

ASX: AEF

Tuesday, 11 November 2025

# Australian Ethical 2025 AGM Presentation

**ASX Announcement** 

The AGM presentation is attached.

This announcement is authorised by Karen Hughes, Company Secretary.

#### **About Australian Ethical**

Australian Ethical is one of Australia's leading ethical investment managers\*. Since 1986, Australian Ethical has provided investors with investment management products that align with their values and provide long-term, risk adjusted returns. Investments are guided by the Australian Ethical Charter which shapes its ethical approach and underpins both its culture and its vision. Australian Ethical has over \$14 billion in funds under management across investments and superannuation. Visit: <a href="https://www.australianethical.com.au">www.australianethical.com.au</a>

\*Please refer to <a href="https://www.australianethical.com.au/why-ae/investment/#awards">https://www.australianethical.com.au/why-ae/investment/#awards</a> for specific awards Australian Ethical has won, including the specific categories.



Australian Ethical Investment Ltd

# 2025 Annual General Meeting

Steve Gibbs (Chair)
John McMurdo (Managing Director & CEO)

11 November 2025





## FY25 A successful year

+ 34%

FUM at 30 June 25

\$13.94bn

up 34% on 30 June 24

+ 19%

Revenue

\$119.4m

up 19% on FY24

+ 29%

FY25 UPAT\*

\$23.8m

up 29% on FY24

+ 56%

Full year dividend

14c

up 56% on FY24

## Our portfolio looks different

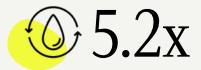
**75%** 

lower CO<sub>2</sub> intensity\*



2.3x

revenue from sustainable impact solutions<sup>^</sup>



revenue from sustainable water & agriculture and pollution prevention^



\* 4.1x

investment in renewables and energy solutions^

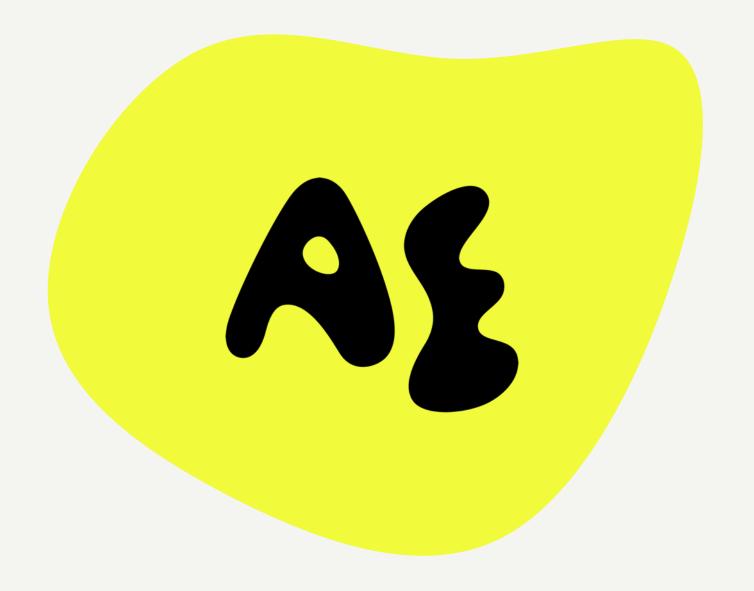
Our rigorous investment criteria continue to evolve to develop an ethical investment universe of companies aligned with a better future for people, animals and the planet.

<sup>^</sup> Based on the revenue from sustainable impact solutions earned by companies in which we invest, through both shareholdings and fixed income securities, and the proportion of our investments in the relevant category of solutions. Compared to a blended benchmark that best reflects the benchmarks used by the underlying investment strategies. Sustainable impact solutions are defined by MSCI as products or services with positive impact on the society and the environment. Based on shareholdings at 30 June 2025 and analysis tools provided by external sources for which we have relevant data. More information on Sustainable Impact Metrics available at https://www.msci.com/documents/1296102/16472518/ESG\_ImpactMetrics-cfs-en.pdf



<sup>\*</sup> Carbon/CO2 intensity is measured as tonnes CO2e per million \$ revenue earned by companies in which we invest through both shareholdings and public corporate fixed income securities. The comparison benchmark is a blended benchmark that best reflects the benchmarks used by the underlying investment strategies. Based on shareholdings at 30 June 2025 and analysis tools provided by external sources for which we have relevant data.

