce volatility of return. It is actively managed with low stock turnover.

The portfolio includes: Interest-bearing securities such as investment-grade corporate and sovereign bonds; high-grade mortgage-backed securities; bank debt and private loans; domestic and international shares focusing on larger, mature companies generally paying franked dividends; property, either fully owned, listed or unlisted with stable tenancies and strong lease terms. The trust may cross-invest in our other managed funds to access specialised assets including international equities, smaller company shares, property, loans and fixed interest.

Recommended minimum investment timeframe

1 2 3 4 5 6 7+ years

Asset mix



Style

Conservative, multi-sector

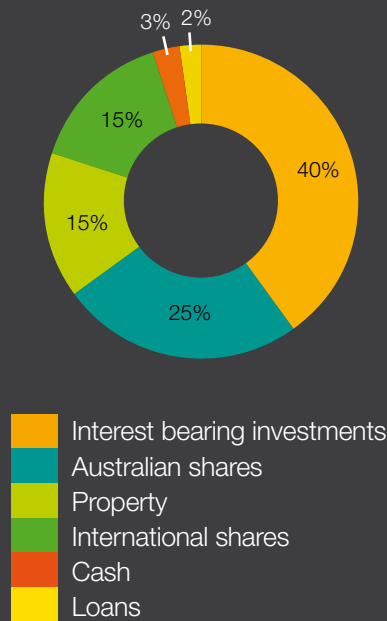
Minimum investment

Initial investment and minimum balance \$5000
Additional investments \$500

Currency risk

Currency risk from international exposure is unhedged.

Strategic asset allocation



INVESTMENT RISK



Managed fund profiles

australian**ethical** Smaller Companies Trust

Established
September 1994

Objective

To provide long-term growth focusing on smaller Australian and overseas companies that meet the **australianethical** Charter.

Overview

The Smaller Companies Trust invests in Australian and international shares. Using an active stock-picking management style the portfolio is relatively concentrated, with a higher turnover of shares. It aims to be fully invested in shares at all times with a low cash holding. The shares are selected for growth rather than income. The trust may achieve its international exposure by investing in the **australianethical** International Equities Trust.

Recommended minimum investment timeframe

1 2 3 4 5 6 7+ years

Asset mix



Style

Aggressive, value focused

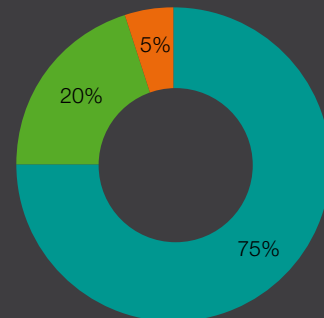
Minimum investment

Initial investment and minimum balance \$5000
Additional investments \$500

Currency risk

Currency risk from international exposure is substantially hedged against significant negative impacts caused by adverse movements in currency exchange rates.

Strategic asset allocation



Australian shares (smaller company bias)
International shares
Cash

INVESTMENT RISK



Managed fund profiles

australian**ethical** Larger Companies Trust

INVESTMENT CHOICES

Established
September 1997

Objective

To provide long-term growth through investment in larger listed companies on Australian and overseas stock exchanges that meet the **australianethical** Charter.

Overview

The trust invests in predominantly Australian companies but includes a significant international component. All investments have a minimum market capitalisation of A\$500 million. Dividend-paying shares are sought, so a moderate level of income would normally be expected. With moderate share turnover, it aims to be fully invested in shares at all times with a low cash holding. It may achieve its international exposure by investing in the **australianethical** International Equities Trust.

Recommended minimum investment timeframe

1 2 3 4 5 6 7+ years

Asset mix



Style

Active, diversified

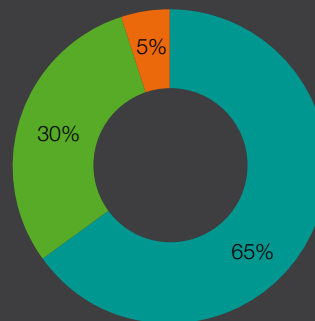
Minimum investment

Initial investment and minimum balance \$5000
Additional investments \$500

Currency risk

Currency risk from international exposure is substantially hedged against a significant negative impact caused by adverse movements in currency exchange rates.

Strategic asset allocation



Australian shares
International shares
Cash

INVESTMENT RISK



LOW

HIGH

Managed fund profiles

australian**ethical** Income Trust

Established
September 1997

Objective

The Australian **ethical** Income Trust aims to generate a competitive income stream while minimising the risk of capital loss and supporting the Australian Ethical Charter.

Overview

The returns for the Income Trust tend to move in line with the general level of interest rates, due to its concentration on floating rate and short-dated securities. The majority of the portfolio is invested in short-dated bank deposits, bank accepted bills of exchange and high-grade mortgage-backed securities typically on a floating rate basis with maturities one year or less. The returns are almost exclusively taxable income.

Recommended minimum investment timeframe

1 2 3 4 5 6 7+ years

Asset mix



Style

Conservative, cash focused

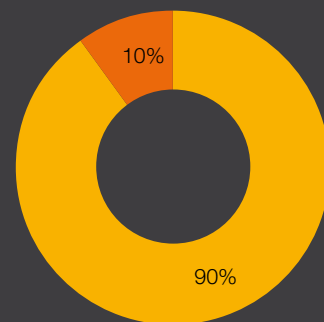
Minimum investment

Initial investment and minimum balance \$5000
Additional investments \$500

Interest rate risk

Changes in interest rates can have a positive or negative impact on the investment value or returns of the Income Trust.

Strategic asset allocation



Interest bearing investments
Cash

INVESTMENT RISK



Managed fund profiles – additional information

Performance and portfolio information

Portfolio lists and performance figures for our managed funds can be obtained from our website. To strike a balance between our intellectual capital and transparency, the full portfolio lists presented on our website will be dated.

Performance figures for our managed funds are updated regularly on our website. It is important that you note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance and that we do not guarantee the performance of any of our managed funds nor the repayment of capital.

Asset allocations

To assist you to make an informed investment choice we have detailed the strategic asset allocations for each of our managed funds. The strategic asset allocation indicates the mix of asset classes which, on average, we intend to hold over the long term for each managed fund. You need to be aware however that the actual asset allocation at any given time is likely to vary from the strategic asset allocation. These variations arise from normal day to day trading decisions and because of the relative performance of the asset classes over the short term. We examine the asset allocation regularly and will adjust the actual asset allocation from time to time to ensure it is consistent with the stated strategic asset allocations and our internal investment limits.

Specialised fund profiles

australian**ethical** International Equities Trust

Established
September 2007

Objective

To provide long-term growth through investment in overseas companies which meet the **australianethical** Charter.

Overview

Trust investments are focused on socially and environmentally attractive companies in industries which may not be available for investment in Australia. The portfolio is concentrated by both industry sectors and countries. Companies typically have a minimum market capitalisation of A\$350 million. With moderate stock turnover, the trust aims to be fully invested in shares at all times with a low cash holding. Shares are selected for capital growth rather than income.

Recommended minimum investment timeframe

1 2 3 4 5 6 **7+** years

Asset mix



Style

Thematic, active, value focused

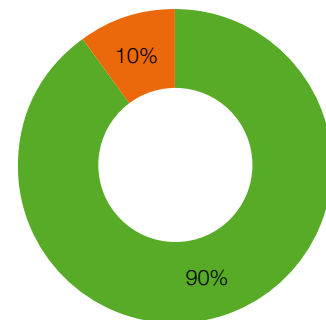
Minimum investment

Initial investment and minimum balance \$20,000
Additional investments \$2000

Currency risk

Currency risk from international exposure is unhedged. This means that the value of the Trust's investments in Australian dollars will vary as exchange rates vary.

Strategic asset allocation



International shares
Cash

INVESTMENT RISK

LOW

HIGH

Specialised fund profiles

australian**ethical** Property Trust

Established
June 2009

Objective

The Property Trust aims to provide long-term capital growth and moderate income via investment in direct property and in listed and unlisted property trusts, in accordance with the **australianethical** Charter.

Overview

The trust aims to deliver returns at 3% above the annual Australian Consumer Price Index (CPI) (excluding volatile items, after fees) over five-year investment horizons with low volatility against the return benchmark. The long-term aim of the trust is to actively manage a property portfolio with investments in:

- energy and resource efficient buildings with a minimum 5 Star Green Star Rating
- medical and allied health facilities
- social infrastructure
- direct properties with opportunities for retro-fitting and refurbishing to a minimum 5 Star Green Star Rating.

The trust will not acquire vacant land for development.

Recommended minimum investment timeframe

1 2 3 4 5 6 7+ years

Asset mix



Style

Conservative growth and income focused

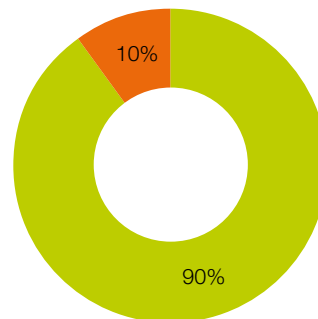
Minimum investment

Initial investment and minimum balance \$20,000
Additional investments \$2000

Liquidity risk

Limited ability to withdraw your investment.

