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Shareholder Update

Half Yearly Results and Business Review

April 2012



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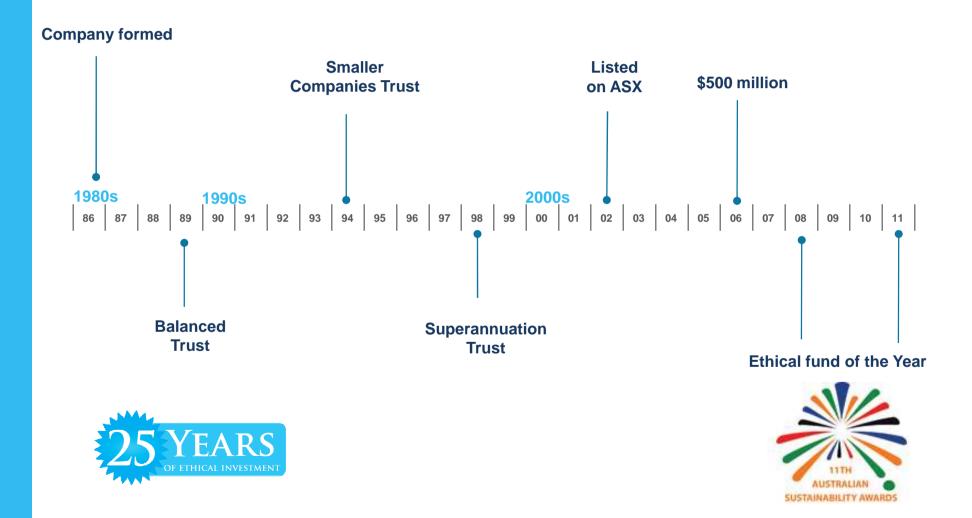


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25 years of ethical investing







Financial results



	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	1H11	1H12	% Change
FUM Average \$M	523.0	600.0	539.6	608.4	641.6	654.0	599.0	(8%)
Total Revenue	12.1	14.1	13.1	14.1	15.1	7.1	6.8	(4%)
Total Expenses	(8.9)	(11.0)	(10.6)	(11.7)	(12.3)	(6.0)	(5.9)	1%
Operating Profit	3.2	3.1	2.5	2.4	2.8	1.1	0.9	(21%)
Community Grants	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.0)	33%
EBITDA	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.6	1.0	0.9	(20%)
Depreciation/ amortisation	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(0.8)	(0.3)	(0.4)	11%
Тах	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(0.3)	(0.2)	15%
NPAT	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.4	0.3	(31%)

What drives our profits?

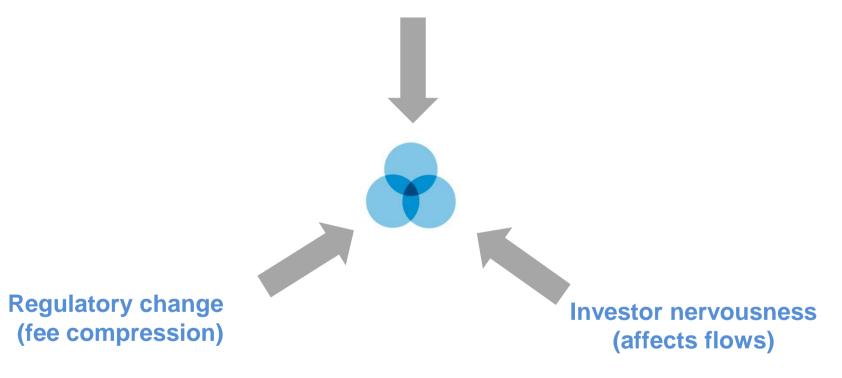


Volumes	X	Pricing	-	Expenses	=	Profit		
 FUM affected by market performance Flows affected by investor sentiment Increase in FUM driven by superannuation growth 		 Regulatory reform and market increasing fee pressure Contribution fees banned Wholesale offer squeezing reducing overall revenue margins 		 Business complexity drives costs. Needs simplification. Outsourcing non- strategic functions at best value Increase in performance based, equity remuneration 		 Investing in key strategic assets for long-term sustainable growth Marginal costs low. Profit growth will depend on effective balance between fees, volumes and efficiency 		
Scorecard								
 Challenging external market Solid performance relative to peers 	xternal marketto improveolidcompetitiveness forerformancesome products		 Steadily reducing costs over time Improved efficiency measured by \$FUM per FTE 			 Competitive Total Shareholder Return 		

What's going on in the world?