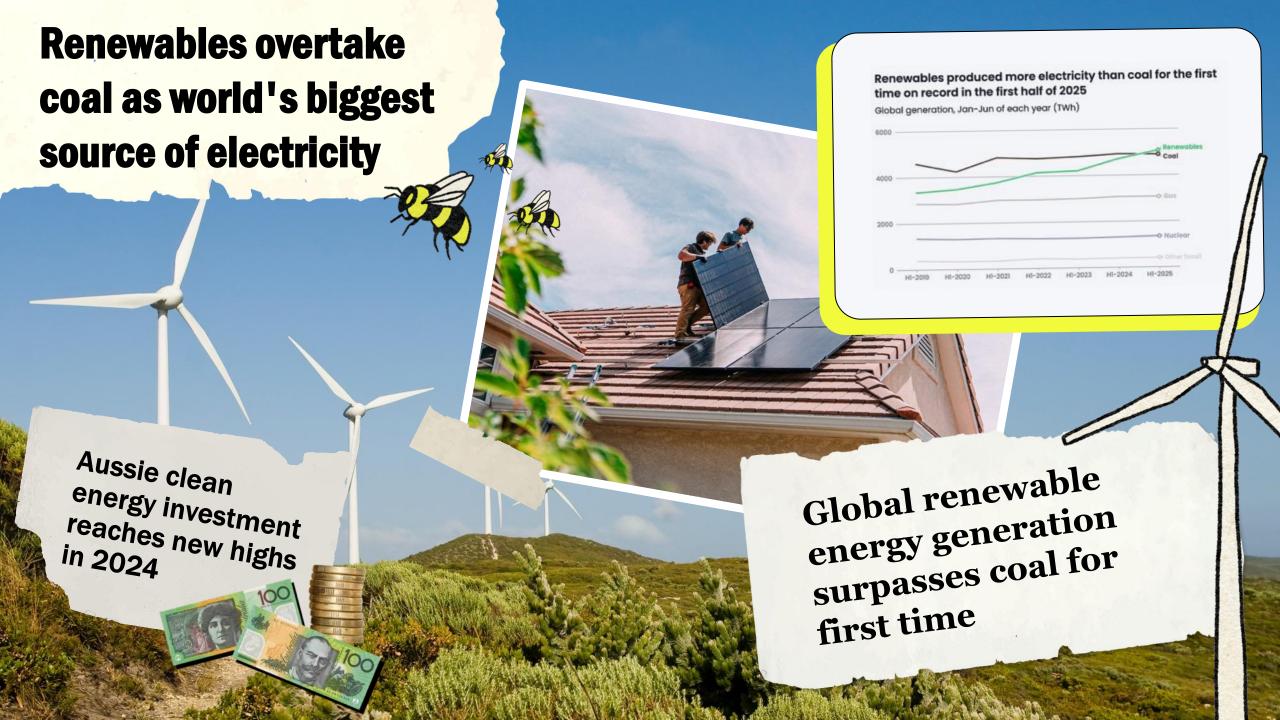






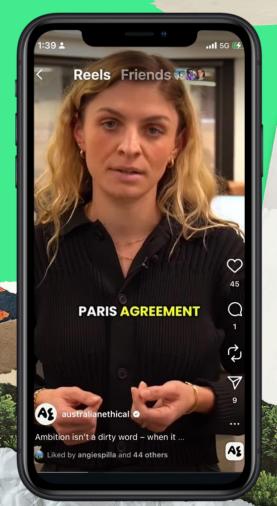






At QBE's AGM we challenged their policy to wait until 2030 to start restricting its insurance of expansion of the oil and gas sector.

**Mestpac** 



Turning off finance for fossil fuels

We sent an open letter to the Prime Minister







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Ethical investing is delivering attractive investment returns AND influencing progress towards a better future for the planet and all its inhabitants.





## FY25 - A record result

Achieved through organic and inorganic successes, disciplined strategic execution, strong cost management and resilience in volatile markets.

\$23.8m

FY25 UPAT\* up 29%

FY25 NPAT\*\* up 68%

\$119.4m

Revenue up 19%

\$84.5m

Operating expenses\*\*\* up 14%

71.4%

Cost to income (CTI)\*\*\*\* improved from 73.7% in FY24

14c

**Full Year** dividend Up 56%

\$13.94bn

FUM at 30 June 25 up 34% on 30 June 24 +\$3.5bn FUM increase from 30 June 24

+\$1.05bn

**Investment Performance** 

+\$593m

Organic net flows

+\$1.93bn

Altius acquisition

Altius net flows^

<sup>\*</sup> UPAT attributable to shareholders which does not include net profit attributable to The Foundation | \*\* Statutory NPAT attributable to shareholders which does not include net profit attributable to The Foundation

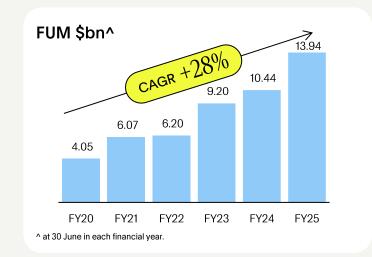
<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Operating expenses of the consolidated group | \*\*\*\* CTI excludes impact of profit attributable to the Foundation and UPAT adjusted expenses

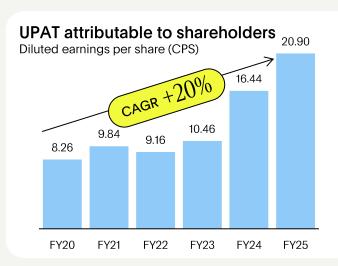
<sup>^</sup> Represents net flows since date of acquisition. Net outflows relate to an institutional client that utilises these funds for capital management and net flows tend to be cyclical and variable in nature All comparisons are to FY24 unless otherwise stated

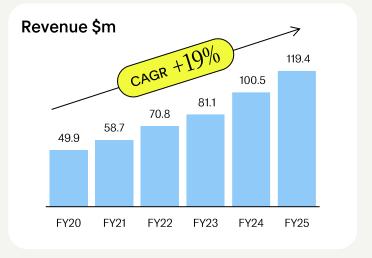


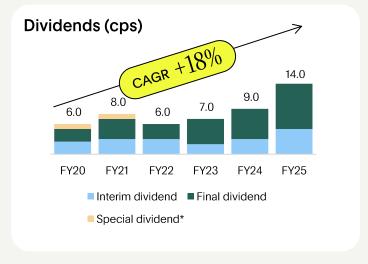
# Investment in our capability & business platform as part of our strategy is benefiting all stakeholders...

- Over the last 5 years we have been focused on investing for the next stage of our growth
- 50 Consecutive quarters of positive net flows
- Inorganic growth through Christian Super SFT and Altius Asset Management
- 5-year compound annual growth of
  - 28% FUM
  - 19% revenue
  - 20% diluted earnings per share (UPAT)
  - 18% annual dividend per share









<sup>\*</sup> Special dividends in FY20 and FY21 relate to dividends paid on performance fees earned in those years



\$13.94bn

20.90 cents

**FUM** 

## We continue to execute on our strategy which is delivering strong results...

Strong growth in key metrics and continued strengthening of our business platform sees us well placed for further growth....

2020

1 of only 6 fund

managers globally in

2020 to be named a

'leader' for ESG

commitment by

Morningstar M RNINGSTAR®

**FUM** 

\$4.05bn

8.26 cents

Diluted EPS^^

2023

Transition of super administration to

Grow Inc for with Mercer

**Australian Growth** Company Awards Financial Services Growth Company of the Year 2023 and 2024

2025

#3 NPS

Super Customers^^^

Recommended ratings

for all Multi-Asset Funds

by Lonsec and Zenith##

Recommended ratings for

Green Bond & Sustainable

Bond Funds by Zenith##

Brand awareness up from 11% to 22%\*\*\*

Diluted EPS^^ 5-year CAGR 20%

2024

Custodian & investment administration transfer to State Street

**Altius** acquisition adding \$1.93 billion **FUM & Fixed Income** capability

members previously

**AUSTRALIAN GROWTH** 

Record B Corp score\*\*



**Christian Super SFT** adding \$1.93 billion FUM

2021

Australia's fastest growing Superfund# & highest NPS^

**New Visionary Grants** program launched to fund climate solutions through AE Foundation

2022

Roy Morgan Top 3 Most

trusted Super Brand\*

ASX 300 admittance

# KPMG 2022 Super Insights Report, published May 2022, using statistics from APRA and ATO as at 30 June 2021

^ Number 1 NPS for super, customer advocacy and HNW managed funds investors. Investment Trends Super Member Engagement Report 2022 – Independent research with 23 major super funds surveying over 7,500 Australians. Investment Trends High Net Worth Investor Report – November 2021