Strategic asset allocation



Property
Cash

INVESTMENT RISK



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Current properties

The trust portfolio currently consists of one direct office property at Allara St, Canberra and an indirect property holding in Melbourne through the Salta Office Property Trust.

Direct property

The direct property is located at 64 Allara Street, Canberra ACT. It is an A Grade Commercial Building completed in November 2008 and has been designed to achieve a 5 Star Green Star Rating.

At its most recent valuation on 8 May 2009 the property was independently valued at \$18.8 million using discounted cash flow analysis. The top 2 tenants by income are Canberra Investment Corporation, contributing 67% of rental income, and the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute contributing 33%.

The weighted average lease expiry is 8.6 years (calculated on the basis of lettable area). As at 30 June 2009 the property had a 9% vacancy rate.

Unlisted property trusts

The Property Trust indirectly holds a building located in Dandenong Road, Clayton, Victoria, by investing into the Salta Office Property Trust. The property has been designed to attain a 5-6 Star Green Star rating, and is classified as an A Grade Commercial Building.

The Property Trust's holding in the building was valued at approximately \$2.1M on 30 June 2009 by an independent valuer. The building is tenanted to Dulux who contribute all of the rental income. The weighted average lease expiry is 8.3 years (calculated on the basis of lettable area). The property is currently fully occupied.

The preference for the Property Trust is investment in direct property, however we will invest in other financially attractive unlisted or listed property trusts where such investments provide geographic diversification or liquidity.

Income payments

Income from the Property Trust will be entirely funded from Adjusted Funds from Operations (AFFO). AFFO represents Funds from Operations (FFO) (e.g. rental income) adjusted for recurring capital expenditure used to maintain the quality of underlying assets. In making an income payment, account vacancies and tenant incentives will be considered which may result in some fluctuations in income payments from period to period.

Significant risks

As with all investments, an investment in the Property Trust is subject to risks, some of which are outside our control. Significant risks are discussed below. If a risk eventuates, the value of your investment can reduce, your income payments may stop or be reduced from previous levels, and you may be unable to withdraw your investment from the trust. Before investing you should consider your attitude to risk and consider taking professional investment advice.

Some of the information provided below (the gearing ratio, and interest cover figures) has been partially calculated using the latest audited financial statements for the Salta Office Property Trust. The Allara Street purchase was not settled until June 2009. As the Property Trust is a new trust, a full annual financial history was not available at the date of this Product Disclosure Statement (PDS).

Gearing risk

Gearing indicates the extent to which the trust's assets are funded by interest bearing liabilities – in other words the amount of debt held by the trust compared to its gross assets. The use of debt exposes the trust to financing and interest rate risks. For example, if interest rates rise, the interest expense of the trust will increase. If property values decline, refinancing arrangements may not be available and the trust could breach agreements with existing lenders. Gearing magnifies the impact of any upward or downward movements in interest rates and underlying property values. The higher the level of gearing, the greater the upward or downward magnification.

The gearing ratio for the trust as at 30 June 2009 was 40% (on a look through basis). It is determined using the following formula

$$\text{Gearing ratio} = \frac{\text{Total interest bearing liabilities}}{\text{Total assets}}$$

Under its Constitution, the gearing ratio for the trust cannot exceed 40% (on a look through basis). The long term gearing target for the trust is 30% (on a look through basis).

The Property Trust may manage its exposure to changes in interest rates through the use of interest rate derivatives.

Borrowing risk

Borrowing facilities due to expire within a relatively short timeframe are a significant risk factor, particularly in periods where credit is

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more difficult and expensive to obtain. Difficulty in renewing borrowing facilities can adversely affect the value of a trust and its viability.

Amounts owing to lenders and other creditors of the trust rank before an investor's interests in the trust.

Currently the Property Trust has only one borrowing arrangement as follows:

Amount	\$7.4m – fully drawn
Maturity	25 June 2014
Interest rate	Capped at 5% per annum
Interest cover ratio covenant	2
Loan to valuation covenant	50%

Interest cover and income risk

Interest cover measures the ability of the trust to service interest on debt from the earnings of the trust. It is a critical indicator of financial health and key to analysing the sustainability and risks associated with the trust's level of borrowing. The lower the interest cover, the higher the risk that the trust will not be able to meet its interest payments. A trust with low interest cover only needs a small reduction in earnings (or a small increase in interest rates or other expenses) to be unable to meet its interest payments. Earnings could fall if property held by the trust is unable to be fully let or if tenants default.

As at 30 June 2009, the Property Trust's interest cover ratio was 2.5, calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Interest cover} = \frac{\text{EBITDA} - \text{unrealised gains} + \text{unrealised losses}}{\text{Interest expense}}$$

Where EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation.

Valuation and property risk

The value of real property assets can be volatile, particularly when access to credit is constrained and more properties are on the market. A significant fall in valuation could mean an increase in gearing ratio and may trigger breaches of loan covenants. The more reliable a valuation, the more likely the asset will return

that amount when it is sold. However, any forced sale may result in a shortfall compared to the valuation.

For the Property Trust, direct properties are independently valued to industry standards on an annual basis. Indirect property investments are valued on a unit price basis where available, or on net tangible assets using audited financial statements, at no less than 12 monthly intervals.

Assets will be valued more frequently if this is necessary. Where possible, professional valuers who are registered or licenced in the relevant state or territory, and who subscribe to a relevant industry code of conduct, are used to undertake valuations.

Property values can be adversely affected by many different circumstances. These include the supply and demand of property in the market, vacancy rates, interest rate changes, environmental contamination and natural disasters.

Portfolio diversification risk

The quality of the properties held by unlisted property trusts, including the quality of leases entered into over those properties, is a key element in the financial position and performance of the trust. Generally, the more diversified a portfolio, the lower the risk that an adverse event affecting one property or one lease will put the overall portfolio at risk. Details of the current properties held by the Property Trust are set out above.

The Property Trust has only recently been formed and in the medium term properties are likely to be concentrated in the Australian Capital Territory. The long term diversification strategy (over the next five years) is:

- no more than 50% of the property assets in any single geographical sub market, inclusive of unlisted property trust investments
- no single asset to represent more than 30% of the gross asset value of the trust
- no single tenant representing more than 30% of the trust's total rental income (except where the lease is to a statutory body)
- weighted average portfolio lease expiry to be not less than 3 years

Related party transactions

A conflict of interest may arise if a property trusts invests in, makes loans to or provides

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guarantees for related parties. There are currently no such arrangements for the Property Trust. Were such a situation to arise, it would be managed in accordance with our conflicts of interest policy to ensure that arrangements were conducted on an appropriate arm's length and commercial basis.

Liquidity risk

Property trusts are by the nature of their assets illiquid. While the Property Trust will maintain a limited withdrawal facility (described below) a withdrawal request may be scaled back or delayed to a later withdrawal date. A withdrawal request may not be met in full for an extended period of time (this could be a year or more).

Withdrawing from the Property Trust

Withdrawing from the Property Trust is different from our other trusts due to the illiquid nature of the assets held by the Trust. Under the Property Trust's Constitution, we are allowed up to 90 business days in which to meet any withdrawal request if the trust is liquid. Given the nature of the assets of the trust, the trust will normally be illiquid. When the trust is illiquid, there is no right to withdraw from the trust, except in accordance with a withdrawal offer made by us as responsible entity.

We are not obliged to make any withdrawal offer.

However, provided the trust has sufficient available funds to do so, subject to the limitations set out below, we intend to offer a six monthly withdrawal facility on the following terms:

Offer period each year	1 March to 21 March 1 September to 21 September
Assets used to satisfy withdrawal requests	Liquid assets held by the trust at the time of the offer – this may be cash or listed property investments
Amount of money expected to be available	The amount of money available to meet withdrawal requests will be capped at 1% of the net asset value of the trust (although we may decide to increase this amount in our absolute discretion)
Payment of withdrawal monies	Payment of withdrawal monies will be made within 21 days after closure of the offer
Withdrawal price	The unit price for withdrawal will be the unit price next applicable after the offer closes (normally the price determined as at 31 March and 30 September)

What happens if withdrawal requests exceed money available to meet requests?	Requests will be scaled back proportionally
Minimum balance requirement	If a withdrawal request would result in an investor's balance being below the minimum investment amount, we may refuse to satisfy that withdrawal request or decide to redeem the investment in full.

Under the Corporations Act 2001 and the Constitution, we must ensure that investors in the trust are not unfairly treated by any withdrawals that we allow. Because of this, we may vary the conditions of the withdrawal facility at any time. We may postpone or suspend withdrawals.

Circumstances where we might do this include when other investors would be disadvantaged, the potential breach of debt covenants or the inability of the trust to sensibly liquidate necessary assets.

In addition to the withdrawal facility outlined above, we may offer further withdrawal rights to investors from time to time at our discretion, provided any such offer is in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act and Constitution.

Applicability of stamp duties legislation

States and Territories in Australia have stamp duties legislation that applies to land rich entities. Our intention is to obtain necessary registrations and to operate the Property Trust so that investors are not liable to land rich stamp duties on the issue or purchase of units in the trust (other stamp duty may still be applicable). We may reject any application for units or any request to transfer units which could impact on the ability of the trust to achieve and maintain this stamp duty status.

