

# Australian Ethical Fixed Interest Fund (Wholesale)

Fund Profile - 30 September 2022

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:** \$30.16m

**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%

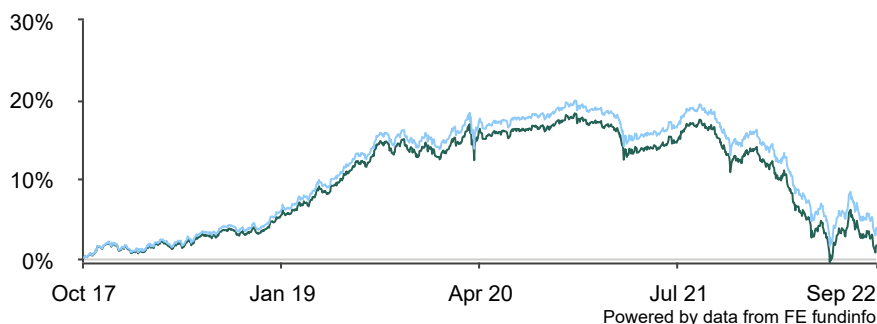
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website [australianethical.com.au](http://australianethical.com.au)

\*(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 30/09/2022)



■ Australian Ethical Fixed Interest  
■ Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+Y)

## Performance (as at 30/09/2022)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	-1.4%	-0.7%	-4.6%	-11.8%	-3.8%	0.3%	-	1.9%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+Y)	-1.4%	-0.6%	-4.4%	-11.4%	-3.4%	0.8%	-	2.4%

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2021)

	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018	CY2017
Fund	-3.3%	4.2%	6.7%	4.0%	3.2%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+Y)	-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	56.2%
Treasury Corporation of Victoria	6.9%
Queensland Treasury Corp.	6.9%
New South Wales Treasury Corp.	6.7%
Western Australian Treasury Corp.	2.8%
South Australian Government Financing Authority	1.6%
KfW	1.0%
Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank	1.0%
European Investment Bank	1.0%
International Finance Corp.	1.0%

## Ratings and awards

RIAA

Certification:



## 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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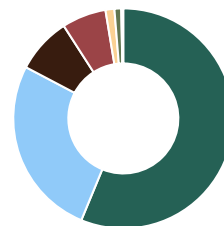
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## Sector allocation

Government	56.3%
State Government	26.5%
SSA	8.2%
Corporate Credit	6.5%
Bank Senior Debt	1.3%
Bank Covered	1.0%
Cash	0.3%



## Asset allocation

Australian Fixed Interest	99.7%
Cash	0.3%



## Commentary

The net of fees return of the Australian Ethical Fixed Interest Fund (Retail) for the September Quarter was -0.73% (-0.68% Wholesale), below that of its Benchmark, the Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index 0+. Yields closed the quarter higher, with the 10y bond rate rising 0.22% to 3.88%, but the path was non-linear and volatile.

In the month of July, yields fell as expectations of highly aggressive central bank policy (hikes of +1% at a single meeting for the Federal Reserve or 0.75% for the Reserve Bank of Australia) were unwound. Markets had been buoyed by the possibility of a slowing in the pace of rate hikes after Jerome Powell, the chair of the Federal Reserve suggested rate rises to July had seen the cash rate reach some members estimates of neutral. The 10y bond yield fell 60 basis points over July to 3.05%, which saw the fund and benchmark perform positively, up just over 3.3%.

In August however, this move reversed, as Fed speakers sought to counter the benign view, emphasizing the fight against inflation was ongoing and the cash rate would need to move into outright restrictive territory, with Powell later shifting language to highlight the probability of some "pain" yet ahead for households and businesses. The fund and index fell 2.5% as a result and fell a further 1.4% over September as yields rose aggressively, with the 10y marking a high of 4.1% before easing into the end of the quarter.

The fund remains neutral duration, with modified duration at 5.16 vs the index at 5.20, and the yield to maturity at 3.97%.

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