\* 2023 Roy Morgan Trusted Brand Awards Report \*\* Highest scoring Certified B Corporation in Australia & NZ at date of last assessment - 13 July 2023

^^ Based on UPAT attributable to shareholders ## Refer to disclaimer on slide 30

\*\*\*YouGov Brand Health Index, July 2025

^^^ Investment Trends Super Member Engagement Report 2025

# FY25 saw us delivering against multiple strategic milestones to further enhance the quality of our business

## Strong brand Significant lift in brand awareness among ethically minded Australians^ 11% 2024 22% 2025 Significant uplift in the perception of our investment expertise among advisers rising from 34% in 2023 to 59% this year\* 34% **59**% 2023 2025 #1 NPS #3 NPS MORGAN among advisers\*\* Roy Morgan among **NEO Brand Awards** superannuation funds^^ **Financial Partner**

## **Business Platform**



- Super administration transition of majority of members to GROW Inc.
- Insourced insurance claims and complaints handling driving strong improvement in claims handling times and enhanced member support



 Custody and investment administration transition to State Street and staged rollout of Charles River and Alpha Data Platform to strengthen our investment management platform





## Investment capability



#### Acquisition of Altius delivering:

- \$1.9bn FUM uplift
- Strong fixed income capability



#### **Expansion of asset classes:**



Fixed Income



**Private Markets** 



Significant capability uplift in Investment Team through key new hires

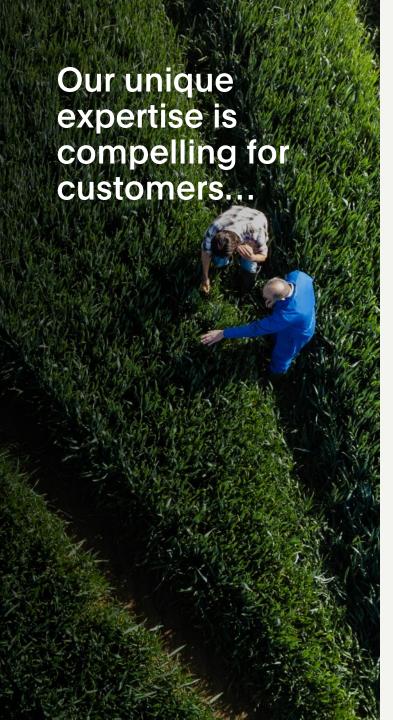
of the Year 2025

<sup>^</sup> YouGov Brand Health Index, July 2025

CoreData Research: Bi-Annual Tracker Report: Q1 202

<sup>\*\*</sup> Against a benchmark peer set of active Australian small and mid-cap managers - CoreData Research: Bi-Annual Tracker Report; Q1 2025

<sup>^^</sup> Investment Trends Member Engagement Report 202



## Delivering strong portfolio returns

30-year anniversary for the retail Australian Shares Fund\*, achieving

9.7%

p.a. return since inception 2.2% p.a. (net of fees) above benchmark

10-year anniversary for Emerging Companies Fund\*\* achieving

12.2%

p.a. return since inception 5.4% p.a. (net of fees) above benchmark

\* Retail fund. Benchmark over 30 years: Since 30 September 2023 - 65% of the S&P/ASX100 Accumulation Index & 35% S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index; 13 August 2019 to 30 September 2023 - S&P/ASX 300 Accum Index; prior to 13 Aug 2019 S&P/ASX Small Industrials Index. The historical Benchmark returns are calculated by linking these indices and this delivered 7.5% return net of fees over the same period.

\*\* 'Wholesale' fund. Benchmark over 10 years: S&P/ASX Small Industrials

## Creating real world impact

### With our advocacy work holding corporate Australia accountable to lifting its standards

- → ~400 engagements^ for people, planet & animals
- 135 proactive engagements^^, of these ~25% committed to or made a positive change this year
- Co-filed two resolutions to seek greater transparency from Westpac and Macquarie Bank regarding their assessment and management of climate risk. Each received significant shareholder support 34% and 35% respectively, putting them in the top five performing climate shareholder proposals in FY25^^^
- Challenged QBE at their AGM, exposing contradictions in their climate approach
- Following engagement, Woolworths announced a 'nodeforestation' commitment for their beef supply chain consistent with our engagement asks. Coles have also made similar commitments
- We are one of the few investors calling for substantive action on farmed salmon in line with our longstanding view that fish farming cannot be considered sustainable

<sup>^</sup> We count one engagement where we engaged with a company on a topic or series of topics. There may be multiple activities within that engagement.

<sup>^^</sup> Our 'proactive' engagement count includes where we engaged directly with a company, government or other entity, actively contributed to collective engagements (as distinct from simply 'signing on'), used a nominal advocacy holding to support shareholder resolutions, or co-filed a resolution.

^^ Based on FY25 climate change themed resolutions lodged on the UN's Principles for Responsible Investing (PRI) resolution's database, accessed 29 July 2025.

# ...and accentuated through the valued work of the Australian Ethical Foundation...





# Place-based nature solutions

Empowering First Nations people and other communities to protect and restore nature and demonstrate new place-based economic models



## Unlocking capital for nature

Supporting research, policy advocacy, and the development of market frameworks and mechanisms to incentivise the flow of capital to nature protection and restoration



# Climate justice and resilience

Supporting advocacy, campaigns and programs which protect low-income and marginalised communities and nature

\$2.8m

record donation to the Foundation in FY25

13m+

cumulatively allocated to charitable organisations\*

10%

of AEI profits\*\* allocated to charitable organisations through the Foundation

Vision

To accelerate the transition to a regenerative economy that values and protects nature, ensuring a just and sustainable future for all. Protecting biodiversity goes hand in hand with strengthening the resilience of communities most impacted by climate change. Lasting environmental solutions must be just, inclusive, and community-led.