Keep up-to-date with Property Trust developments

You can keep up-to-date with the trust's unit price and performance through our website. At least every six months we will also provide on our website an update on trust assets, properties and key risk indicators.

How to invest

This section contains:
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HOW TO INVEST

Starting your investment

Start your investment

Complete the application form at the back of this booklet or apply online through our website – see www.australianethical.com.au. Payment for your investment can be made using BPAY or cheque. The minimum starting investment in the Balanced, Smaller Companies, Larger Companies and Income trusts is \$5000. You can invest as little as \$1000 per managed fund if you start a Regular Investor Plan.

The minimum starting investment for the Property and International Equities trusts is \$20,000. No Regular Investor Plan operates for these two managed funds.

For all managed fund investments you will need to provide correctly certified copies of your identification documentation-see the application form for more details.

Start a Regular Investor Plan

A Regular Investor Plan can help you build wealth through regular monthly investments. To start a plan, complete the Regular Investor Plan section on the application form. The Regular Investor Plan is available for the Balanced, Smaller Companies, Larger Companies and Income Trusts. Provided you have at least \$1000 invested in each managed fund you select, you can invest as little as \$100 each month into each managed fund. You can stop or change the amount of your regular investments at any time (but not below \$100 per month). Contribution fees are payable on each Regular Investor Plan investment.

Electronic investors

Investors who invest into our managed funds electronically receive a discount on their contribution fee – for more information see *Fees and Other Costs*. To take advantage of the discounted fees you will need to agree to receive communications from us electronically and make your contributions using BPAY or with a Regular Investor Plan. To become an electronic investor, make sure you sign the electronic investor section on the application form.

Unit registry

Registries Limited provides the unit registry service for Australian Ethical's managed funds. The unit registry keeps account of the units in our managed funds that you buy, own and redeem. The registry also maintains records of your address, banking and your investment

income payment choices. Registries Limited is the provider of the InvestorServe online investor access service available from our website.

Australian Ethical has an in-house investor service centre to assist you with investment transactions and to answer questions you have about your investments. You can contact us by phone, email or in writing.

Minimum investment amounts

\$5000	Starting investment
\$1000	Starting investment with a Regular Investor Plan
\$500	Additional investments
\$100	Monthly Regular Investor Plan investments

Applicable to the Balanced, Smaller Companies, Larger Companies and Income trusts.

For the International Equities and Property trusts

\$20,000	Starting investment
\$2000	Additional investments
NA	Monthly Regular Investor Plan investments

BPAY Biller codes

Australian Ethical Balanced Trust	20859
Australian Ethical Smaller Companies Trust	20602
Australian Ethical Larger Companies Trust	20867
Australian Ethical Income Trust	20610
Australian Ethical International Equities Trust	556373
Australian Ethical Property Trust	556381

General information

When you start your investment, we deduct any contribution fee payable and then divide the balance by the applicable unit price to calculate the units allotted to you.

When you start an investment with us you will need to provide correctly certified copies of identification documentation, see the application form for more details.

Starting your investment

Should you decide to invest, you should keep this document, together with any information sent to you, for example any investor information or statements, future brochures, and any other statements or notices you receive, for future reference when making any transactions or switching between managed funds.

Regular investor plan

Units will be allocated at the unit price on the day we receive your direct debit payment, provided it is received before or at 3.00 pm Canberra time on a business day.

Direct debit investments will normally be transferred from your nominated bank account between the 15th and 18th of each month, or the first working day after that date.

Please advise us in writing of any changes you wish to make to your regular investor plan on or before the 5th of each month. These changes include:

- your investment amount
- details of your nominated bank account from which investments are deducted
- cancelling your regular investments.

We reserve the right not to accept regular investor plan investments, or to terminate your participation in the plan by giving 14 days' written notice.

Please note that if your payment is dishonoured both yourself and us will be charged a dishonour fee by our respective banks. Any dishonour fees incurred by us will be charged against your unitholding or investment amount.

Investing through a wrap account or master trust

Wrap accounts and master trusts (investor directed portfolio services or platforms) offer another convenient avenue for investing in our managed funds. Please contact us if you would like to receive details of the platforms upon which we are listed.

If you are investing through a platform, do not complete our application forms. Instead, complete the forms that the platform requires. If you have enquiries, you will need to contact the platform.

Please note, when investing through a platform, normally the platform provider becomes the unitholder and acquires the unitholder rights under the managed fund constitution. This means that the platform provider will be responsible for reporting to you, attending and voting at unitholder meetings, answering your enquiries and making

transactions (such as switches or redemptions) on your investment.

Discretion on investments

We have an absolute discretion to accept or reject any application for units in the managed funds.

We can give back your invested money

Your investment or some part of it can be redeemed without you asking, including in the following circumstances:

- your balance in a managed fund falls below minimum investment requirements; or
- to pay any amount you owe us; or
- to make a payment on your behalf, where required at law.

Different types of investments

Joint accounts

Applications in joint names are treated as joint tenants. Joint accounts are allocated one investor number. You will need to supply signatures for each holder on every transaction.

Powers of attorney

Generally we will accept applications made under a power of attorney. A certified copy of the power of attorney must be submitted with the application for processing. Please contact us for further details and be aware that the laws applying to powers of attorney may differ between Australian states.

Investments for children

We do not accept investments in the name of children (someone under 18 years of age). For your own reference, you can designate an account with a child's name by putting their name in the account reference box. You will be the legal owner of the investment. In normal circumstances, you will be the only party able to transact on the account. This will be the case regardless of the child's age or legal status. If you do not wish for the account to be taxed at the highest marginal rate then a tax file number should be provided.

We do not recognise beneficial interests in the unitholdings.

Managing your investment

Make additional investments

You can make additional investments of at least \$500 into the Balanced, Smaller Companies, Larger Companies and Income Trusts at anytime. Additional investments of at least \$2000 can be made into the Property and International Equities Trusts. Payment for your additional investment can be made using BPAY or cheque. Before making additional investments make sure you have reviewed our website for any recent updates and any changes to this document.

You can also build on your existing investment using the Regular Investor Plan.

Your income payments

Payments of net income earned by the managed funds are made to you every six months. Payments are typically made in July and January. Normally taxable capital gains realised over the full financial year will be included with the income payment for the six months ending 30 June.

Income choice

Your income can be reinvested or paid directly to your bank or credit union account. You can select a different payment option for each of your managed fund investments. If no selection is made your income payment will be automatically reinvested.

Switching an investment

You can move your money from one managed fund option to another by completing the switching form available on our website. When switching an investment, the current units are redeemed and then invested into the requested trust. The investment switching process may have capital gains tax implications for you. Switching may include a switch fee – see *Fees and other costs* for more information. Switching from the Property Trust is limited.

How to withdraw your investment

A withdrawal form is available on our website. Withdrawals requested from the Balanced, Smaller Companies, Larger Companies, Income and the International Equities Trust will, in most situations, be paid within seven business days of receiving a request.

Delays in withdrawals may occur during income payment periods in January and July. Withdrawals can be delayed or postponed in other circumstances as well, refer to *More information* on withdrawing your investment on page 31.

Your ability to withdraw from the Property Trust is limited – refer to *Withdrawing from the Property Trust* on page 24.

To protect the security of your account we only allow payments to be made into your Australian bank account. Withdrawal payments will not be paid by cheque or to third parties.

Keeping you informed

Online access

You can keep track of your investments using InvestorServe. Soon after making your investment we will send you a confirmation letter and a PIN. You can activate your InvestorServe account online at www.registries.com.au with these details within 90 days of receipt.

Or contact us at any time to set up your InvestorServe account.

With InvestorServe you can:

- view your account balances and transaction histories (including regular investor payments)
- view distribution statements
- display and change your contact and banking details
- amend and cancel payment of Regular Investor Plans by direct debit
- display a personal BPAY reference number for the payment of additional investments
- view your tax statements
- select the way you would prefer to communicate with us.

Investment confirmation

We will send you statements confirming your investments, withdrawals and switches either electronically or through the post. Confirmation statements are not issued for each Regular Investor Plan investment or the payment of adviser service fees.

Annual statement

You will receive, at least on an annual basis, a statement detailing your balance and a transaction summary including any earnings and charges during the period.

Annual report

An annual report will be prepared each year that includes information on the financial position and performance of the managed funds over the year. The annual report will be made available on our

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website. Contact us to receive an electronic or hard copy of the report.

Newsletter

Australian Ethical's *Aim High* newsletter will be sent out twice yearly covering ethical investment issues, details of specific investments and performance results.

Tax statements

A tax statement will be provided each year and will be made available on InvestorServe. The statements outline income we have paid you, tax components and a guide to help you transfer this information into your tax return.

Continuous disclosure on our website

Our managed funds have continuous disclosure requirements which mean that we need to notify our investors of information material to their investment as we become aware of it. Information that is material to your investment will be provided on our website. We recommend that you regularly visit the website to obtain the latest information about your investment.

More information about income payments

For the purposes of income payments, net income is all the income earned by the managed fund, less expenses incurred in obtaining that income, and is determined in accordance with section 95 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

Your income payment is based on the number of units you hold, in proportion to the number of units held by all unitholders, at the income payment cutoff date (close of business on the last business day of the six month period ending 31 December and 30 June each year). The distribution will normally be paid within a month of the cut-off date and must be paid within two months.

