

Australian Ethical is one of Australia's leading ethical fund managers. By investing responsibly in well-managed ethical companies, we deliver competitive financial performance to our clients and positive change to society and the environment. Since our inception in 1986, our Ethical Charter has guided all investment decisions and underpinned our business practices. Every year 10 per cent of our profits\* are distributed to charitable organisations and social impact initiatives through The Australian Ethical Foundation.

## Investment objective

To provide long-term growth through investment in listed companies on Australian and international stock exchanges that meet our Ethical Criteria. The Fund aims to track the blended index, before taking into account fees and expenses over a 7 year period.

## Price information

**Pricing frequency:** Daily

**Buy/Sell spread:** 0.05%/0.05%

## Fund facts

**Fund size:** \$15.98m

**Benchmark:** Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Composite

**Asset class:** Equity

**Inception date:** 03/11/1997

**Minimum investment timeframe:** 7 Years

**Risk level:** High

## Identifiers

**ISIN code:** AU60AUG00044

**APIR code:** AUG0004AU

## Distributions

**Frequency:** 2

**Dates:** 30/06, 31/12

## Fees

**Management costs - PDS:** 1.39%

**Minimum initial investment:** \$1,000  
\$500 with a Regular investor plan

**Additional transactional and operational costs:** 0.00%

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

\*(after tax, before bonus expense)

## Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified share portfolio of Australian and international companies on the basis of their social, environmental and financial credentials. Generally, all Australian investments will have a market capitalisation greater than the 200th ranked stock listed on the ASX. The Fund has a low level of turnover and aims to be fully invested at all times.

## Cumulative performance (as at 31/03/2024)



■ Australian Ethical Diversified Shares  
■ Benchmark

## Performance (as at 31/03/2024)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	2.7%	8.8%	14.9%	18.1%	7.9%	8.8%	8.8%	8.4%
Benchmark	3.2%	7.5%	15.7%	18.0%	10.9%	10.9%	9.6%	8.5%

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2023)

	CY2023	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019
Fund	14.6%	-14.4%	21.8%	7.1%	22.7%
Benchmark	15.1%	-3.9%	20.3%	2.7%	24.7%

Source: FE fundinfo.

Total returns are calculated using the sell (exit) price, net of management fees and gross of tax as if distributions of income have been reinvested at the actual distribution reinvestment price. The actual returns received by an investor will depend on the timing, buy and exit prices of individual transactions. Return of capital and the performance of your investment in the fund are not guaranteed. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Figures showing a period of less than one year have not been adjusted to show an annual total return. Figures for periods of greater than one year are on a per annum compound basis. The current benchmark may not have been the benchmark over all periods shown in the above chart and tables. The calculation of the benchmark performance links the performance of previous benchmarks and the current benchmark over the relevant time periods.

## Top 10

CSL LIMITED	2.0%
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	2.0%
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	2.0%
WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION ORD F/PD SHARES	1.9%
GOODMAN GROUP	1.9%
MACQUARIE GROUP LTD	1.8%
WESFARMERS LIMITED ORD FULLY PAID SHARES	1.7%
TELSTRA GROUP LIMITED	1.6%
MICROSOFT CORP	1.3%
WOOLWORTHS GROUP LIMITED	1.3%

## Ratings and awards

### RIAA

Certification:



CERTIFIED BY RIAA

## Why invest ethically?

**Portfolio diversification:** Diversify your portfolio by investing in companies and sectors not well covered by other fund managers and brokers.

**Help build a better world:** Invest in the new, low-carbon economy, fund medical and technology breakthroughs, efficient transport and more.

**Promote human rights:** We strive to avoid any investment in companies involved in the poor treatment of asylum seekers or the exploitation of workers through poor working conditions.

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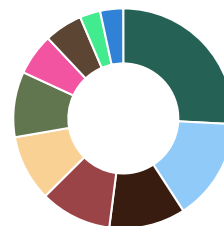
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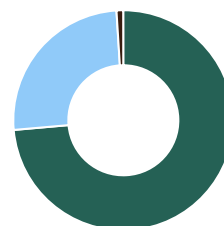
## Sector allocation

Financials	25.8%
Information Technology	15.0%
Industrials	11.2%
Health Care	10.5%
Real Estate	9.7%
Communication Services	9.6%
Materials	6.1%
Consumer Discretionary	5.6%
Consumer Staples	3.0%
Other	3.4%



## Asset allocation

Australian & NZ Shares	73.6%
International Shares	25.4%
Cash	1.0%



## Commentary

The Diversified Share Fund (Wholesale) (the "Fund") increased 8.9% net of fees in the quarter ended 31 March 2024, outperforming its benchmark (75% S&P/ASX 200 Accum Index / 25% MSCI World ex Aus Index) which rose by 7.5%. The domestic portfolio (74% of the fund) outperformed its benchmark by 2.37% (before fees), while the international portfolio underperformed its benchmark by -0.66%.

In the domestic portfolio, the biggest contributor to performance was the underweight position in Materials. The Materials sector fell as iron ore prices endured a peak-to-trough fall of ~25% which saw prices hit a 10-month low. Also contributing to outperformance was the overweight position in the Information Technology sector. Conversely, the overweight exposure to the Communications sector was a headwind to performance as underwhelming results weighed on several of our holdings.

In the international portfolio, the relative underperformance was driven by our underweight exposure to the US and stock selection in Japan.

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