<sup>\*</sup> Since 2010

<sup>\*\*</sup> Before deducting bonus and grant expense

...while the business continues to receive awards and recognition across many dimensions

## Superannuation

SuperReview Super Fund of the Year Awards Sustainable Super Fund of the Year 2025



Money Magazine Awards

Best of the Best - Best ESG Pension Product 2025



Roy Morgan **NEO Brand Awards** Financial Partner of the Year 2025

Rainmaker ESG Leader Rating 2022-2025

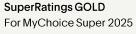






Rainmaker AAA Quality Rating 2021-2025

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#### **Investments**

#### Financial Standard Investment Leadership Awards

Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund -Winner Australian Equities: High Active Risk 2024



#### Mindful Money Awards Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund -

Best Ethical Overseas Fund 2024-2025



#### Lonsec

Rated "Recommended" Australian Ethical Multi-Asset Funds 2025#



#### Zenith

Rated "Recommended" Australian Ethical Multi-Asset Funds 2025# Australian Ethical / Altius Green Bond Fund and Sustainable Bond Fund 2025#



## Customer experience

#### **CSIA Australian Service Excellence Awards**

- 2024 Best of the Best: Caroline Maillols
- Customer Service Professional of 2024 (Service Hero): Avir Alagh

## Responsible investment leadership

**RIAA Responsible** Investment Leader since 2024#



#### Persephone Fraser, **Ethical Stewardship Lead**

Winner - Best in Corporate **Engagement Award** at the 2024 IGCC Climate Leaders Awards

Finder Green Innovation Award -People's Choice 2025



## Certified for Impact

Record B Corp score\*



#### Growth

**Australian Growth Company Awards** 

Financial Services Growth Company of the Year 2023 and 2024



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# Growing superannuation scale with ethical investment leadership

Maximise growth through our differentiated value proposition, brand resonance and data driven marketing to attract new customers. Delivering customer experiences, outcomes and confidence that reflect our ethical and financial impact, enabling us to retain and grow customers and FUM.

# Extend our ethical investment capability to win beyond super

Build, package and deliver an integrated investment management, product, and distribution proposition to scale a profitable ethical funds management business, creating real world impact.

# Enabled by a modern operating platform built for scale, efficiency & resilience

Accelerate growth and underpin operating leverage and resilience. Differentiated capabilities through deep use of data, insights, and technology. Modern, scalable operating platforms and processes, enabling agility in our customer experience, with growth conducive fee-scales from core partners.

## Enabled by a purpose driven & high performing culture

Further enhance our unique, purpose driven and high performing culture, enabling our talent to achieve their potential and drive our business success. Culture of product leadership, continuous improvement, innovation, leadership, data-driven commercial decision-making, and customer centricity.







## **Our Vision**

Make money a force for good



### **Our Values**

Action, authenticity, empathy, curiosity, connection

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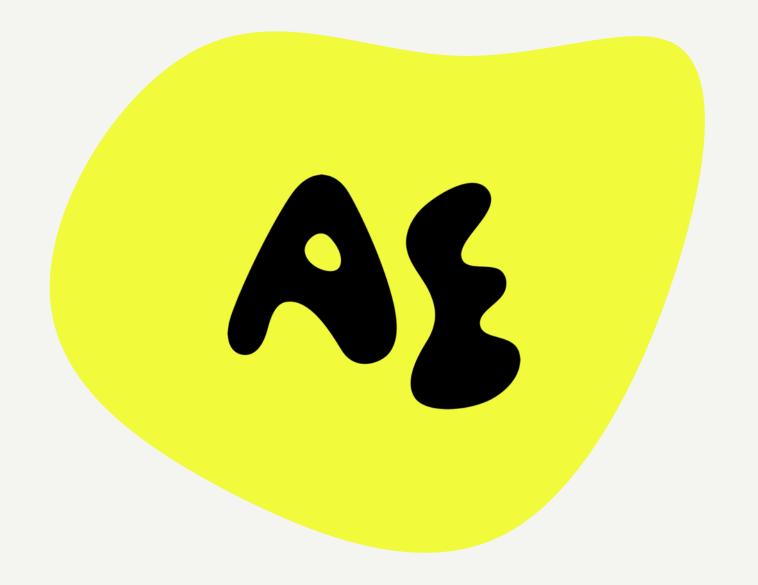
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# Thank you.

# Questions



That Sandra McCullagh be re-elected as Non-executive Director of Australian Ethical Investment





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For

47,222,105

Open

763,846

Against

308,832

Abstain

102,646



That Brian Bissaker be elected as Non-executive Director of Australian Ethical Investment



# That Brian Bissaker be elected as Non-executive Director of Australian Ethical Investment

For

47,476,470

Open

772,010

Against

47,347

Abstain

101,602



Grant of long-term Hurdled
Performance Share Rights to the
Chief Executive Officer





# Grant of long-term Hurdled Performance Share Rights to the Chief Executive Officer

For

44,386,299

Open

761,402

Against

1,946,047

Abstain

1,050,375







That the Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 be adopted.



That the Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 be adopted.

For

44,525,998

Open

763,024

Against

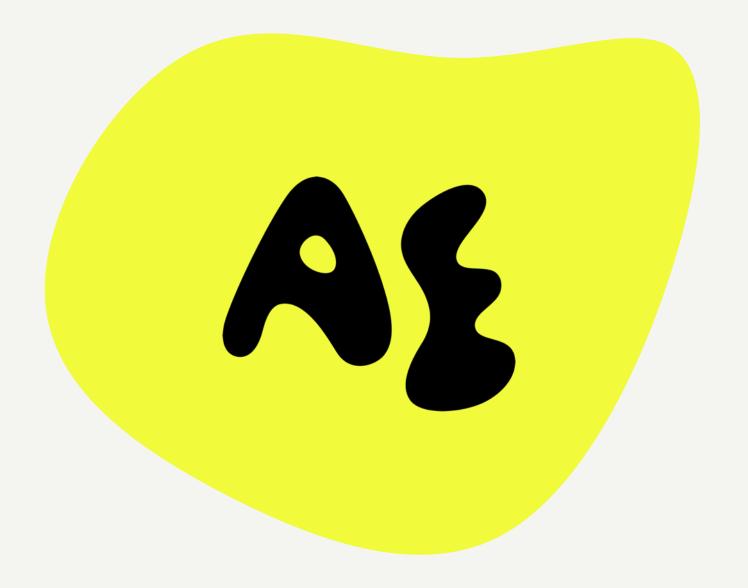
1,773,713

Abstain

1,081,388







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The rating published on 04/2025 for AUG0020AU Australian Ethical High Growth Fund (Wholesale), AUG0017AU Australian Ethical Balanced Fund (Wholesale), AUG7454AU Australian Ethical Moderate Fund (Wholesale), AUG6267AU Australian Ethical Conservative Fund (Wholesale) is issued by Lonsec Research Pty Ltd ABN 11 151 658 561 AFSL 421 445 (Lonsec Research). Ratings e general advice only and have been prepared without taking account of investors' objectives, financial situation or needs.