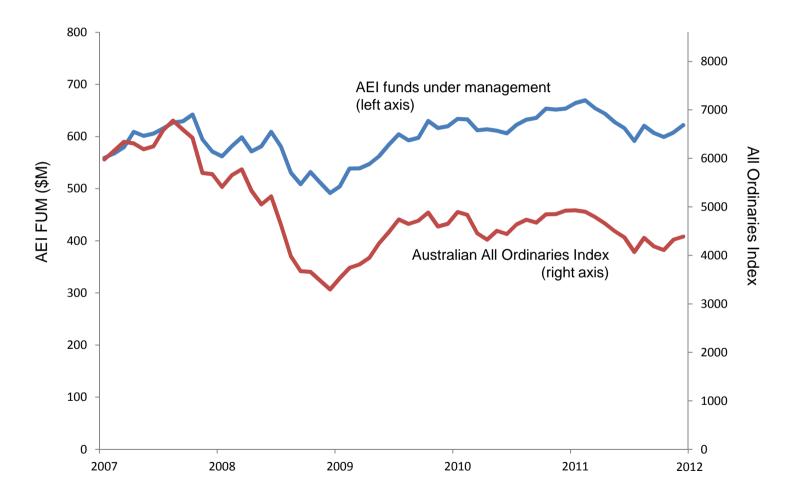


Markets remain subdued (impacts on FUM)



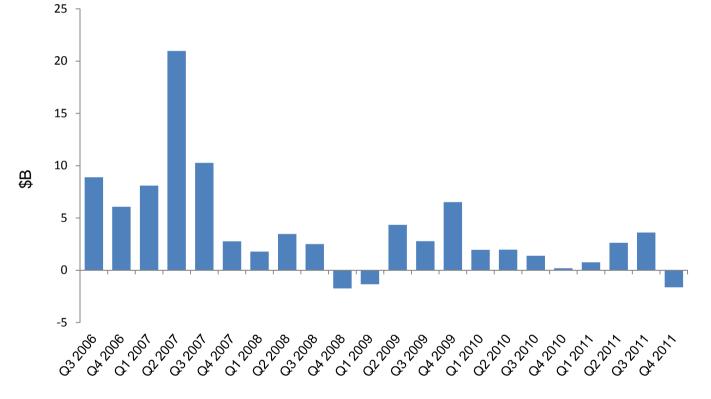
AEI FUM v market impact (to 29 February 2012)





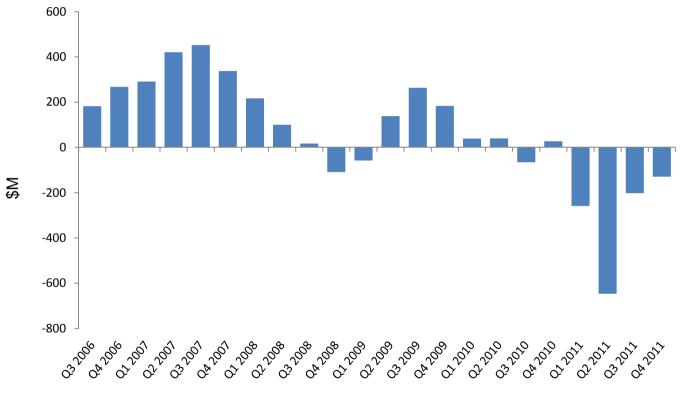
Net industry flows (financial services)





Source: Plan for life

Net industry flows (SRI sector*)

