

# Australian Ethical Advocacy Fund

FUND PROFILE - 31 DECEMBER 2020

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 the Australian Ethical Charter. A small number of shares which fail to meet the charter may be purchased from time to time to allow advocacy activities to progress. These additional shares will not materially affect the Fund's investment returns.

## Price information

Pricing frequency:	Daily
Buy/Sell spread:	0.05%/0.05%

## Fund facts

Fund size:	\$4.06m
Benchmark:	Australian Ethical Advocacy Composite
Asset class:	Equity
Inception date:	18/02/2010
Minimum investment timeframe:	7 Years
Risk level:	High

## Identifiers

ISIN code:	AU60AUG00085
APIR code:	AUG0008AU

## Distributions

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

## Fees

Management costs - PDS:	1.90%
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, which meet the Australian Ethical Charter. Generally, all Australian and New Zealand investments will have a market capitalisation greater than the 200th ranked stock listed on the ASX. As an advocacy fund, one of the main purposes of the Fund is to engage directly with companies to pursue improved corporate behaviours in line with the Australian Ethical Charter.

## Cumulative performance (as at 31/12/2020)



■ Australian Ethical Advocacy  
■ Benchmark

## Performance (as at 31/12/2020)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	0.2%	14.5%	15.6%	7.1%	8.4%	8.6%	9.4%	9.5%
Benchmark	0.8%	11.7%	12.3%	2.7%	7.6%	8.0%	8.9%	8.7%

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2020)

	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018	CY2017	CY2016
Fund	7.1%	22.7%	-3.1%	12.0%	5.9%
Benchmark	2.7%	24.7%	-2.8%	10.2%	7.1%

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

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	2.0%
CSL LIMITED	1.9%
WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION ORD F/ PD SHARES	1.9%
PILBARA MINERALS LTD	1.7%
CONTACT ENERGY LTD	1.6%
GOODMAN GROUP	1.6%
TELSTRA CORPORATION LTD	1.6%
XERO LTD	1.5%
SEEK LIMITED	1.4%
REA GROUP LTD ORD F/PD	1.3%

## Ratings and awards

### RIAA rating:



CERTIFIED BY RIAA

### UNPRI signatory:

Signatory of:



## 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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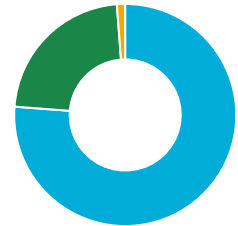
## Sector allocation

Financials	20.8%
Information Technology	18.0%
Health Care	12.5%
Communication Services	11.9%
Real Estate	10.2%
Industrials	8.9%
Materials	6.1%
Utilities	5.9%
Consumer Discretionary	3.0%
Other	2.7%



## Asset allocation

Australian & NZ Shares	76.2%
International Shares	22.6%
Cash	1.2%



## Commentary

The Advocacy Fund appreciated 14.5% (14.7% Wholesale Fund) relative to its benchmark which increased 11.7%, resulting in outperformance of 2.8% (3.1% Wholesale Fund). The domestic portfolio of the Fund was up 17.8% versus its benchmark the S&P/ASX 200 (up 13.7%), resulting in outperformance of 4.1%. The international portfolio also outperformed its benchmark, returning 7.3% versus 5.7%. The Australian equities market followed the lead of global markets which reacted positively to the rollout of a vaccine, Biden winning the US presidential election and the finalisation of a Brexit agreement. These events offset some of the negativity surrounding Australia's trade tension with China. November was the best month for Australian equities in 30 years, surging 10%.

In the domestic portfolio, Utilities, Communication Services and IT provided most of the performance. The Fund is overweight Utilities and Communication Services. The IT sector performance was due to local stocks following the lead of US stocks. The sectors detracting from performance were Energy, Financials and Consumer Discretionary. The Fund does not hold any stocks in the energy sector, which has appreciated due to the oil price increasing 21% over the quarter. In Financials all the banks performed strongly, and because the Fund is underweight banks it was negatively affected. Consumer Discretionary is another sector the Fund is underweight due to our ethical selection process with the stocks we do not hold performing well.

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