

# Australian Ethical International Shares Fund (Wholesale)

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Fund Profile - 30 September 2024

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 accompanied by high levels of risk through investment in overseas companies. The Fund aims to track MSCI World Index ex Australia (AUD), before taking into account fees and expenses over a 3 year period.

## Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily

Buy/Sell spread: 0.05%/0.05%

## Fund facts

Fund size: \$121.40m

Benchmark: MSCI World Index ex Australia (AUD)

Asset class: Equity

Inception date: 30/06/2015

Minimum investment timeframe: 7 Years

Risk level: High

## Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00259

APIR code: AUG0025AU

## Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

## Fees

Management costs - PDS: 0.59%

Minimum initial investment: \$25,000

Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.02%

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)

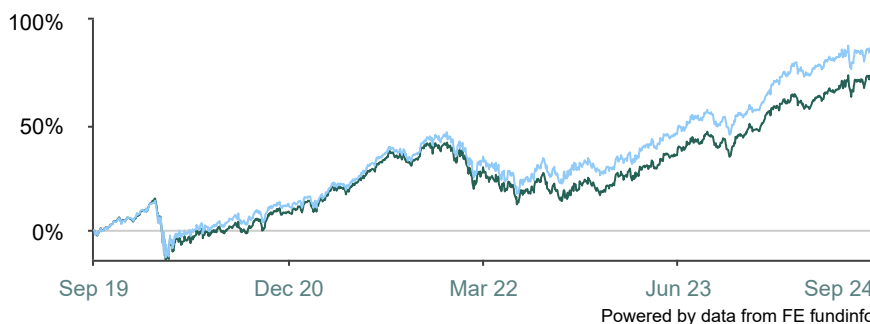
\*(after tax, before bonus expense)

\*\*The Benchmark was the MSCI Global Climate index from inception to 1 July 2016 and is the MSCI World ex Australia index (AUD) thereafter.

## Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified portfolio of companies listed on international stock exchanges, which meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

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



■ Australian Ethical International Shares  
■ Benchmark\*\*

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

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	-0.4%	3.5%	3.9%	23.0%	8.9%	11.3%	-	10.9%
Benchmark**	-0.4%	2.4%	2.8%	23.8%	11.1%	13.0%	-	12.4%

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2023)

	CY2023	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019
Fund	25.7%	-16.1%	29.9%	3.9%	28.6%
Benchmark**	23.9%	-12.1%	30.1%	6.3%	28.7%

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

APPLE INC	5.5%
MICROSOFT CORP	5.1%
NVIDIA CORPORATION	4.6%
ALPHABET INC-CL A	3.1%
META PLATFORMS INC	2.2%
VISA INCORPORATED CLASS A SHARES	1.7%
MASTERCARD INC CLASS A	1.6%
LILLY (ELI) & CO	1.4%
BROADCOM INC	1.3%
UNITED HEALTH GROUP USD0-01	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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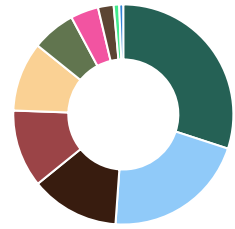
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## Sector allocation

Information Technology	30.0%
Financials	21.1%
Industrials	13.0%
Communication Services	11.4%
Health Care	10.2%
Real Estate	6.4%
Consumer Discretionary	4.1%
Utilities	2.3%
Materials	0.8%
Other	0.6%



## Asset allocation

International Shares	99.6%
Cash	0.4%



## Commentary

Global equity markets were positive in 1st Quarter of 2025, with the MSCI World Ex Australia Index returning +2.3% in a quarter that saw some significant volatility early in the quarter as Japan's BOJ raised rates triggering currency to a combination of resilient economic conditions and earnings momentum in technology/AI related exposures.

The International Shares Fund (Wholesale) (the 'Fund') delivered a second consecutive year of double-digit returns. The financial year net return was 18.2% net of fees, compared to its benchmark which rose 19.9%. The International Shares Fund (Retail) rose 17.8% net of fees for the fiscal year.

At a country level, the Fund's outperformance was driven by stock selection within the US and Japan markets, while a slight overweight to Denmark impacted performance as Novo Nordisk's shares underperformed over the quarter. At a sector level, the Fund's overweight exposure to Financials and Real Estate assisted performance. The Energy sector continued to underperform on weaker oil prices, which benefited the Fund given its zero exposure to this sector. The Fund's underweight exposure to Materials negatively impacted performance. At a country level, performance was negatively impacted by stock selection in Japan and Canada. Japan's benchmark, the Nikkei 225 Index, has been on a tear in 2024, eclipsing the previous high set back in 1989. Performance was supported by positive stock selection in the UK, Germany and Italy.

At a sector level, stock selection in Industrials and Financials detracted from performance. Within the Healthcare sector, the Fund benefited from its overweight exposure to Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly which both have rallied due to the large growth in demand for their weight loss and diabetes drugs.

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From a style perspective, the outperformance of Momentum over FY24 has led to a higher-for-longer regime (where winners continue 'winning'). This has driven significant divergence between winners and losers combined with the rapid increase in AI-related investment spending. While the timing of reversals and rotations can be difficult to predict, we do expect to see a moderating out factor performance, likely triggered by lower rates.

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