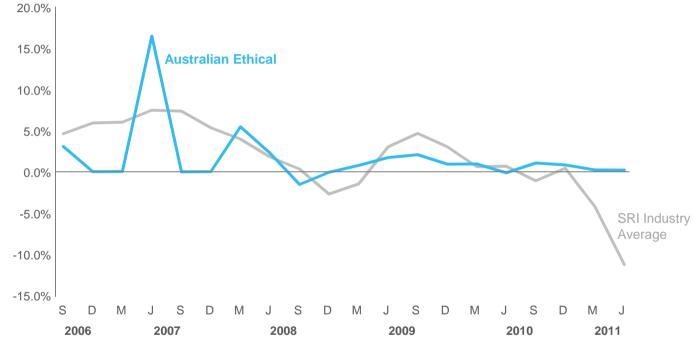


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* SRI = socially responsible investment

Net flows AEI vs. SRI sector (as % of FUM)

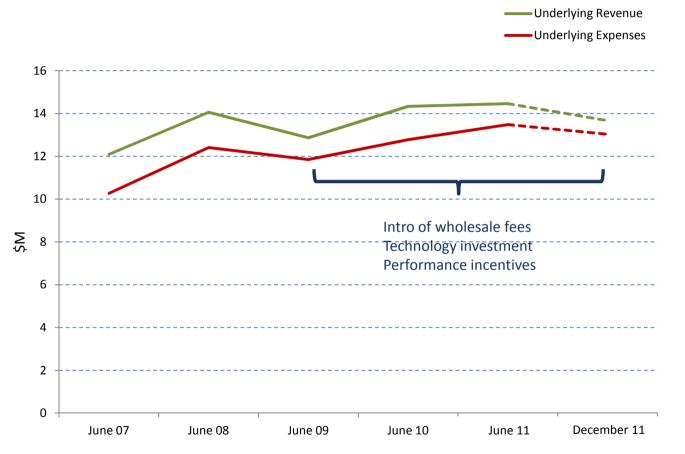




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Underlying performance



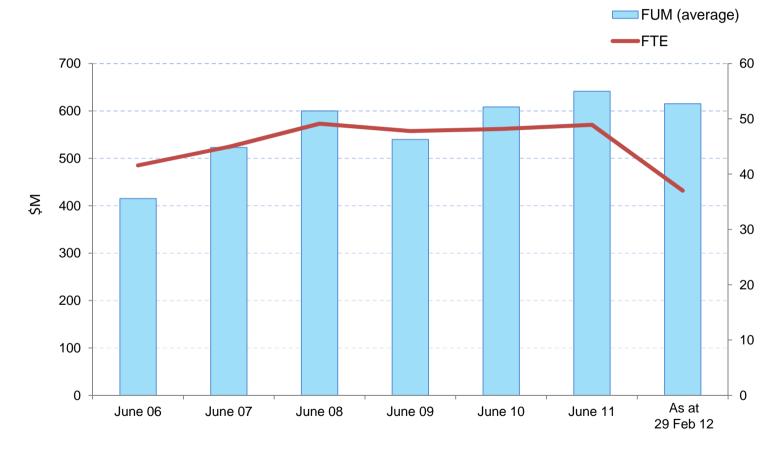


(half year doubled to illustrate trend. This is <u>not</u> a forecast for full year to 30 June 2012)