Income choice

We only allow income payments to be made into an Australian bank account. Payments will not be made by cheque or to third parties.

Where you have elected to reinvest your income payment, or have made no election, your income payment will be reinvested into the managed fund from which the income payment is made.

An instruction to reinvest your income payment needs to be in place no later than 3.00 pm on the last business day of the six month period ending 31 December and 30 June. Note you only need to tell us once if you want your income payment

reinvested. After that, you will only need to advise us if you wish to change your instructions.

If you reinvest your distribution the unit price date for this will be the date on which the distribution is reinvested. It may not be the unit price as at the last business day of the relevant distribution period.

What happens if I invest just before or just after an income payment is made?

Subject to the terms of the constitution of each managed fund, if you hold units in the fund at close of business on the last business day of the six month period ending 31 December or 30 June (the half year end) of any year then you will be entitled to an income payment for the six-month period ending on those dates. The first unit price after the half year end will be reduced as a result of the distribution.

Switches

We reserve the right to reject any switch application. If you switch your investment it is important for you to know that the PDS may be updated or replaced from time to time. You can request from us a copy of the most recent PDS which will be provided free of charge. The most recent copy of the PDS will also always be available from our website.

More information on withdrawing your investment

Under the constitutions of the Balanced, Larger Companies, Smaller Companies and International Equities Trusts, withdrawals are to be satisfied within 21 days from receipt of a request. In the case of the Income Trust, withdrawals of up to 60% of an investor's holding must be completed within 21 days and the balance within 60 days. Withdrawals can be postponed for up to a further 14 days where, in the opinion of the responsible entity, the withdrawal price would be prejudicial to other investors, for instance when the current value may not reflect the true and fair value of a trust. The law also requires withdrawal of your money to be delayed in some circumstances. For example, if there are not enough fund investments which can easily be turned into cash, then cash within the fund would be allocated on a pro rata basis amongst those wanting to exit in accordance with a procedure set down in the Corporations Act 2001.

Arrangements to withdraw from the Property Trust are different from our other managed funds. Details on withdrawing from the Property Trust are provided on page 26.

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Calculating the value of your withdrawal

For those funds which are priced daily, in normal circumstances, the close of business unit price will be used for withdrawal requests received before or at 3.00pm Canberra time on a business day. Withdrawal requests received after 3.00 pm (or on a day other than a business day) are processed using the close of business unit price for the next following business day.

Updated information

Some types of information included in this PDS may change from time to time – for example the:

- number of investors we have;
- investment profiles;
- Property Trust ratios;
- buy-sell spreads;
- acceptable methods of communication;
- our service providers;
- format of forms.

If those changes are not materially adverse to you, then we may not update this PDS, but we will provide the updated information on our website, and you will be able to obtain any updated information from us free of charge.

Transfer and transmission

A transfer is a change in ownership of an existing unitholding.

In order to transfer a unitholding you will need to send a transfer form. The form may need to be stamped by a relevant State or Territory revenue office before we are able to process the transfer. Please contact us for further details.

Where a unitholder dies, their unitholding will passthrough transmission to their estate or beneficiaries.

To allow transmission of a unitholding to occur, you will need to send us a transmission form, a certified copy of a death certificate and other related documents to facilitate processing.

The transmission form may need to be stamped by a relevant State or Territory revenue office before we are able to process the transmission. Please contact us for further details.

Transfer and transmission forms can be downloaded from our website.

Please note that there may be taxation implications arising from a transfer or a transmission and you should seek professional taxation advice if you are unsure about the implications.

Phone, email and fax terms and conditions

By electing to use the phone, email and/or fax facilities, you agree that we will not be responsible to you for any fraudulently completed, incorrect or incomplete communications and that we will not compensate you for any losses.

You release and indemnify us against any liabilities whatsoever arising from our acting on any communication received by phone, email or fax in respect of your investment.

We will only act on completed communications. In the case of a fax or email, a transmission certificate from your equipment is not sufficient evidence that your fax or email was received. We will not be liable for any loss or delay resulting from the nonreceipt of any transmission.

These terms and conditions are in addition to any other requirements that may form part of your giving instructions.

If information you provide does match those previously given to us you may be required to provide additional information to verify your instructions or identity.

You must advise us in writing if you wish to change any of your account details. To protect your investment, we need to be satisfied that the written instruction is made with the authority of all signatories to the unitholding. The written instruction must also include the investor number.

We may cancel or vary the terms of the phone, email and/or fax services by giving 14 days' written notice to you. You signify your acceptance of these conditions when you conduct a transaction via phone, email or fax.

Fees and other costs



This section contains:
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Additional explanation

Fees and other costs

DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long term returns.

For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your fund balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30 year period (for example, reduce it from \$100 000 to \$80 000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You may be able to negotiate to pay lower contribution fees and management costs where applicable. Ask the fund or your financial adviser.

TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)** website (www.fido.asic.gov.au) has a managed investment fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

This section shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from the managed investment assets as a whole.

You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.

If you are a direct investor (that is, your investment is not made through an adviser or other third party) there are two fee payment options:

- standard (non-electronic) investor – where you choose to receive communications from us in paper form and make your investments via cheque

- electronic investor – where you choose to receive communications from us electronically and make your investments via BPAY or with a Regular Investor Plan.

Electronic investors receive discounts on contribution fees.

If you invest through a third party (for example an adviser) you may also be able to negotiate reduced contribution fees.

In the following tables, percentages expressed to one or two decimal places may have been rounded and, to assist ease of reading, some monetary amounts are expressed to the nearest dollar.

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
FEES WHEN YOUR MONEY MOVES IN OR OUT OF THE FUND		
<i>Establishment fee</i> The fee to open your investment	Nil – we do not charge this fee.	-
<i>Contribution fee</i> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Standard (non-electronic) investor Balanced, Larger Companies, Smaller Companies, International Equities – 3.6% Income – 0.5% Property – Nil	Charged against each investment or contribution (except reinvestment of distributions). The fee is reduced for direct investments of \$35,000 and above – see <i>Larger investment amounts</i> below. This fee may be negotiable if you retain a licensed financial adviser – see <i>Adviser commissions and service fees</i> below.
	Electronic investor Balanced, Larger Companies, Smaller Companies, International Equities – 2.0% Income – 0.5% Property – Nil	Charged against each investment or contribution (except reinvestment of distributions). The fee is reduced for investments of \$35,000 and above – see <i>Larger investment amounts</i> below. Only available for direct investment.

Fees and other costs

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<i>Withdrawal fee</i> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Nil	
<i>Termination fee</i> The fee to close your investment	Nil	
MANAGEMENT COSTS – THE FEES AND COSTS FOR MANAGING YOUR INVESTMENT		
<i>Administration and investment management fee</i>	Balanced, Larger Companies, Smaller Companies – 1.9% per annum International Equities – 1.35% per annum Income – 1.13% per annum	This is the fee to cover the general administration of the Fund and for managing the Fund's investments. The fee is taken into account during valuation through deduction from the assets of the managed investment. Valuation normally occurs daily.
Plus		
<i>Expense recoveries</i>	0.32%–0.5% per annum	These are estimates of expenses payable by the managed funds or recoverable by us from the managed funds as responsible entity. The estimates are based on actual expense recoveries for the managed funds for the year ended 30 June 2009, but they may vary in future. Expense recoveries are taken into account during valuation through deduction from the assets of the managed fund. Valuation normally occurs daily.
<i>The amount you will pay for the Property Trust is shown on page 35</i>		
SERVICE FEES		
<i>Investment switching fee</i> The fee for changing investment options	0%–3.6%	Applicable when switching from a managed investment with a lower contribution fee to one with a higher contribution fee. Where applicable, the fee is charged to an investor's account at the time of the switch. See further 'Switch fees' under 'Additional explanation of fees and costs'.
Adviser service fee	Refer to <i>Additional explanation of fees and costs</i>	Refer to <i>Additional explanation of fees and costs</i> page 36.

Additional explanation of fees and costs

Example of annual fees and costs for an investment in the Balanced Trust

This table gives an example of how the fees and costs in the Balanced Trust can affect your investment over a one-year period. You should use this table to compare this product with other managed investment products.

EXAMPLE OF ANNUAL FEES AND COSTS Balanced Trust		Balance of \$50 000 with a contribution of \$5000 during the year.*
Contribution fees	0.0% – 3.6%	For every additional \$5000 you put in, you will be charged between \$0 and \$180.
PLUS management costs	2.17% per year	And, for every \$50,000 you have in the trust you will be charged \$1085 each year.
EQUALS cost of trust		If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year you would be charged fees of from: \$1085 to \$1265*
<p>What it costs you will depend on the investment option you choose and the fees you negotiate with us or your financial adviser.</p>		

* Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar. Additional fees may apply. If you have agreed to pay your adviser a service fee, it will be deducted from your account balance.

Switch fees

The following switch fees apply:

Switching from	Switching to			
	Balanced, Larger Companies, Smaller Companies, International Equities		Income	Property
	Standard investors	Electronic investors		
Income	3.1%	1.5%	–	Nil
Property	3.6%	2.0%	0.5%	–

For example, if you are switching \$5000 from Income to Balanced, you will pay a \$155 switch fee.

