

Australian Ethical Fixed Interest Fund

FUND PROFILE - 31 MARCH 2021

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 support the Australian Ethical Charter, generating income with some capital growth potential over the medium to long term.

Price information

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

Fund facts

Fund size:	\$1.19m
Benchmark:	Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Years
Asset class:	Fixed Interest
Inception date:	14/06/2012
Minimum investment timeframe:	3 years
Risk level:	Low-Medium

Identifiers

ISIN code:	AU60AUG00218
APIR code:	AUG0021AU

Distributions

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

Fees

Management costs - PDS:	0.50%
Minimum initial investment:	\$1,000 \$500 with a Regular investor plan
Additional transactional and operational costs:	0.00%

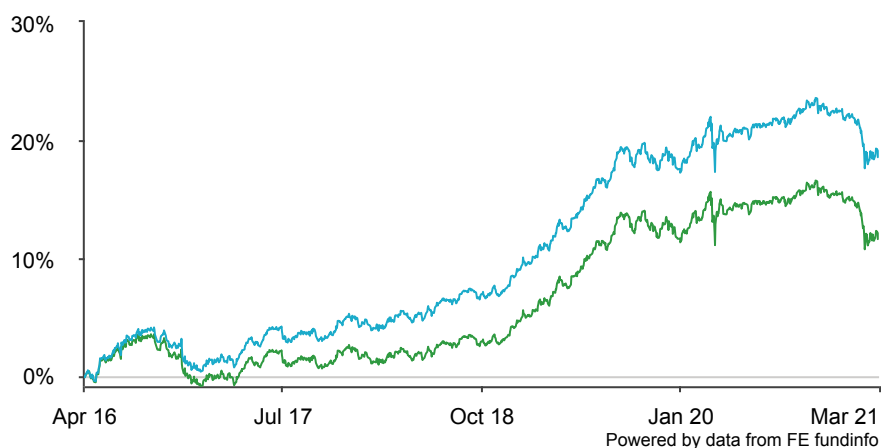
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(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 31/03/2021)



■ Australian Ethical Fixed Interest
■ Benchmark

Performance (as at 31/03/2021)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	0.8%	-3.4%	-3.6%	-2.6%	2.9%	2.2%	-	3.2%
Benchmark	0.8%	-3.2%	-3.3%	-1.8%	4.0%	3.5%	-	4.1%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2020)

	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018	CY2017	CY2016
Fund	3.7%	6.1%	3.0%	2.2%	1.3%
Benchmark	4.5%	7.3%	4.5%	3.7%	2.9%

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	55.3%
Queensland Treasury Corp.	7.6%
New South Wales Treasury Corp.	6.1%
Treasury Corporation of Victoria	5.6%
Western Australian Treasury Corp.	2.9%
South Australian Government Financing Authority	1.6%
National Australia Bank Limited	1.1%
European Investment Bank	1.1%
International Finance Corporation	1.0%
Rentenbank	1.0%

Ratings and awards

RIAA rating:



UNPRI signatory:



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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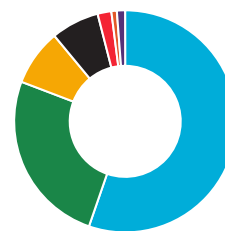
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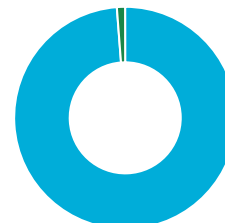
Sector allocation

Government	55.3%
State Government	25.5%
SSA	8.2%
Corporate Credit	7.0%
Bank Senior Debt	2.0%
Bank Covered	0.8%
Cash	1.2%



Asset allocation

Australian Fixed Interest	98.8%
Cash	1.2%



Commentary

The Australian Ethical Fixed Interest Fund performed in line with the index over the March Quarter. As yields climbed, the Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index 0+ was down -3.22%, with the gross return of the fund down -3.24%. After fees, wholesale units of the fund were down -3.30%, and retail units were down -3.36%.

The poor performance of bonds over the quarter was the result of rapid yield rises, particularly in February, as markets began pricing in inflation outcomes that align with Central Bank target ranges both in the US and Australia. This repricing occurred in the absence of observed inflation outcomes, and instead represents a change in market expectations as vaccine rollouts commenced and the US stimulus package passed both houses of Congress.

While the front end of the domestic yield curve remains anchored by RBA Yield Curve Controls, the 5 year yield increased by 0.56% over the quarter, with longer 10 year yields increasing 0.65%. Government Bonds saw the largest declines, detracting 2.19% from the fund, while State Government Bonds were next by detracting 0.79%.

The Fund continues to retain a neutral duration position, believing that Central Banks will look through stronger data outcomes near-term and maintain their accommodative stance.