Efficiency



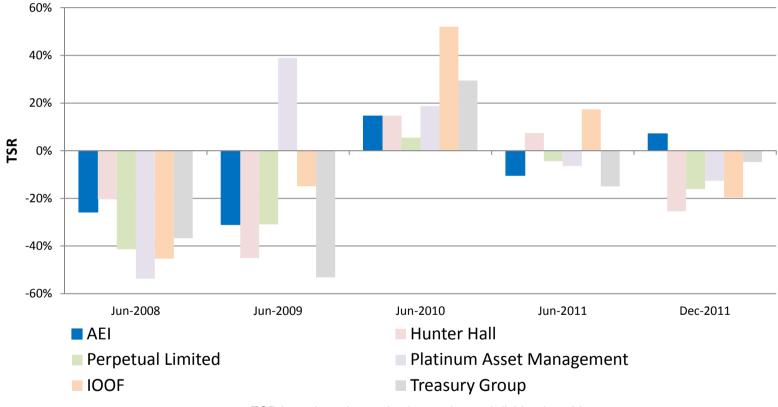
Funds under management vs. FTE



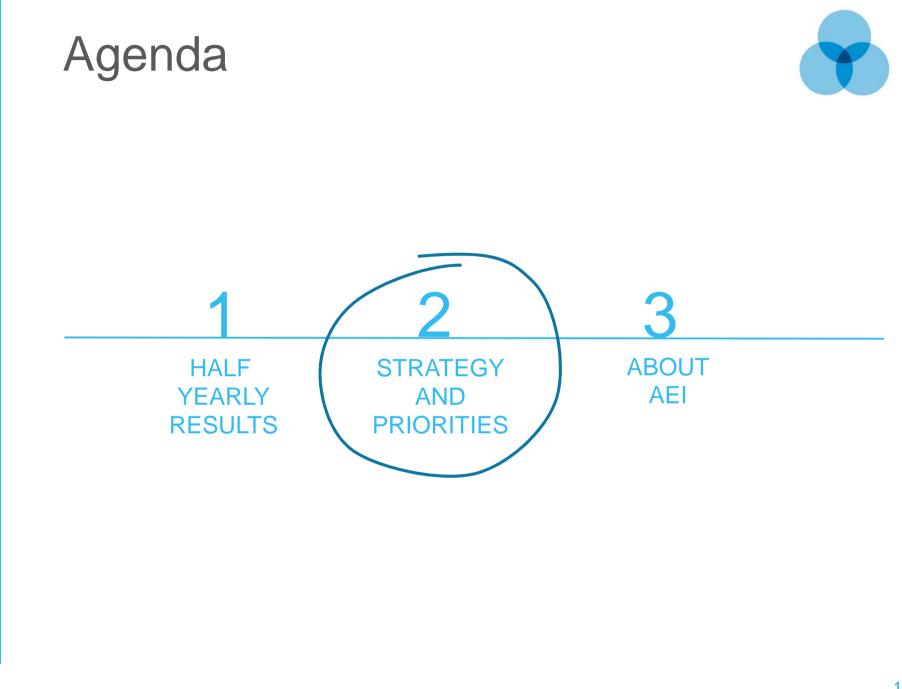
Peer comparisons



Total Shareholder Return (TSR)



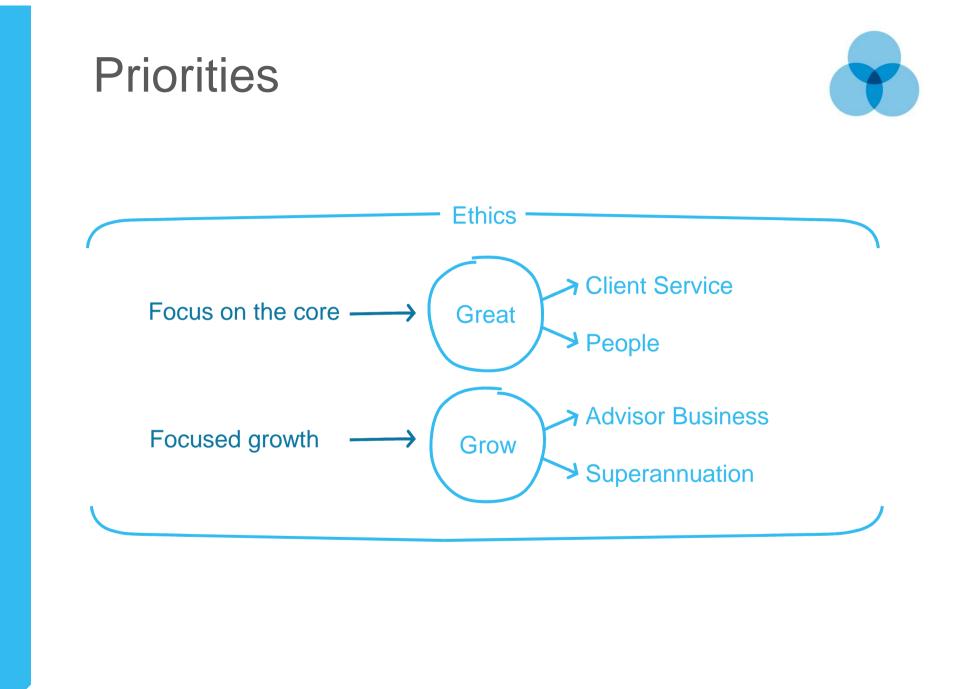
TSR based on change in share price and dividends paid.



