

# Australian Ethical Income Fund

Fund Profile - 30 September 2024

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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 generate an income stream consistent with prevailing short-term interest rates while minimising the risk of capital loss and meeting our Ethical Criteria. The Fund aims to exceed the return of the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill after taking into account management costs over a 1 year period.

## Price information

Pricing frequency:	Daily
Buy/Sell spread:	0.00%/0.00%

## Fund facts

Fund size:	\$1.35m
Benchmark:	Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill
Asset class:	Money Market
Inception date:	26/11/1997
Minimum investment timeframe:	1 year
Risk level:	Very low

## Identifiers

ISIN code:	AU60AUG00036
APIR code:	AUG0003AU

## Distributions

Frequency:	2
Dates:	30/06, 31/12

## Fees

Management costs - PDS:	0.20%
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)

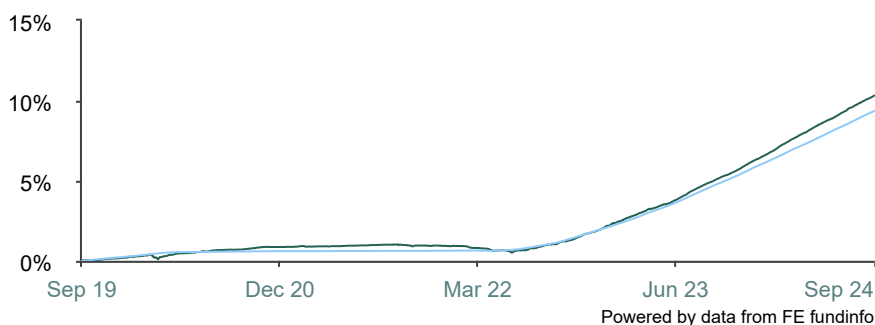
\*(after tax, before bonus expense)

\*\*The Benchmark was the Australian 90 Day Bank Bill from inception to 13 Aug 2019 and is the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index thereafter.

## Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified portfolio of interest-bearing investments generating income. The Fund is invested in short-dated deposits, high grade mortgage-backed securities, State and Commonwealth Government Bonds, and bank and other corporate bonds. As such, the returns of the Fund tend to move in line with the general level of interest rates.

## Cumulative performance (as at 30/09/2024)



■ Australian Ethical Income  
■ Composite Benchmark\*\*

## Performance (as at 30/09/2024)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	0.4%	1.3%	2.5%	5.0%	3.0%	2.0%	1.8%	3.5%
Composite Benchmark**	0.4%	1.1%	2.2%	4.4%	2.8%	1.8%	1.9%	3.9%

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2023)

	CY2023	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019
Fund	4.3%	0.9%	0.1%	0.7%	1.7%
Composite Benchmark**	3.9%	1.3%	0.0%	0.4%	1.4%

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

Westpac Banking Corporation	8.8%
Government Of Australia	8.5%
National Australia Bank Limited	7.7%
Commonwealth Bank Of Australia	7.5%
Queensland Treasury Corp.	4.6%
Bank Of Queensland Limited	4.5%
New South Wales Treasury Corp.	4.5%
Treasury Corporation Of Victoria	3.8%
Bendigo And Adelaide Bank Limited	2.4%
International Finance Corp.	2.3%

## Ratings and awards

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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.

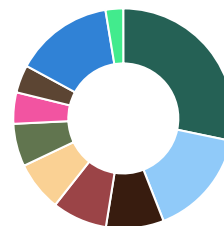
**Promote human rights:** We strive to avoid any investment in companies involved in the poor treatment of asylum seekers or the exploitation of workers through poor working conditions.

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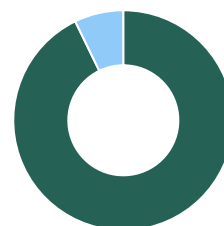
## Sector allocation

Bank Senior Debt	28.3%
State Government	15.8%
Government	8.5%
Corporate Credit	8.1%
SSA	7.3%
Bank Covered Bonds	6.3%
Term Deposit	4.6%
RMBS	4.1%
Other	14.5%
Cash	2.6%



## Asset allocation

Australian Interest Bearing Investments	92.8%
Cash	7.2%



## Commentary

For the quarter ended September 30, 2024 the Australian Ethical income Fund (Wholesale) returned 1.3% net of fees, in line with its benchmark return of 1.3% for the period, the Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index. The retail fund return was also 1.3%. The Australian Ethical income Fund is a short duration fund that aims to reflect prevailing market interest rates through exposure to a combined portfolio of short dated Commonwealth and State Government bonds, Floating rate notes issued by Banks (ranging from mutual banks to regional banks to the major banks), corporate issues, term deposits, mortgage backed and other asset backed securities. Over the quarter, the 3month bank bill swap rate that serves as the basis for the return of the floating rate securities in the fund moved from 4.49% at the end of June 2024 to 4.43% at the end of September 2024, having seen a low of 4.34% in August 2024. While market participants expect lower rates for Australia, expectations for RBA cuts are not expected until later in 2025.

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