The switch fee may be waived if you have previously switched an investment with us into the Income or Property Trust and are now seeking to switch back to another one of our managed funds – you should contact us if you are in this situation. Switch fees are also negotiable down to 0% if you retain a licensed financial adviser - see *Adviser commissions and rebates* below. Switching from the Property Trust could be delayed for significant periods – see further the Property Trust Profile (Page 23) and the section *Withdrawing from the Property Trust* (Page 26). When larger amounts are switched, a discounted switch fee would apply in line with discounted contributions for larger amounts – see below.

Larger investment amounts – reduced contribution fees

Reduced contribution fees are available for larger direct investments:

For Balanced, Smaller Companies, Larger Companies, International Equities <i>Investment amount</i>	Contribution fee	
	<i>Standard (non-electronic) investor</i>	<i>Electronic investor</i>
\$35,000 – \$54,999	2.6%	1.5%
\$55,000 – \$249,999	2.1%	1.0%
\$250,000 and over	0%	0%

Investments \$250,000 and over into the Income Trust have a 0% contribution fee.

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Adviser commissions and service fees

If your investment is made through a licensed financial adviser then the following arrangements apply:

1. Up-front commission – we will pay the contribution fee that we collect to your adviser as a commission. The amount of the commission we pay is negotiable between you and your adviser. If your adviser completely waives their commission, you will not be charged a contribution fee by us. If your adviser accepts a lower commission, we will reduce your contribution fee accordingly.
2. Switch commission – we will pay the switch fee that we collect to your adviser as a commission. The amount of the commission we pay is negotiable between you and your adviser. If your adviser completely waives the switch commission, you will not be charged a switch fee by us. If your adviser accepts a lower switch commission, we will reduce your switch fee accordingly.
3. Adviser service fee (not applicable to the Property Trust) – upon your instruction, up to 1% per annum of your account balance may be paid to your adviser. For example, on a \$50,000 investment, at 1%, this would amount to \$500 for the year. The service fee is set by negotiation between you and your adviser. The fee is deducted from your account balance monthly and paid to your adviser quarterly in arrears by redeeming units from your investment. The service fee is paid in addition to our management fees. The adviser service fee is ongoing and we will continue to pay your adviser quarterly until you instruct us otherwise.

If you make investments through a licensed adviser, and then subsequently instruct us that you no longer have a relationship with that (or any other) licensed adviser, your contribution fees may revert to 3.6% on each investment you make, subject to any other applicable discounts.

GST

Goods and services tax (GST) is not payable on the issue, withdrawal or transfer of units in the managed funds, as these are input-taxed financial supplies for GST purposes. When fees and costs are shown in this section (unless otherwise stated) the net cost of GST is included. If the GST rate or arrangements change, the total amount you pay may change even though fees due to us are not increased.

Changes to fees and maximum allowable fees

All fees can change. Reasons might include changing economic conditions or changes in regulation. Be aware that we have the right to change fees without your consent and some fees may be indexed. We would always give you at least 30 days' notice of any proposed increase to our fees, to give you enough time to reconsider your investment. Our current fees are lower than the maximum allowed in the constitutions for the managed funds.

Ability to negotiate fees

We may negotiate reduced fees with any wholesale investor (as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001*). We may also offer discounted fees in accordance with Australian Securities and Investments Commission policy. For example, discounted fees may be offered to investors based on the total value of interests held by an investor, or on the total period of time during which an investor has held interests with us or in other financial products offered by us. This is determined by us when deciding how and to who the discounts apply. We provide a nil contribution fee to our staff and staff of related parties.

Incidental fees

You will incur a cheque dishonour or electronic transfer failure fee. In addition an administrative fee of \$55 will apply. This is levied on your contribution amount.

Taxes

Please refer to *Taxation* on page 40 for a description of tax implications for investments in the trusts.

Transaction costs and buy–sell spreads

Transactions costs are taxes, duties and other costs (such as brokerage and stamp duty) related to buying and selling assets in the managed funds. When you invest, switch or withdraw all or part of your investment, we may use what is called a buy–sell spread to recover transaction costs from you so that the remaining investors are not paying the costs of your transaction and you pay a contribution towards the transaction costs of already acquired assets.

The buy–sell spread is an adjustment to the unit price so that there is a difference between the entry and exit price for the managed investment. The buy–sell spread is an additional cost to you and is incurred when you invest, switch or withdraw. There is no buy–sell spread for reinvestment of distributions. We may vary the buy–sell spread from time to time if transaction costs change. Notice will not normally be provided, however, updated information will be provided on our website and in regular communications.

Additional explanation of fees and costs

Buy–sell spreads for our managed funds are:

Managed fund	Buy spread	Cost to you on investment of \$5000	Sell spread	Cost to you on redemption of \$5000
Balanced	0.91%	\$46	0.33%	\$17
Smaller Companies	0.18%	\$9	0.18%	\$9
Larger Companies	0.19%	\$10	0.19%	\$10
Income	0%	\$0	0%	\$0
Property	6.81%	\$340	1.99%	\$100
International Equities	0.21%	\$11	0.21%	\$11

The buy–sell spread is retained within the managed fund. It is not a fee paid to us. The imposition of a buy–sell spread is built into the unit price and therefore will not appear on your statement.

Property Trust fees

The following fees are applicable only to investments in the Property Trust.

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
Management costs - the fees and costs for managing your investment		
<i>Administration and investment management fee</i>	1.28% per annum	Valuation occurs monthly. This fee is taken into account during valuation through deduction from the assets of the managed fund.
Plus		
<i>Expense recovery</i>	0.8%–0.95% per annum	The Property Trust does not have an expense recovery history. This is an estimated amount and may vary. This fee is taken into account during valuation through deduction from the assets of the managed fund.
<i>Performance fee:</i> The fee charged by us if the performance of the Property Trust exceeds its benchmark.	20.5% of the outperformance of the trust over its benchmark. It is calculated by multiplying the gross asset value of the trust at the end of a financial year by 20.5% of the difference between the trust's total return for that financial year and the benchmark. The total performance fee cannot exceed 1% of the gross asset value of the Trust determined as at the end of the financial year. Any underperformance in a previous period must be recovered before we can charge a performance fee in the current period. The total return takes into account ongoing management fees and trust expenses and is calculated as if distributions of income have been reinvested. The benchmark is the annual Australian Consumer Price Index (excluding volatile items) plus 3%.	This fee is taken into account during valuation through deduction from the assets of the trust. The Property Trust is valued monthly. Example: assume that the benchmark return for a year was 8%. The performance of the trust over the same period was 10%. The gross asset value of the trust at the end of the year is \$40 million. The outperformance for the period is 2% (10% minus 8%). The performance fee is then 20.5% of 2% = 0.41%. Applying this to the trust's gross assets the performance fee payable to us is 0.41% of \$40 million or \$164,000.

Additional explanation of fees and costs

Other Property Trust fees		
<p><i>Acquisition fee:</i> The fee charged by us when property is acquired for the Property Trust. It covers our work in identifying, negotiating and settling of property transactions.</p>	<p>2.05% of the acquisition value of the property acquired. For example if the trust acquires a property with a value of \$1,000,000, we will charge the trust a fee of \$20,500.</p>	<p>This fee is taken into account during valuation through deduction from the assets of the trust. It would apply to the next valuation following an acquisition. The Property Trust is valued monthly.</p>
<p><i>Asset disposal fee:</i> The fee charged by us when a property owned by the property trust is sold. It covers our work in disposing of a property.</p>	<p>2.05% of the net proceeds of disposal of trust property.</p>	<p>This fee is taken into account during valuation through deduction from the assets of the trust. It would apply to the next valuation following a disposal. The Property Trust is valued monthly.</p>
<p><i>Transfer fee:</i> The fee charged by us on a transfer of units in the trust.</p>	<p>0.5% of the consideration payable on the transfer of units or \$102.50 (whichever is greater). For example, if there is a \$50,000 transfer which we have facilitated, the transferor and transferee will be charged \$256.25.</p>	<p>This fee is charged to both the transferor and transferee at the time we register a transfer of units in the trust. The fee will be charged where we have facilitated the transfer.</p>
<p><i>Retirement or removal fee:</i> The fee charged by us if we retire or are removed as responsible entity for the trust.</p>	<p>Equal to the administration and management fee charged by us over the 12 months prior to the retirement or removal.</p>	<p>This fee is taken into account during valuation through deduction from the assets of the trust. It would apply to the next valuation following our retirement or removal. The Property Trust is valued monthly.</p>

Taxation

Before you read the information on tax it is important to know that the information is a guide; it should not replace professional taxation advice and should not be relied on as a complete statement of the law. We recommend you obtain professional taxation advice on your particular circumstances.

Taxation of your distribution

Under normal circumstances, the trusts do not pay income tax because we distribute the net taxable income to investors. When we distribute income to investors, it keeps the same taxation status as when we received it. Depending on which trust you invest in, your distribution may include:

- income (like interest, franked or unfranked dividends, foreign and tax deferred)
- capital gains
- tax credits.

You should declare on your tax return any distributions you receive from us even if they are reinvested in additional units. At the end of each financial year, we will send you a consolidated statement of all income we have paid you, its tax components and a guide to help you transfer this information to your tax return.