Strategic Roadmap 2010-13

#1 brand for Ethical Investment





Client service



What We've Achieved

- Increased resourcing
- Aligned service with sales
- Invested in improved telephone system
- Internalised first call management
- Distribution and unit pricing timing vastly improved

Future Focus

- Review of external providers
- Management of investors by AEI key to outsourcing requirements

Advisors



What We've Achieved

- Vastly improved service standards around distribution and unit pricing
- Introduction of a wholesale unit class for certain products
- Sales team strengthened around Adviser sector
- Continued strong investment ratings
- Skills strengthened around rating agency support

Future Focus

- Improve external service provider support
- Better sales/service alignment and resourcing will lead to better feedback to management

Superannuation



What We've Achieved

- Strengthened sales resources around superannuation
- Providing employers with better support for their employees
- Selected an improved insurance offering

Future Focus

- Review external service providers
- Review pricing to ensure competitive in more competitive environment
- Review SMSF offerings
- Rolling out an improved insurance offering

New Senior Hires





David Macri

Chief Investment Officer

- 15 years experience
- Portfolio manager and investment analyst with Macquarie Securities, Credit Suisse, Mellon (previously NSP Buck) and Mercer.



Steve Newnham

Executive Director

- Over 20 years experience in marketing and distribution
- Experience covers Lonsec, Zurich and BT
- Strong track-record on community and social justice issues



Adam Kirk

GM Business Development

- 15 years experience in superannuation and investments business development
- Colonial First State, Skandia and Catholic Super



Paul Smith

GM Strategy & Communications

- Strong background in asset consulting, investment analysis and marketing with companies including Schroders and Invesco/ Perpetual (UK)
- Ethical marketing experience with environmental consultancies and charities

Quality additions to management team recruited to lead the business through change

Staff survey results



	2008	2009	2011
Satisfaction with current role	77%	79%	97%
I have confidence in my manager/ supervisor to lead their te	am 69%	70%	77%
Satisfaction with communication	74%	54%	77%
Satisfaction with remuneration	63%	63%	46%
I feel personally valued at work	-	-	79%*
The Managing Director has clear vision for the Company	-	-	77%*
I have confidence in the Board to govern the Company	-	37%	59%
Voluntary turnover	14%	19%	12%

Staff survey conducted September 2011 * New question for 2011

Our Board





Andre Morony

- 40 years in the finance sector
- Experience includes Commonwealth Treasury, chief economist and chief investment officer at BT Australia and various prominent fund investment committees

Phillip Vernon

- 25 years experience in financial services covering funds management, superannuation and capital markets
- Extensive experience in corporate governance and industry regulation
- Director of Planet Ark and RIAA (Responsible Investment Association Australasia)



Justine Hickey

- 20 years experience as a senior executive and director in the investment and funds management industry with Suncorp IM, Flemings IM (now JP Morgan) and various prominent fund investment committees
- Chairing of Evolve Foundation and director of RSPCA QLD.



Steve Newnham

- 20 years experience in marketing and distribution
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Louise Herron

- Enviable track record in both business and social enterprise
- Currently Executive Director of Ironbark Corporate Advisory, previously a partner at law firm Minter Ellison
- Champion of the arts and co-founder of a web-forum encouraging students to discuss social/political issues