#### RIAA Responsible Investment Leader since 2024

Australian Ethical was recognised as a Responsible Investment Leader 2024 by the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA). This means we are placed in the top 20% of organisations assessed, demonstrating leading practice in our commitment to responsible investing; our explicit consideration of environmental, social and governance factors in investment decision making; our strong and collaborative stewardship; and our transparency in reporting activity, including the societal and environmental outcomes being achieved



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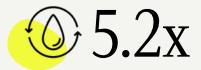
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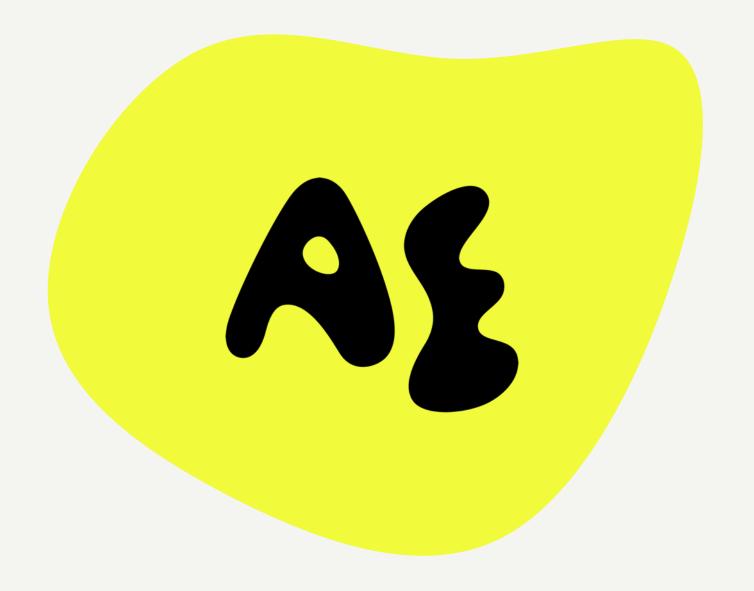
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<sup>^</sup> Based on the revenue from sustainable impact solutions earned by companies in which we invest, through both shareholdings and fixed income securities, and the proportion of our investments in the relevant category of solutions. Compared to a blended benchmark that best reflects the benchmarks used by the underlying investment strategies. Sustainable impact solutions are defined by MSCI as products or services with positive impact on the society and the environment. Based on shareholdings at 30 June 2025 and analysis tools provided by external sources for which we have relevant data. More information on Sustainable Impact Metrics available at https://www.msci.com/documents/1296102/16472518/ESG\_ImpactMetrics-cfs-en.pdf



<sup>\*</sup> Carbon/CO2 intensity is measured as tonnes CO2e per million \$ revenue earned by companies in which we invest through both shareholdings and public corporate fixed income securities. The comparison benchmark is a blended benchmark that best reflects the benchmarks used by the underlying investment strategies. Based on shareholdings at 30 June 2025 and analysis tools provided by external sources for which we have relevant data.

