

Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund (Wholesale)

Fund Profile - 30 June 2024

Australian
Ethical



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: \$294.03m

Benchmark: Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Composite

Asset class: Equity

Inception date: 23/01/2012

Minimum investment timeframe: 7 Years

Risk level: High

Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00192

APIR code: AUG0019AU

Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

Fees

Management costs - PDS: 0.95%

Minimum initial investment: \$25,000

Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.00%

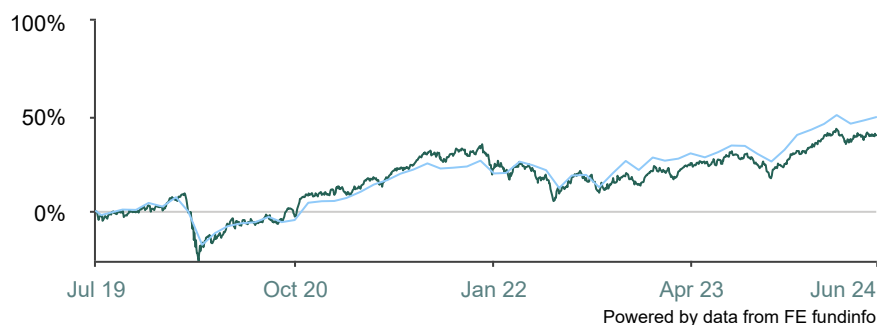
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(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 30/06/2024)



■ Australian Ethical Diversified Shares
■ Benchmark

Performance (as at 30/06/2024)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	0.9%	-2.4%	6.3%	10.0%	4.4%	7.5%	9.4%	11.9%
Benchmark	1.2%	-0.7%	6.7%	14.1%	7.7%	9.0%	9.3%	12.3%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2023)

	CY2023	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019
Fund	15.1%	-14.0%	22.6%	8.2%	23.9%
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.

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Top 10

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	2.2%
CSL LIMITED	2.1%
WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION ORD F/PD SHARES	2.1%
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	2.1%
MACQUARIE GROUP LTD	1.8%
GOODMAN GROUP	1.8%
WESFARMERS LIMITED ORD FULLY PAID SHARES	1.6%
TELSTRA GROUP LIMITED	1.5%
APPLE INC	1.4%
MICROSOFT CORP	1.4%

Ratings and awards

RIAA

Certification:



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Why invest ethically?

Portfolio diversification: Diversify your portfolio by investing in companies and sectors not well covered by other fund managers and brokers.
Help build a better world: Invest in the new, low-carbon economy, fund medical and technology breakthroughs, efficient transport and more.
Promote human rights: We strive to avoid any investment in companies involved in the poor treatment of asylum seekers or the exploitation of workers through poor working conditions.

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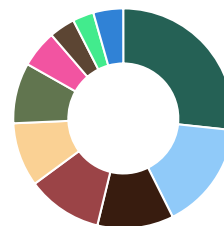
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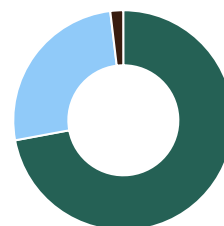
Sector allocation

Financials	26.7%
Information Technology	15.9%
Health Care	11.2%
Industrials	11.1%
Communication Services	9.4%
Real Estate	8.9%
Consumer Discretionary	5.5%
Materials	3.8%
Consumer Staples	3.1%
Other	4.4%



Asset allocation

Australian & NZ Shares	72.1%
International Shares	26.0%
Cash	1.9%



Commentary

The Diversified Share Fund returned +10.0% (wholesale) over the quarter (Retail fund returned 9.5%), underperforming the benchmark (75% S&P/ASX 200 Accum Index / 25% MSCI World ex Aus Index) which returned +14.1%.

In the domestic portfolio (72% of the fund), the underweight exposure to Australian Banks detracted from performance. The fund does not hold ANZ due to our Ethical charter. In the Healthcare sector, stock selection hurt performance, particularly our holding in Healius which was exited from the portfolio in 2023. The Materials sector was also a detractor from performance, as weaker lithium prices weighed on our holdings in IGO and Pilbara Minerals. Short term lithium supply is outweighing demand as the pace of growth in EV sales has slowed. Conversely, our overweight exposure to the Tech sector positively contributed to performance with particular strength in Altium (which was subject to a takeover bid), NextDC and Megaport. The zero exposure to Energy also assisted performance over the year.

In the international portfolio, the relative underperformance was driven by our underweight exposure to Japan and Canada, and partially offset by positive contribution from our exposure to the UK and Germany.

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