Challenges and priorities

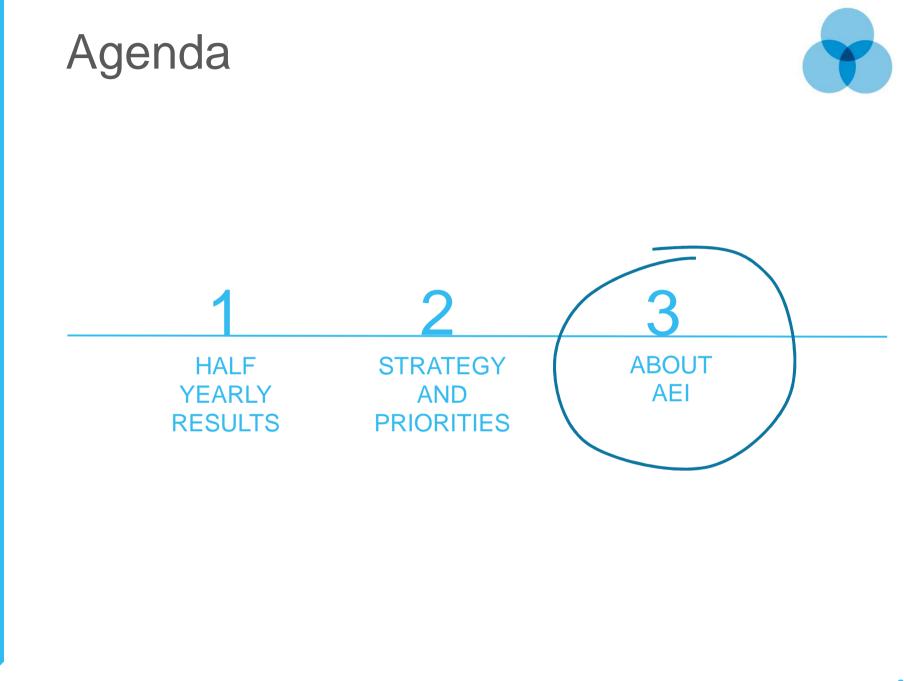


Key challenges

- Market likely to remain volatile and subdued for some time
- Investor nervousness likely to remain
- Fee pressure to remain
- Growth of direct investment

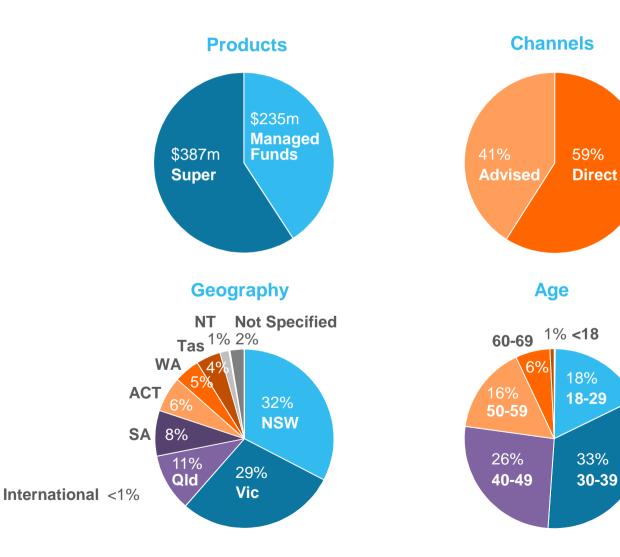
Key priorities

- Less products, more focus
- Efficiency critical
- External service provision
- Direct investment/SMSF solution



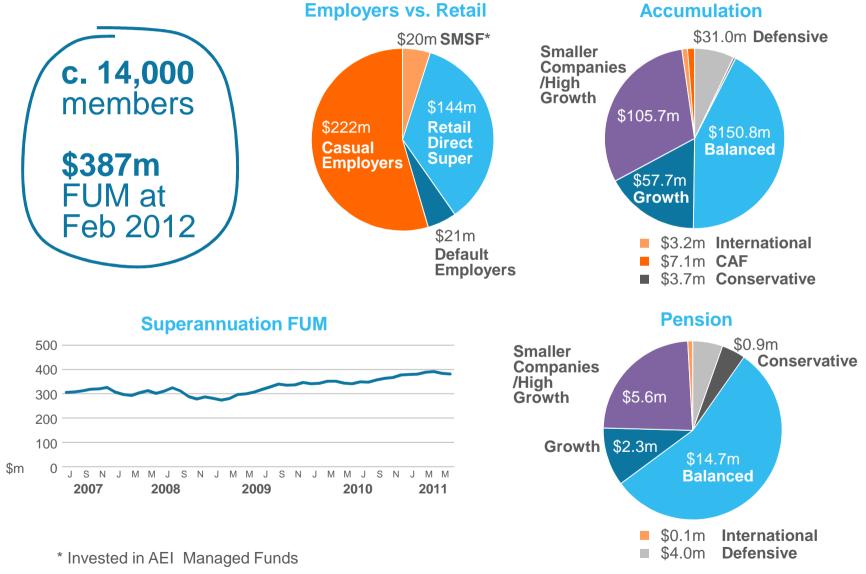
Business Snapshot (as at 29 February 2012)