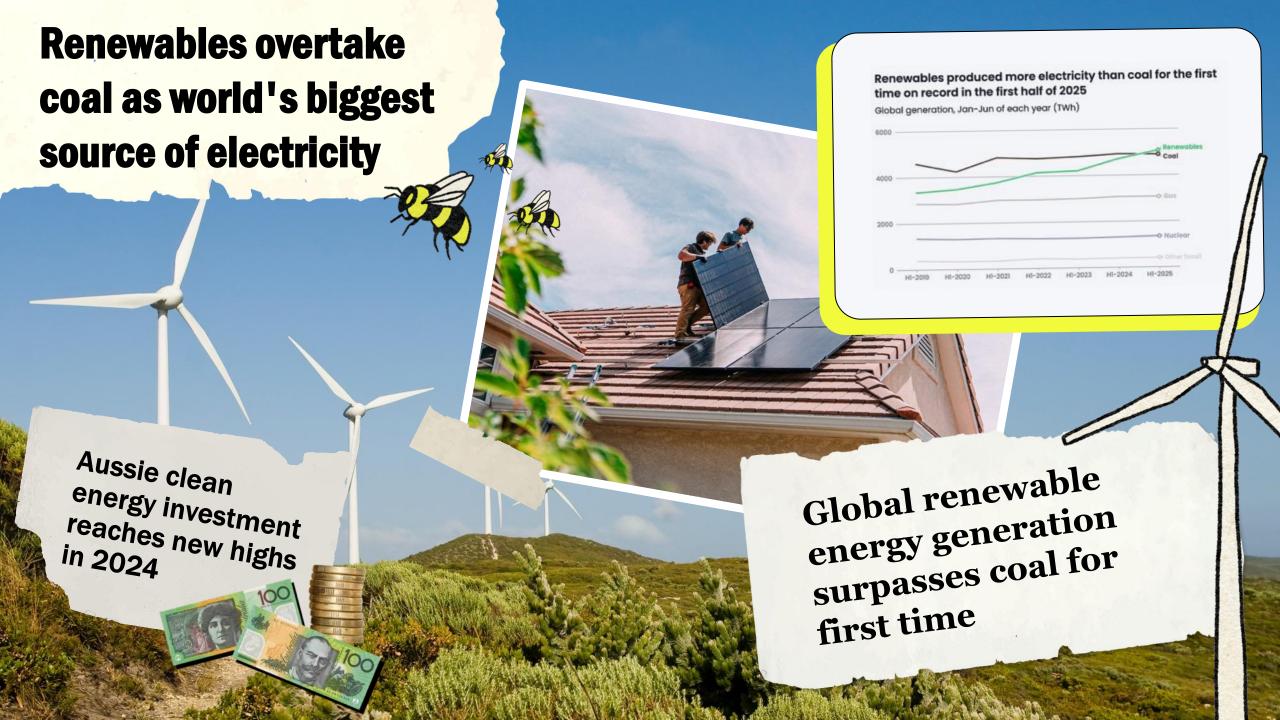






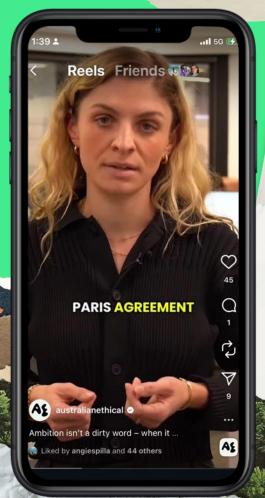






At QBE's AGM we challenged their policy to wait until 2030 to start restricting its insurance of expansion of the oil and gas sector.

**Mestpac** 



Turning off finance for fossil fuels

We sent an open letter to the Prime Minister







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Ethical investing is delivering attractive investment returns AND influencing progress towards a better future for the planet and all its inhabitants.





#### FY25 - A record result

Achieved through organic and inorganic successes, disciplined strategic execution, strong cost management and resilience in volatile markets.

\$23.8m

FY25 UPAT\* up 29%

FY25 NPAT\*\* up 68%

\$119.4m

Revenue up 19%

\$84.5m

Operating expenses\*\*\* up 14%

71.4%

Cost to income (CTI)\*\*\*\* improved from 73.7% in FY24

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**Full Year** dividend Up 56%

\$13.94bn

FUM at 30 June 25 up 34% on 30 June 24 +\$3.5bn FUM increase from 30 June 24

+\$1.05bn

**Investment Performance** 

+\$593m

Organic net flows

+\$1.93bn

Altius acquisition

Altius net flows^

<sup>\*</sup> UPAT attributable to shareholders which does not include net profit attributable to The Foundation | \*\* Statutory NPAT attributable to shareholders which does not include net profit attributable to The Foundation

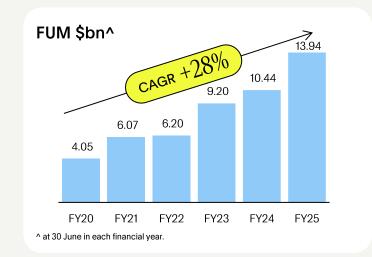
<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Operating expenses of the consolidated group | \*\*\*\* CTI excludes impact of profit attributable to the Foundation and UPAT adjusted expenses

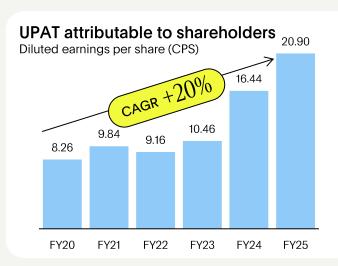
<sup>^</sup> Represents net flows since date of acquisition. Net outflows relate to an institutional client that utilises these funds for capital management and net flows tend to be cyclical and variable in nature All comparisons are to FY24 unless otherwise stated

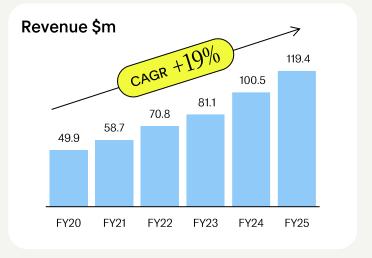


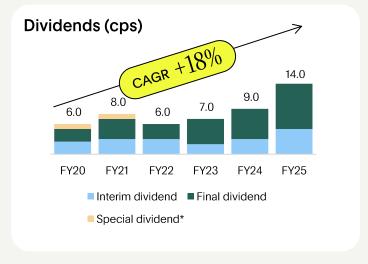
## Investment in our capability & business platform as part of our strategy is benefiting all stakeholders...

- Over the last 5 years we have been focused on investing for the next stage of our growth
- 50 Consecutive quarters of positive net flows
- Inorganic growth through Christian Super SFT and Altius Asset Management
- 5-year compound annual growth of
  - 28% FUM
  - 19% revenue
  - 20% diluted earnings per share (UPAT)
  - 18% annual dividend per share









<sup>\*</sup> Special dividends in FY20 and FY21 relate to dividends paid on performance fees earned in those years



\$13.94bn

20.90 cents

**FUM** 

### We continue to execute on our strategy which is delivering strong results...

Strong growth in key metrics and continued strengthening of our business platform sees us well placed for further growth....

2020

1 of only 6 fund

managers globally in

2020 to be named a

'leader' for ESG

commitment by

Morningstar M RNINGSTAR®

**FUM** 

\$4.05bn

8.26 cents

Diluted EPS^^

2023

Transition of super administration to

Grow Inc for with Mercer

**Australian Growth** Company Awards Financial Services Growth Company of the Year 2023 and 2024

2025

#3 NPS

Super Customers^^^

Recommended ratings

for all Multi-Asset Funds

by Lonsec and Zenith##

Recommended ratings for

Green Bond & Sustainable

Bond Funds by Zenith##

Brand awareness up from 11% to 22%\*\*\*

Diluted EPS^^ 5-year CAGR 20%

2024

Custodian & investment administration transfer to State Street

**Altius** acquisition adding \$1.93 billion **FUM & Fixed Income** capability

members previously

**AUSTRALIAN GROWTH** 

Record B Corp score\*\*



**Christian Super SFT** adding \$1.93 billion FUM

2021

Australia's fastest growing Superfund# & highest NPS^

**New Visionary Grants** program launched to fund climate solutions through AE Foundation

2022

Roy Morgan Top 3 Most

trusted Super Brand\*

ASX 300 admittance

# KPMG 2022 Super Insights Report, published May 2022, using statistics from APRA and ATO as at 30 June 2021

^ Number 1 NPS for super, customer advocacy and HNW managed funds investors. Investment Trends Super Member Engagement Report 2022 – Independent research with 23 major super funds surveying over 7,500 Australians. Investment Trends High Net Worth Investor Report – November 2021

