

# Australian Ethical Fixed Interest Fund (Wholesale)

Fund Profile - 31 December 2021

Australian Ethical



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: \$41.00m

Benchmark: Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Years

Asset class: Fixed Interest

Inception date: 15/01/2014

Minimum investment timeframe: 3 years

Risk level: Low-Medium

## Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00234

APIR code: AUG0023AU

## Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

## Fees

Management costs - PDS: 0.30%

Minimum initial investment: \$25,000

Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.00%

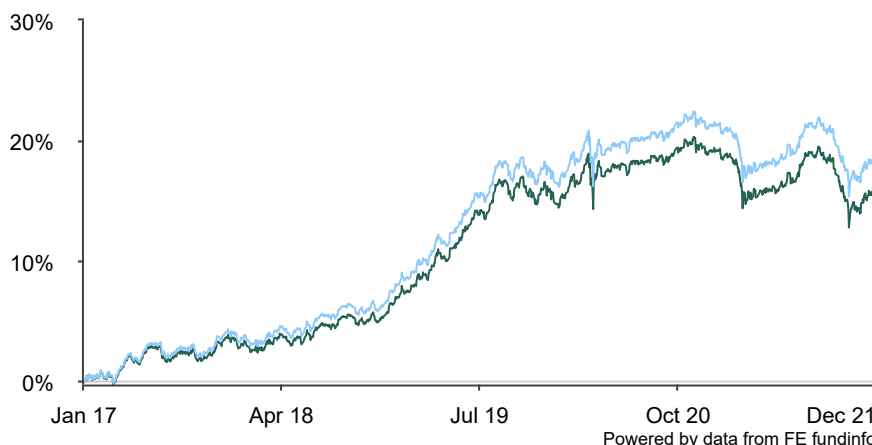
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website [australianethical.com.au](http://australianethical.com.au)

\*(after tax, before bonus expense)

## Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified 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 31/12/2021)



■ Australian Ethical Fixed Interest  
■ Benchmark

## Performance (as at 31/12/2021)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	0.1%	-1.6%	-1.3%	-3.3%	2.5%	2.9%	-	3.5%
Benchmark	0.1%	-1.5%	-1.2%	-2.9%	2.9%	3.4%	-	4.0%

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2021)

	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018	CY2017
Fund	-3.3%	4.2%	6.7%	4.0%	3.2%
Benchmark	-2.9%	4.5%	7.3%	4.5%	3.7%

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

Government of Australia	55.8%
Queensland Treasury Corp.	7.4%
New South Wales Treasury Corp.	6.5%
Treasury Corporation of Victoria	6.0%
Western Australian Treasury Corp.	2.8%
South Australian Government Financing Authority	1.6%
KfW	1.1%
Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank	1.1%
International Finance Corp. (District of Columbia)	0.9%
European Investment Bank	0.9%

## Ratings and awards

RIAA

Certification:



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## 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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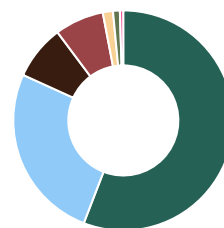
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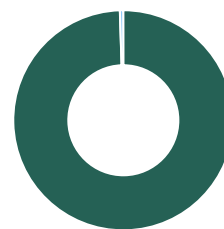
## Sector allocation

Government	55.8%
State Government	25.9%
SSA	8.0%
Corporate Credit	7.2%
Bank Senior Debt	1.5%
Bank Covered	1.0%
Cash	0.5%



## Asset allocation

Australian Fixed Interest	99.5%
Cash	0.5%



## Commentary

The Australian Ethical Fixed Interest Fund return was -1.6% after fees in the September quarter, behind the -1.5% return from the fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index.

The underperformance relative to the index came about as markets priced for earlier-than-guided interest rate increases from the RBA. The policy of Yield Curve Control, where all government bonds out to the April 2024 were targeted for yields of 0.10% or below, was challenged in October and unceremoniously ended at the November RBA meeting. The April 2024 went from yielding 0.04% at the end of September to 0.60% by the end of December. The fund's overweight position in the November 2024 relative to the bonds subject to Yield Curve Control, was closed out after the November RBA meeting.

Central Bank policy is biased for tightening both domestically and in the United States. The RBA is expected to further taper, if not end, its QE program in February and continues to guide markets that an increase to the cash rate is not expected in the near term. The impact of the omicron variant is unlikely to alter this view. Markets have already priced for hikes in sooner than forecast.

At the end of the December quarter, the fund had a neutral duration position relative to the index.

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