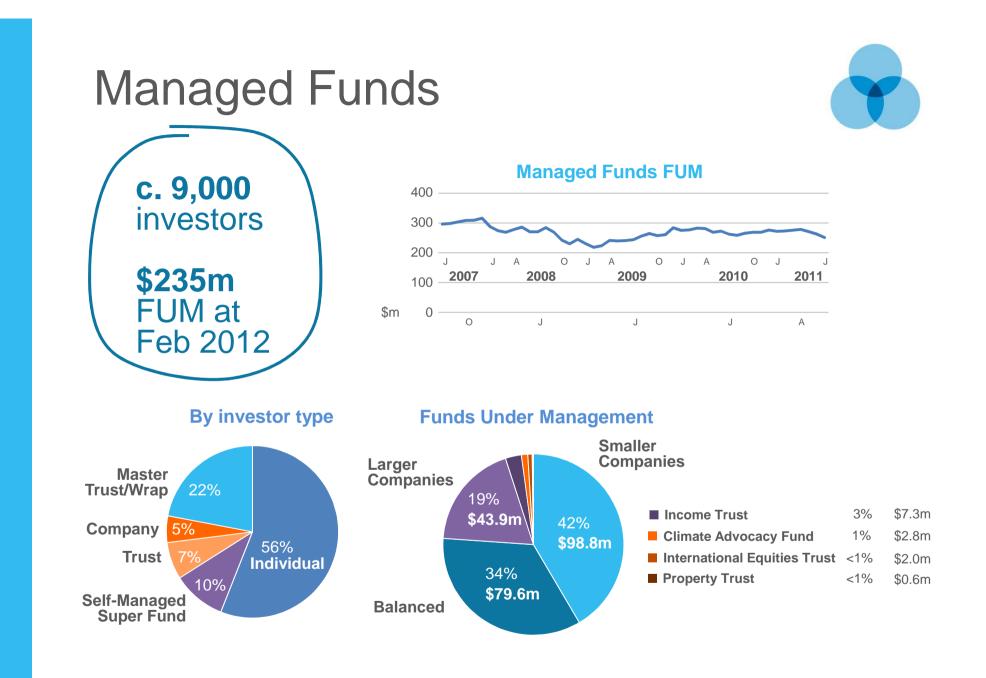




Superannuation







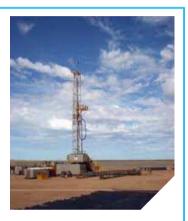
Values and Ethics at the heart of everything we do



Ethics, Governance and Sustainability

Ethical Charter

- The most rigorous and robustly applied charter of ethics in Australian funds management and superannuation
- Recent investment decisions to divest Origin Energy and Hong Kong and China Gas are a clear demonstration of our commitment
- Award winning ethical fund manager based on ethical decision making
- Work closely with CAER our ethical research partners
- High-level code of conduct for all AEI people





Example ethical investments



Cochlear

Supplies approximately 70% of the world market in cochlear implants for profoundly hearing-impaired people.



Herman Miller

- High quality furniture and office products using predominantly recycled materials
 - High commitment to waste and chemical reduction



Carnegie Wave

- First commercial-scale wave power farm in the Southern Hemisphere, located near Fremantle
- Potential energy from waves estimated at 2 Terawatts globally
- Equivalent to current installed capacity for electricity generation



Giving back



Community Grants History