\* 2023 Roy Morgan Trusted Brand Awards Report \*\* Highest scoring Certified B Corporation in Australia & NZ at date of last assessment - 13 July 2023

^^ Based on UPAT attributable to shareholders ## Refer to disclaimer on slide 30

\*\*\*YouGov Brand Health Index, July 2025

^^^ Investment Trends Super Member Engagement Report 2025

## FY25 saw us delivering against multiple strategic milestones to further enhance the quality of our business

#### Strong brand Significant lift in brand awareness among ethically minded Australians^ 11% 2024 22% 2025 Significant uplift in the perception of our investment expertise among advisers rising from 34% in 2023 to 59% this year\* 34% **59**% 2023 2025 #1 NPS #3 NPS MORGAN among advisers\*\* Rov Morgan among **NEO Brand Awards** superannuation funds^^ **Financial Partner**

#### **Business Platform**



- Super administration transition of majority of members to GROW Inc.
- Insourced insurance claims and complaints handling driving strong improvement in claims handling times and enhanced member support



 Custody and investment administration transition to State Street and staged rollout of Charles River and Alpha Data Platform to strengthen our investment management platform





#### Investment capability



#### Acquisition of Altius delivering:

- \$1.9bn FUM uplift
- Strong fixed income capability



#### **Expansion of asset classes:**



Fixed Income



**Private Markets** 



Significant capability uplift in Investment Team through key new hires

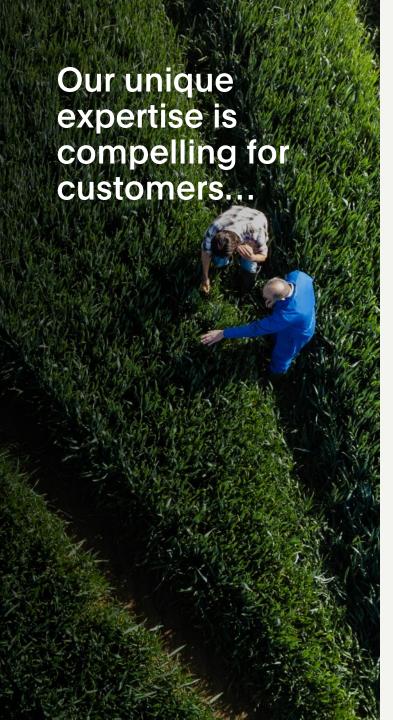
of the Year 2025

<sup>^</sup> YouGov Brand Health Index, July 2025

CoreData Research: Bi-Annual Tracker Report: Q1 202

<sup>\*\*</sup> Against a benchmark peer set of active Australian small and mid-cap managers - CoreData Research: Bi-Annual Tracker Report; Q1 2025

<sup>^^</sup> Investment Trends Member Engagement Report 202



#### Delivering strong portfolio returns

30-year anniversary for the retail Australian Shares Fund\*, achieving

9.7%

p.a. return since inception 2.2% p.a. (net of fees) above benchmark

10-year anniversary for Emerging Companies Fund\*\* achieving

12.2%

p.a. return since inception 5.4% p.a. (net of fees) above benchmark

\* Retail fund. Benchmark over 30 years: Since 30 September 2023 - 65% of the S&P/ASX100 Accumulation Index & 35% S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index; 13 August 2019 to 30 September 2023 - S&P/ASX 300 Accum Index; prior to 13 Aug 2019 S&P/ASX Small Industrials Index. The historical Benchmark returns are calculated by linking these indices and this delivered 7.5% return net of fees over the same period.

\*\* 'Wholesale' fund. Benchmark over 10 years: S&P/ASX Small Industrials

#### Creating real world impact

#### With our advocacy work holding corporate Australia accountable to lifting its standards

- → ~400 engagements^ for people, planet & animals
- 135 proactive engagements^^, of these ~25% committed to or made a positive change this year
- Co-filed two resolutions to seek greater transparency from Westpac and Macquarie Bank regarding their assessment and management of climate risk. Each received significant shareholder support 34% and 35% respectively, putting them in the top five performing climate shareholder proposals in FY25^^^
- Challenged QBE at their AGM, exposing contradictions in their climate approach
- Following engagement, Woolworths announced a 'nodeforestation' commitment for their beef supply chain consistent with our engagement asks. Coles have also made similar commitments
- We are one of the few investors calling for substantive action on farmed salmon in line with our longstanding view that fish farming cannot be considered sustainable

<sup>^</sup> We count one engagement where we engaged with a company on a topic or series of topics. There may be multiple activities within that engagement.

<sup>^^</sup> Our 'proactive' engagement count includes where we engaged directly with a company, government or other entity, actively contributed to collective engagements (as distinct from simply 'signing on'), used a nominal advocacy holding to support shareholder resolutions, or co-filed a resolution.

^^ Based on FY25 climate change themed resolutions lodged on the UN's Principles for Responsible Investing (PRI) resolution's database, accessed 29 July 2025.

# ...and accentuated through the valued work of the Australian Ethical Foundation...





## Place-based nature solutions

Empowering First Nations people and other communities to protect and restore nature and demonstrate new place-based economic models



### Unlocking capital for nature

Supporting research, policy advocacy, and the development of market frameworks and mechanisms to incentivise the flow of capital to nature protection and restoration



## Climate justice and resilience

Supporting advocacy, campaigns and programs which protect low-income and marginalised communities and nature

\$2.8m

record donation to the Foundation in FY25

13m+

cumulatively allocated to charitable organisations\*

10%

of AEI profits\*\* allocated to charitable organisations through the Foundation

Vision

To accelerate the transition to a regenerative economy that values and protects nature, ensuring a just and sustainable future for all. Protecting biodiversity goes hand in hand with strengthening the resilience of communities most impacted by climate change. Lasting environmental solutions must be just, inclusive, and community-led.