Tax implications of redeeming, transferring or switching investments

Investors may need to include any profit or loss on sale of their investment in their tax return, for example as a capital gain or loss. Australian Ethical can send you a history of all your transactions with us to assist in calculating any such gain or loss.

Australian residents are generally subject to capital gains tax on gains when they withdraw any money for themselves or to invest in another fund or transfer units to someone.

Quoting your tax file number


While it is up to you, we strongly recommend you quote your tax file number. This can be done using the application form. If you do not quote your tax file number (or claim an exemption from doing so), tax must be withheld from an Australian investor's distribution at the highest marginal tax rate plus any levies. You may reclaim any additional tax paid through your annual income tax assessment.

Australian tax law requires us to withhold tax from an overseas investor's income at rates determined by the type of income and country of residence.

If the trust is liable to pay any withholding or other tax or duty in respect of your income entitlement,

it will be deducted before the distribution is paid to you. The amount deducted will be listed on your distribution statement.

The consequences of not providing your tax file number may change in future as a result of legislative change. Your tax file number may be disclosed to the Commissioner of Taxation but otherwise, it shall not be disclosed to any other person unless the law requires.



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About this Product Disclosure Statement

This document is a Product Disclosure Statement ('PDS'). You should read this PDS before deciding whether to make an investment.

The PDS will help you:

- decide whether our managed funds will meet your needs, and
- compare our managed funds with other investments you may be considering.

You can obtain a copy of the PDS free of charge by: downloading it from our website, www.australianethical.com.au, contacting us on 1800 021 227 or emailing us at trustadmin@australianethical.com.au.

If you print an electronic copy of this document, by law you should print all pages, including the application forms. If you provide the PDS to another person, you will need to give them the entire electronic file or printout, including the application form. If you print the file, we encourage you to use recycled paper. You should keep a copy of the PDS for your records.

We may change any of the terms and conditions in this PDS. If the change is an increase in fees and charges, we will give 30 days' notice of the change. Notification of other significant changes that are either adverse or potentially adverse; or material to an investor, will be given before the change is made. If there is a material alteration of the information contained in this PDS we will amend or withdraw it.

All monetary amounts are references to Australian dollars. The offer made in this PDS is available only to persons receiving this statement in Australia and in New Zealand. The offer is available in New Zealand pursuant to the Securities (Mutual Recognition of Securities Offerings - Australia) Regulations 2008.

Getting Advice

The information contained in this PDS is general information only. It does not take into account your individual objectives, financial situation or needs. If you want advice that takes into account your specific financial needs and objectives, you should contact a person or organisation licensed to provide personal financial advice. You should seek professional advice if you do not understand any aspect of this product.

No person or organisation guarantees the return of capital or the performance of your investment. Due to the level of investment returns earned and the imposition of taxes and fees, you may get back less than the amount you invest.

More about **australianethical**

The responsible entity of the managed funds discussed

in this PDS is Australian Ethical Investment Ltd. It is a company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and is owned by approximately 800 shareholders.

We were established in 1986 to provide ethical investment options with a competitive rate of return. **australianethical** first offered ethical investment options to the public in 1989.

The company's constitution includes a provision whereby 10 per cent of its annual profit is donated to non-profit, charitable, benevolent and conservation organisations.

At present, we appoint a third party custodian to hold most of the assets of our managed funds, although for some assets (for example, real property) we act as our own custodian. At some future point we may choose to act as our own custodian for more or all property of the managed funds, subject to meeting the necessary regulatory requirements. We have also appointed a registry manager to manage the unitholder register and administration. Regardless of whether the company outsources a function, the company as responsible entity remains legally responsible for the property and operation of the managed funds.

The company holds an Australian Financial Services Licence which authorises it to arrange and deal in the assets of the managed funds as well as to provide advice about the funds.

As responsible entity, the company is bound to invest managed fund assets and administer the funds honestly and in the best interests of investors. The company's management of the funds is governed by legislation and the constitutions of the managed funds.

Privacy and keeping your investment secure

We are committed to protecting your privacy and endeavor to keep your investments secure. In order to keep your personal information safe we will only use that information where necessary to:

- administer your investment
- provide information to you
- conduct market research and analysis
- develop products
- meet regulatory obligations.

To help keep your investment secure we ask that you keep us informed of any changes to your details including your:

- postal address
- bank accounts for withdrawal and income payments
- phone numbers and email address
- adviser.

Important information

A full version of our privacy policy is available on our website. It outlines more information on how we protect your personal information, the type of information we may collect and how that information is held, used and disclosed.

Cooling-off

To help ensure you are happy with your investment decision you have a 14-day cooling-off period. You will need to tell us in writing if you change your mind. The 14-day period starts on the earlier of either when you receive confirmation that you are invested or five business days after units are issued to you.

The contribution fee applied to your investment will be refunded. The amount of investment repaid will be adjusted to take into account the increase or decrease in the value of the investment at the date we receive the notification, as well as any transaction costs and/or reasonable administrative fees.

Cooling-off does not apply in some situations including: switches between other managed funds we offer; subsequent investments made through the regular investor plan; investments by wholesale investors as defined by the Corporations Act 2001; and any investment in respect of which an investor has already exercised rights as a unitholder.

Unit price calculation

Investors are issued units. Each of the managed funds have their own unit price. The unit price is calculated by dividing net assets by the total number of units on issue. For example, if \$1,000,000 of net assets are held and there are 1,000,000 units on issue, then the unit price would be \$1.00.

For our funds that are valued daily the close of business unit price will be used for applications or withdrawal requests received before or at 3pm Canberra time on a business day. Applications or withdrawals received after 3:00 pm (or on a day other than a business day) are processed using the close of business price for the next following business day. Applications will only be processed if accompanied by payment. More information on unit prices is available via our website or by contacting us.

Enquiries and complaints

We welcome comments. If you have an enquiry or complaint please phone 1800 021 227 or write to us at trustadmin@australianethical.com.au. We aim to resolve your concerns at the time of your call. If this is not possible we will acknowledge your complaint within five working days and will investigate, properly consider and decide on the action to take and communicate this to you

within 21 business days. If you are not satisfied with our response to your complaint, you can contact the Financial Ombudsman Service Limited on: 1300 780 808 or www.fos.org.au.

Financial crimes monitoring

As part of our compliance with anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing legislation we may:

- need to verify your identity
- refuse or delay transactions
- from time to time require additional information from you to enable a transaction to proceed.

Under the legislation we are required to disclose information about suspicious transactions to regulator and/or law enforcement agencies. You must not initiate, engage in or effect a transaction that may be in breach of Australian law, or the law of any other country.

Consents

The Centre for Australian Ethical Research Pty Ltd (CAER) Thomas Davis & Co and Registries Limited have given written consent to the inclusion of information referable to them in the form and context in which it is included and have not withdrawn this consent before the issue of this statement. In particular CAER has given written consent to the inclusion of information regarding advocacy processes and Thomas Davis and Co as the auditor for the managed funds. None of CAER, Thomas Davis & Co or Registries Limited take responsibility for any part of this PDS nor have they authorised or caused the issue of this PDS.

We must manage in accordance with the constitutions

The constitution of each managed fund establishes the fund and sets out the rules for its operation. Each constitution, this PDS and the law governs our relationship with you. You can request a copy of a constitution for our managed funds by contacting us. It is also available on our website.

The constitutions limit our need to compensate you if things go wrong. Generally, if we comply with our duties then we do not need to compensate you unless the law so requires. We may need to change a constitution from time to time. We must have unitholder approval to make changes to a constitution where those changes are adverse to the rights of unitholders.

Valuation

Our managed funds are valued in accordance with their constitutions and compliance plans. In general, valuations are performed daily although our Property Trust will only

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be valued monthly. The value of each managed fund is its net assets (total assets less total liabilities).

Pricing discretions

We exercise some discretion when we value our managed funds and when unit prices are determined. You can obtain a copy of our discretions policy and related documents free of charge by contacting us.

Borrowing

Borrowing or financial accommodation for a managed fund may not be arranged at any time when that fund's liabilities exceed 40 per cent of its value. At the date of this PDS, with the exception of the Property Trust, none of the managed funds had any borrowings.

Details of Property Trust borrowings have been provided in the managed fund profiles above.

Commencement and duration

A managed fund may be terminated in circumstances set out in its constitution and the Corporations Act. We may retire, be required to retire or be removed as responsible entity. Unless exceptional circumstances apply in which a court order may be obtained, an extraordinary resolution must be passed by unitholders for the removal or appointment of a responsible entity.

Rights of unitholders

If you invest with us, you will be entitled to an interest in the relevant managed fund and have the right to:

- receive a portion of the income of the fund and any distribution of capital
- have units redeemed in accordance with the Corporations Act and the managed fund's constitution
- participate on termination or winding up of the managed fund in any distribution of the fund's assets
- receive a copy of the fund's annual report
- attend and vote at any meeting of unitholders.

You have these rights from the time we process your application until we receive and process a redemption request.

Joint unitholdings are held as joint tenancies.

We do not recognise any third party rights to, or beneficial interests in, unitholdings. Your unitholding is administered in accordance with instructions properly received and directed by the current signatories.

Liabilities of unitholders

Constitutions for the managed funds provide that a

unitholder's liability to creditors of the fund is limited to the amount invested in the fund. However, this is subject to changes in the law and court decisions and cannot be guaranteed.

