

Australian Ethical Fixed Interest Fund (Wholesale)

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 provide exposure to primarily Australian fixed interest securities that meet our Ethical Criteria, generating income with some capital growth potential over the medium to long term. The Fund aims to track the return of the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ years Index before taking into account management costs over a 3 year period.

Price information

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

Fund facts

Fund size:	\$30.23m
Benchmark:	Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Years
Asset class:	Fixed Interest
Inception date:	15/01/2014
Minimum investment timeframe:	3 years
Risk level:	Low-Medium
ISIN code:	AU60AUG00234
APIR code:	AUG0023AU

Distributions

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

Fees

Management costs - PDS:	0.30%
Minimum initial investment:	\$25,000
Additional transactional and operational costs:	0.00%

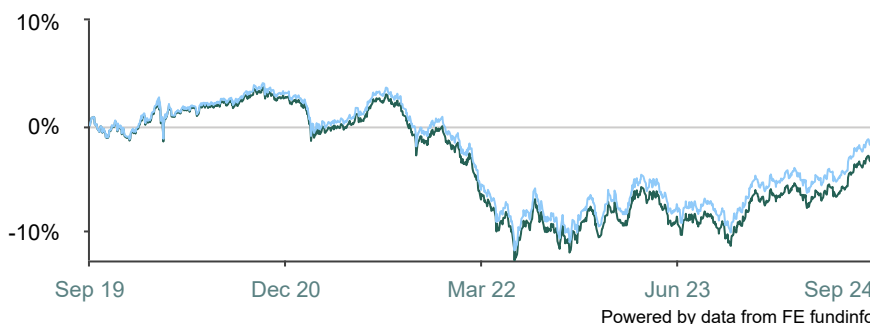
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(after tax, before bonus expense)

Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified portfolio of interest-bearing investments generating income. The Fund is invested in primarily fixed rate bonds, from issuers such as the Commonwealth and State Governments, banks and other corporate issuers that meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

Cumulative performance (as at 30/09/2024)



- Australian Ethical Fixed Interest
- Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+Y)

Performance (as at 30/09/2024)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	0.3%	3.0%	2.1%	6.9%	-1.5%	-0.7%	1.9%	2.3%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+Y)	0.3%	3.0%	2.2%	7.1%	-1.2%	-0.4%	2.4%	2.7%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2023)

	CY2023	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019
Fund	4.7%	-10.0%	-3.3%	4.2%	6.7%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+Y)	5.1%	-9.7%	-2.9%	4.5%	7.3%

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

Government Of Australia	37.3%
Treasury Corporation Of Victoria	10.4%
New South Wales Treasury Corp.	10.0%
Queensland Treasury Corp.	7.5%
National Australia Bank Limited	2.7%
Westpac Banking Corporation	2.3%
Western Australian Treasury Corp.	2.0%
South Australian Government Financing Authority	1.9%
Commonwealth Bank Of Australia	1.4%
Ausgrid Finance Pty Ltd.	1.3%

Ratings and awards

RIAA

Certification:



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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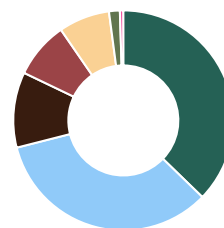
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Sector allocation

Government	37.3%
State Government	33.8%
Corporate Credit	11.1%
SSA	8.3%
Bank Senior Debt	7.5%
Bank Covered	1.6%
Cash	0.5%



Asset allocation

Australian Fixed Interest	99.5%
Cash	0.5%



Commentary

The September Quarter was a positive one for fixed income portfolios, with the Fixed Interest Fund (wholesale) performance of 2.98% (after fees) broadly in line with the benchmark Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index 0+, up 3.02%. Yields fell sharply in July on the release of the June Quarterly CPI, with the underlying measure of inflation coming in at 0.8% for the quarter, below the expected 1%, with the annual figure of 3.9% also below the 4% rate expected and showing continued progress back toward the RBA's target band. In the US, the July FOMC Meeting laid the groundwork for the commencement of a US rate cut cycle with Fed Chair Powell indicating members had grown more confident that inflation was trending toward the Fed's 2% target. The response from markets was to begin pricing in rate cuts, with RBA pricing shifting from a flat outlook in the near term to 4 cuts priced for the next 18 months. The Fed, which had been priced for 2 moves to

December at the end of June, added another two to the 2024 outlook and priced as many as 9 rate cuts to the end of 2025.

Over September, the fund added a small, short duration position by selling 2-3 year Commonwealth Government Bonds and buying short term bills, believing further evidence is required before the RBA starts to follow the lead of its US counterpart.

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