<sup>\*</sup> Since 2010

<sup>\*\*</sup> Before deducting bonus and grant expense

...while the business continues to receive awards and recognition across many dimensions

#### Superannuation

SuperReview Super Fund of the Year Awards Sustainable Super Fund of the Year 2025



Money Magazine Awards

Best of the Best - Best ESG Pension Product 2025



Roy Morgan **NEO Brand Awards** Financial Partner of the Year 2025

Rainmaker ESG Leader Rating 2022-2025

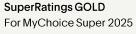






Rainmaker AAA Quality Rating 2021-2025

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#### **Investments**

#### Financial Standard Investment Leadership Awards

Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund -Winner Australian Equities: High Active Risk 2024



#### Mindful Money Awards Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund -

Best Ethical Overseas Fund 2024-2025



#### Lonsec

Rated "Recommended" Australian Ethical Multi-Asset Funds 2025#



#### Zenith

Rated "Recommended" Australian Ethical Multi-Asset Funds 2025# Australian Ethical / Altius Green Bond Fund and Sustainable Bond Fund 2025#



#### Customer experience

#### **CSIA Australian Service Excellence Awards**

- 2024 Best of the Best: Caroline Maillols
- Customer Service Professional of 2024 (Service Hero): Avir Alagh

#### Responsible investment leadership

**RIAA Responsible** Investment Leader since 2024#



#### Persephone Fraser, **Ethical Stewardship Lead**

Winner - Best in Corporate **Engagement Award** at the 2024 IGCC Climate Leaders Awards

Finder Green Innovation Award -People's Choice 2025



#### Certified for Impact

Record B Corp score\*



#### Growth

**Australian Growth Company Awards** 

Financial Services Growth Company of the Year 2023 and 2024



<sup>\*</sup> Highest scoring Certified B Corporation in Australia & NZ at date of last assessment – 13 July 2023







## Growing superannuation scale with ethical investment leadership

Maximise growth through our differentiated value proposition, brand resonance and data driven marketing to attract new customers. Delivering customer experiences, outcomes and confidence that reflect our ethical and financial impact, enabling us to retain and grow customers and FUM.

## Extend our ethical investment capability to win beyond super

Build, package and deliver an integrated investment management, product, and distribution proposition to scale a profitable ethical funds management business, creating real world impact.

## Enabled by a modern operating platform built for scale, efficiency & resilience

Accelerate growth and underpin operating leverage and resilience. Differentiated capabilities through deep use of data, insights, and technology. Modern, scalable operating platforms and processes, enabling agility in our customer experience, with growth conducive fee-scales from core partners.

## Enabled by a purpose driven & high performing culture

Further enhance our unique, purpose driven and high performing culture, enabling our talent to achieve their potential and drive our business success. Culture of product leadership, continuous improvement, innovation, leadership, data-driven commercial decision-making, and customer centricity.







#### **Our Vision**

Make money a force for good



#### **Our Values**

Action, authenticity, empathy, curiosity, connection

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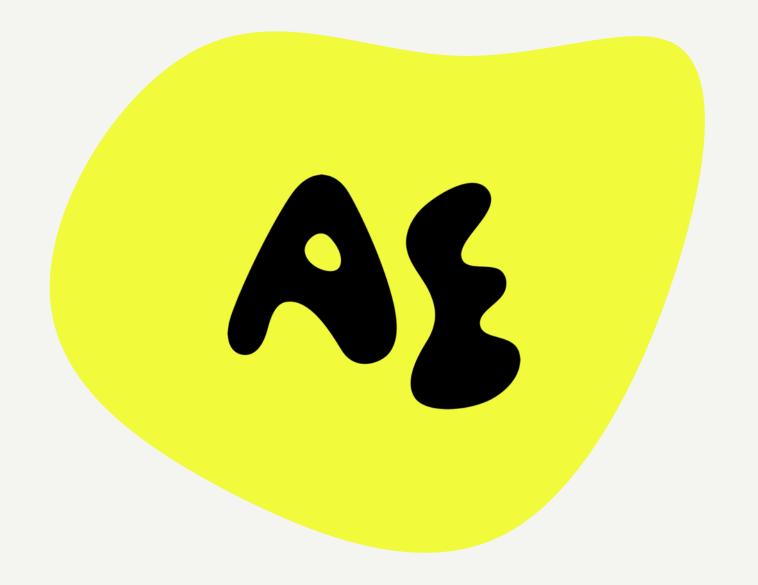
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# Thank you.

## Questions



That Sandra McCullagh be re-elected as Non-executive Director of Australian Ethical Investment





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For

47,222,105

Open

763,846

Against

308,832

Abstain

102,646



That Brian Bissaker be elected as Non-executive Director of Australian Ethical Investment



# That Brian Bissaker be elected as Non-executive Director of Australian Ethical Investment

For

47,476,470

Open

772,010

Against

47,347

Abstain

101,602



Grant of long-term Hurdled
Performance Share Rights to the
Chief Executive Officer





# Grant of long-term Hurdled Performance Share Rights to the Chief Executive Officer

For

44,386,299

Open

761,402

Against

1,946,047

Abstain

1,050,375



That the Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 be adopted.



That the Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 be adopted.

For

44,525,998

Open

763,024

Against

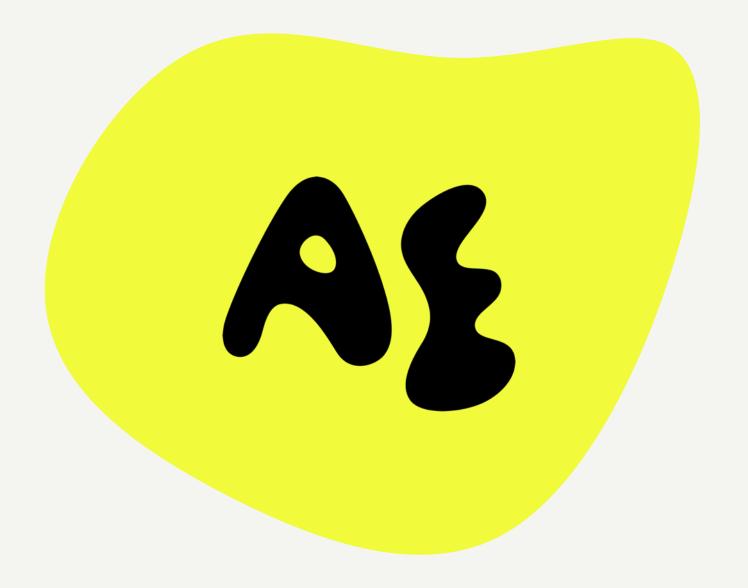
1,773,713

Abstain

1,081,388







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