The auditor

The appointment and removal of auditors is regulated by the law. The current auditor of the managed funds is Thomas Davis & Co.

Interests of directors and others

Our directors, employees and subcontractors have had no interest in, or received fees from, the managed funds in the two years prior to the issue of this PDS except as follows:

- directors, employees and/or subcontractors may become directors of companies in whose shares or investment products the managed funds invest
 - directors, employees and/or subcontractors may own shares in companies in whom the managed funds also invest
 - directors, employees and/or subcontractors may have investments in the managed funds
 - directors, employee and/or subcontractors may have, or may be associated with companies who have shares and/or share options in our company
 - directors, employees and/or subcontractors may be associated with companies who provide services to us and receive remuneration in that capacity
 - directors may receive fees and/or commissions in their capacity as professional financial advisers
 - directors may be employed by us for the provision of services in an executive or consulting capacity.
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Financial services guide

This guide is dated 1 October 2009

AUSTRALIAN ETHICAL INVESTMENT LTD,
ABN 47 003 188 930, AFSL No 229949.

This guide contains important information about:

- the services we offer you
- how we are paid
- our internal and external dispute resolution procedures.

We are able to provide you with advice about our products. In most circumstances we will provide you with general advice, that is information and advice about our financial products that does not take your personal circumstances into account. In limited circumstances we may offer you personal advice; this advice may take into account your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. In the event we give you personal advice, you will also receive a statement of advice (SoA) from us. The SoA will contain the advice, the basis on which we give it and, if applicable, information about anything that may have influenced us giving you that advice.

If you choose to invest in one of our products, you need to consider the information in the relevant Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) in order to make an informed decision. To invest in our products, you must complete an application form from the current PDS. Please contact us for a copy.

Who is responsible for the financial services provided to me?

Australian Ethical Investment Ltd ('Australian Ethical') is responsible to you for any advice it provides about financial products, including the Australian Ethical Trusts and the Australian Ethical Retail Superannuation Fund. Australian Ethical is also responsible to you for offering and issuing any interests in the Australian Ethical Trusts.

Please note that the offer of interests in the Australian Ethical Retail Superannuation Fund (SFN 4794/449/82, Registration Number R1004731) is by arrangement with our subsidiary and trustee of the Fund, Australian Ethical Superannuation Pty Ltd (ABN 43 079 259 733, RSEL L0001441). Aside from its duties as Trustee, Australian Ethical Superannuation Pty Ltd is only responsible for the issue of interests in the fund to you. The trustee of the fund has engaged Pillar Administration to provide administration services for the fund. Pillar will provide a separate financial services guide to you.

We do not act as a representative of any other licensee in relation to the advice or products we may provide to you.

What financial services and products do we offer to you?

Australian Ethical is authorised to provide financial product advice, deal in financial products, and operate

the Australian Ethical Trusts. We are also authorised to give you advice about superannuation and to offer interests in the fund. The Australian Ethical Trusts are listed below.

You may receive advice from us when you visit our website, make a telephone enquiry or attend one of our seminars. Our advice will be limited to our financial products unless we are addressing the general subject of ethical investment.

Advice that considers your personal objectives, financial situation or needs will only be given in limited circumstances and you may wish to consult an accredited adviser before making an investment decision.

Any advice you receive from us will be given by one of our employees. Any advice you receive about our financial products from elsewhere is provided independently of Australian Ethical.

How are we paid for our services?

If you invest in a product we offer, you will pay fees in relation to your investment in that product. You will not pay additional fees for any advice you obtain from us. You will find details of our fees and any other charges which may be applicable to your investment in the relevant PDS. Please contact us if you require a copy of our PDS or if you would like further information about fees. You can also obtain this information from our website at www.australianethical.com.au.

How are any commissions, fees or other charges calculated?

Your adviser should provide you with a SoA setting out the fees and commissions you may pay to them for the advice you receive from them. You will find information regarding the payment of your adviser in the PDS.

Will anyone be paid for referring me to you?

Our employees receive a salary. Any bonuses or other benefits that employees receive are not tied to any advice they give you, even if you invest with us. Other than in respect of a commission for a financial adviser that you retain, we do not pay commissions or provide benefits to any third parties because they have referred you to us. In some cases we pay an annual product access payment to have our products included on a platform. Platforms include investor-directed portfolio services, wrap accounts and master trusts.

Professional indemnity insurance

We have professional indemnity insurance in place. In accordance with the policy terms and conditions this insurance covers the actions of our staff and representatives in dealing with you. It will cover the

actions of our staff and representatives even where those people later leave the company's employment. The policy is required to be renewed annually.

What information do you maintain in my file and can I examine my file?

All client information and correspondence is recorded and maintained. We are committed to the privacy standards set out in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) for the security and use of your personal information. The statement of our privacy policy is available on our website. If you wish to examine your file, please ask us and we will make arrangements for you to do so.

Who can I complain to if I have a complaint about the provision of the financial services to me?

We welcome feedback of any kind. If you have a comment, enquiry or complaint about any of the services we provide you, please telephone, email or write to us. We have procedures in place to ensure that your correspondence is properly considered and dealt with in a timely way.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which we handle a complaint, you may lodge a written complaint with the Financial Ombudsman Service. This is an external dispute resolution scheme. Please contact us if you would like a brochure about this service or you can contact them directly by calling 1300 780 808.

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission has an information line on 1300 300 630, which you may use to obtain further information about your rights. If you have any further questions about the financial services provided by **australianethical**, please contact us on 1800 021 227. Retain this document for your reference and any future dealings with Australian Ethical.

Responsible entity

- Australian Ethical Investment Ltd
(ABN 47 003 188 930, AFSL 229949)
GPO Box 2435
Canberra ACT 2601
- 1800 021 227
- trustadmin@australianethical.com.au
- www.australianethical.com.au

The Australian Ethical Investment Ltd managed funds are:

- Australian Ethical Balanced Trust (AEBT)
ARSN 089 919 255
- Australian Ethical Smaller Companies Trust (AEST)
ARSN 089 919 175
- Australian Ethical Larger Companies Trust (AELT)
ARSN 089 919 166
- Australian Ethical Income Trust (AEIT)
ARSN 089 919 120
- Australian Ethical International Equities Trust (AEIET)
ARSN 124 861 338
- Australian Ethical Property Trust (AEPT)
ARSN 138 276 623

Transacting with us

The table below specifies acceptable methods for communicating your instructions to us across a range of transactions.

TRANSACTION TYPE	ACCEPTABLE METHOD OF COMMUNICATION					RELEVANT FORMS AND INFORMATION
	Investor Serve	Phone	Fax	Email	Post (original document)	
Investments						
Starting investment	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	See <i>Starting your investment</i> , page 28, and the application form, page 51.
Additional investments	✓ Amend Regular Investor Plans	✗	✗	✗	✓ or BPAY	See <i>Make additional investments</i> , page 30.
Withdrawal	✗	✗	✓	✓ With signed scanned form or letter	✓	See <i>How to withdraw your investment</i> , page 30, and the withdrawal form available on our website.
Change of details						
Change of address and contact details	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Change of bank account for payment of income or withdrawals	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	See <i>Income choice</i> , page 30.
Switches	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	See <i>Switching an investment</i> , page 30, and the switching form, available on our website.
Income payments						
Change to income payment instructions	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	See <i>Income choice</i> , page 30.
Transfers	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	Contact us.
Transmissions (deceased estate)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	Contact us.

Terms and conditions apply where you deal with us over the phone, by email or by fax. See *Phone, email and fax terms and conditions*, page 32.

Contact us

australian**ethical** Investment Ltd

Phone 1800 021 227

Fax 02 6201 1987

Email trustadmin@australianethical.com.au

Website www.australianethical.com.au

Online access to your investment details

www.investorserve.com.au

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Forms

This section contains:
Identification requirements
Application form
Declaration



Identification requirements

As a requirement of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* (AML/CTF legislation), we need to confirm your identity before you become an investor with us. You will need to complete the relevant sections of the application form and provide the following certified identification information to us.

Individual investor identification

Primary identification

Individual investors will need to send us a certified copy of either your:

- current driver's licence
- current Australian passport or one that has expired within two years, or
- formally issued identification containing your name, photograph and signature.

Other identification options

If you don't have any of the documents listed above, or don't wish to provide them, you can provide:

- a certified copy of either your birth certificate, pension card or citizenship certificate, and
- an original or certified copy of a rates, utilities, government benefits or an Australian Taxation Office notice, containing your name.

People who can certify your identification documents include:

- a permanent employee of Australia Post who has two or more years of continuous service
- an officer of a financial institution, such as a bank, who has two or more years of continuous service
- a chartered accountant who is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, CPA Australia or the National Institute of Accountants with two or more years continuous membership
- a legal practitioner (such as a solicitor) who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a state or territory, or the High Court of Australia
- a Justice of the Peace
- a police officer.

Investing through a financial adviser

Under the AML/CTF legislation your financial adviser can verify your identity and provide this documentation to us. You will need to provide the relevant identification documentation to your adviser which can then be sent on to us.

Company, partnership, trusts and self-managed superannuation identification

The AML/CTF legislation requires us to verify certain information regarding companies, partnerships, trusts and self-managed superannuation funds. Australian Ethical does this by searching these details using the ASIC search register available on their website or using ABNLookup on www.abr.business.gov.au. We may however need to contact you for additional information if necessary.

APPLICATION FORM (STARTING AND ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS)

A

INSTRUCTIONS

Investor number (existing investors)

Please use BLOCK LETTERS and BLACK PEN.
New investors go to section 1, existing investors go to section 3.

SECTION 1 – RESIDENTIAL OR BUSINESS ADDRESS (must be completed, may not be a PO Box)

Preferred postal and other contact details may be supplied at section 4.

Unit	<input type="text"/>	Street number	<input type="text"/>
Street name	<input type="text"/>		
Suburb	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>	Country	<input type="text"/>

SECTION 2 – INVESTOR(S) DETAILS (NEW INVESTORS)

Please tick one box to indicate what type of investor you are and go to the relevant section:

A Individual/sole trader
 B Self-managed superannuation fund
 C Company
 D Partnership
 E Trusts

A Individual/Sole trader

Title	<input type="text"/>	Surname	<input type="text"/>	DOB	<input type="text"/>
Given name(s)	<input type="text"/>				
Business name (for sole trader)	<input type="text"/>	TFN or ABN	<input type="text"/>	Go to section 3	

B Self-managed superannuation fund

Legal name of fund	<input type="text"/>				
ABN	<input type="text"/>	TFN	<input type="text"/>	Go to section 3	
Name of trustee(s)	<input type="text"/>				
Please attach details of any other Trustees					

C Company

Full name of company/corporate trustee (as registered with ASIC)

ACN	<input type="text"/>	TFN or ABN	<input type="text"/>
AFSL (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>		
Full name of director	<input type="text"/>		
Full name of director	<input type="text"/>		

Please attach details of any other directors

Shareholder details for proprietary companies

Provide details for all shareholders who own 25% or more of the issued capital of the company (through one or more shareholdings). Please attach detail of additional shareholders if necessary.

Name	<input type="text"/>				
Street	<input type="text"/>	Suburb	<input type="text"/>		
State	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>	Country	<input type="text"/>
Name	<input type="text"/>				
Street	<input type="text"/>	Suburb	<input type="text"/>		
State	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>	Country	<input type="text"/>

Go to section 3

SECTION 3 – ELECTRONIC INVESTOR AGREEMENT

By crossing the box below and providing us with your email address you are agreeing to become an electronic investor and will have access to our discounted fees (see *Fees and other costs* for more information). This means that you agree to:

- make your investments electronically via BPAY or direct debit
- have income payments (if not re-invested) deposited into your bank or credit union account electronically
- have documents such as your annual statements emailed to you.

To be an electronic investor it is important that you let us know whenever your email address changes.

I/we authorise Australian Ethical to treat me as an electronic investor.

Email

@

SECTION 4 – PREFERRED CONTACT DETAILS

Unit Street number PO Box

Street name

Suburb State

Postcode Country

Phone Phone (business hours)

Mobile Fax

SECTION 5 – FUNDING YOUR INVESTMENT

Electronic investors

- BPAY (go to 5A)
- Regular Investor Plan (go to 5C)

Standard (non-electronic) investors

- BPAY (go to 5A)
- Cheque (go to 5B)
- Regular Investor Plan (go to 5C)

A BPAY: online payment



Complete this form. Your BPAY reference number will be posted to you. You will then need to make your BPAY payment. Existing investors can make additional investments using BPAY without completing this form.

B Cheque

Make cheque payable to 'Australian Ethical Applications on Trust.' Australian dollars only.

C Regular Investor Plan: regular monthly payments

Complete Section 7.

SECTION 6 – INVESTMENT INSTRUCTIONS (STARTING AND ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS)

Refer to page 28 for minimum investment amounts.

Australian Ethical Trusts	Investment amount	Australian Ethical Trusts	Investment amount
Balanced Trust	\$ <input type="text"/>	International Equities Trust	\$ <input type="text"/>
Smaller Companies Trust	\$ <input type="text"/>	Property Trust	\$ <input type="text"/>
Larger Companies Trust	\$ <input type="text"/>		
Income Trust	\$ <input type="text"/>		

SECTION 7 – REGULAR INVESTOR PLAN

Australian Ethical Trusts Monthly regular investment (\$100 minimum) per trust

Balanced Trust	\$						
Smaller Companies Trust	\$						
Larger Companies Trust	\$						
Income Trust	\$						
Total		\$					

Provide the details of the Australian bank or credit union account from which you authorise us to debit on-going regular investor payments.

Account name

Account number BSB Bank

Regular monthly investment

Nominate the month you wish your Regular Investor Plan to start

The first debit will occur between the 15th and 20th of the month and at monthly intervals after that.

SECTION 8 – PAYMENT OF INCOME

Payment of income

To have your investment income re-invested as additional units select 'Re-invest'. To have your investment income paid into your bank or credit union account select 'Direct deposit'.

Australian Ethical Trusts	Re-invest	Direct deposit
Balanced Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smaller Companies Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larger Companies Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Income Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
International Equities Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Property Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide the details of the Australian bank or credit union account where you would like your income paid.

Account name

Account number BSB Bank

SECTION 9 – HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US

<input type="checkbox"/> Family or friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Magazine	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> australianethical newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet site	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adviser or accountant	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="text"/>

SECTION 10 – DECLARATION

By completing the application form I declare that:

My application is lawful because

- All the details I have provided for this application are true and correct.
- I received and accepted this offer in Australia or New Zealand.

I have made an informed decision because

- I have read the PDS to which this application applies.
- If I have received the PDS from the internet or by other electronic means, I have received the entire document.

I am responsible for my decision to make this application and

- I acknowledge that no representation has been made to

me by or on behalf of Australian Ethical other than those contained in the PDS or the Short Form PDS to which this application form is attached.

- I am not making this application because of an unsolicited meeting with or phone call from another person.

I am aware that Australian Ethical Investment will have records of my personal information and

- I consent to my information being used and/or disclosed as stated on page 42 of this PDS.
- The details of my investments including any information I provide can be given to the dealer group or adviser I have indicated on the application form, until I notify you otherwise.

SECTION 13 – DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST SERVICE AGREEMENT

Definitions

- account means the account held at your financial institution from which we are authorised to arrange for funds to be debited
- agreement means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us
- banking day means a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday listed throughout Australia
- debit day means the day that payment by you to us is due.
- debit payment means a particular transaction where a debit is made
- direct debit request means the Direct Debit Request between us and you
- us or we means Australian Ethical Investment Ltd (the Debit User) you have authorised by requesting a Direct Debit Request
- you means the customer who has signed or authorised by other means the Direct Debit Request
- your financial institution means the financial institution nominated by you on the Direct Debit Request at which the account is maintained.

1. Debiting your account

1.1 By signing a Direct Debit Request or by providing us with a valid instruction, you have authorised us to arrange for funds to be debited from your account. You should refer to the Direct Debit Request and this agreement for the terms of the arrangement between us and you.

1.2 We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request.

1.3 If the debit day falls on a day that is not a banking day, we may direct your financial institution to debit your account on the following banking day. If you are unsure about which day your account has or will be debited you should ask your financial institution.

2. Changes by us

2.1 We may vary any details of this agreement or a Direct Debit Request at any time by giving you at least fourteen (14) days written notice.

3. Changes by you

3.1 You may change, stop or defer a debit payment, or terminate this agreement by providing us with at least fourteen (14 day's) notification by writing to:

Australian Ethical Investment c/o Registries Limited
GPO Box 3993
Sydney NSW 2001

or
phone us on 1800 021 227 during business hours
or
arranging it through your own financial institution.

4. Your obligations

4.1 It is your responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in your account to allow a debit payment to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request.

4.2 If there are insufficient clear funds in your account to meet a debit payment:

- you may be charged a fee and/or interest by your financial institution
- you may also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by us
- you must arrange for the debit payment to be made by another

method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the debit payment.

4.3 You should check your account statement to verify that the amounts debited from your account are correct.

4.4 If Australian Ethical Investment Ltd is liable to pay goods and services tax ('GST') on a supply made in connection with this agreement, then you agree to pay Australian Ethical Investment Ltd on demand an amount equal to the consideration payable for the supply multiplied by the prevailing GST rate.

5. Dispute

5.1 If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify us directly on 1800 021 227 and confirm that notice in writing with us as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query more quickly. Alternatively you can take it up with your financial institution direct.

5.2 If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by arranging for your financial institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted.

5.3 If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by providing you with reasons and any evidence for this finding in writing.

6. Accounts

You should check:

(a) with your financial institution whether direct debiting is available from your account as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions

(b) your account details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent account statement

(c) with your financial institution before completing the Direct Debit Request if you have any queries about how to complete the Direct Debit Request.

7. Confidentiality

We will keep any information (including your account details) in your Direct Debit Request confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information.

7.2 We will only disclose information that we have about you:

- to the extent specifically required by law, or
- for the purposes of this agreement (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim).

8. Notice

8.1 If you wish to notify us in writing about anything relating to this agreement, you should write to:

Australian Ethical Investment c/o Registries Limited
GPO Box 3993
Sydney NSW 2001

8.2 We will notify you by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address you have given us in the Direct Debit Request.

8.3 Any notice will be deemed to have been received on the third banking day after posting.

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