

# Australian Ethical Fixed Interest Fund (Wholesale)

Fund Profile - 31 December 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:** \$29.78m

**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%

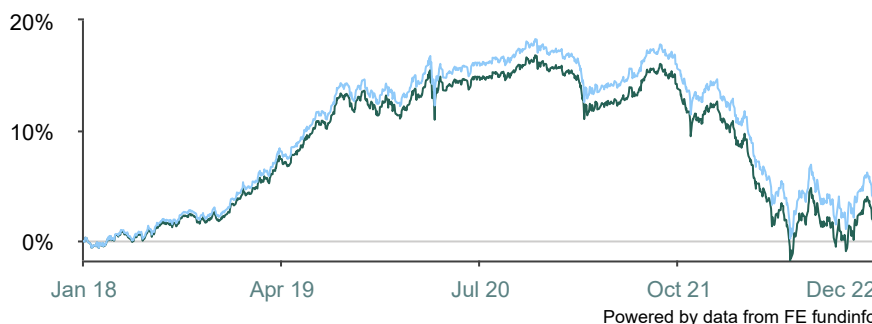
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website [australianethical.com.au](http://australianethical.com.au)

\*(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 31/12/2022)



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

## Performance (as at 31/12/2022)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	-2.1%	0.4%	-0.3%	-10.0%	-3.2%	0.1%	-	1.9%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+Y)	-2.1%	0.4%	-0.3%	-9.7%	-2.9%	0.5%	-	2.4%

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2022)

	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018
Fund	-10.0%	-3.3%	4.2%	6.7%	4.0%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+Y)	-9.7%	-2.9%	4.5%	7.3%	4.5%

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	55.7%
Treasury Corporation of Victoria	6.9%
New South Wales Treasury Corp.	6.8%
Queensland Treasury Corp.	6.8%
Western Australian Treasury Corp.	2.5%
South Australian Government Financing Authority	1.8%
International Finance Corp.	1.2%
KfW	1.0%
European Investment Bank	1.0%
Asian Development Bank	0.9%

## 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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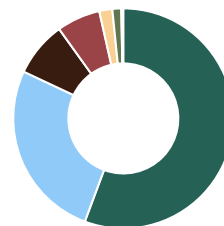
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## Sector allocation

Government	55.7%
State Government	26.3%
SSA	8.1%
Corporate Credit	6.4%
Bank Senior Debt	1.9%
Bank Covered	1.3%
Cash	0.3%



## Asset allocation

Australian Fixed Interest	99.7%
Cash	0.3%



## Commentary

The net return of the Australian Ethical Fixed Interest Fund (Retail) for the quarter ended December 2022 gained 0.3% (Wholesale 0.4%), 0.1% behind the +0.4% return for the benchmark Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Bond Index 0+.

Bond markets remained volatile through the quarter, with the 10y yield rising 0.18% over the quarter to close the year at 4.05%, after originally seeing a low of 3.32% in early December. Where originally tentative signs of inflation having peaked came through in the monthly US data, a move by the Bank of Japan to loosen the tolerance band on their ongoing Yield Curve Control measures roiled bond markets and drove long bond yields sharply higher.

Markets ended 2022 trying to assess whether the Bank of Japan moves signaled central banks globally would remain hawkish into 2023, and/or whether Japan's famously low yields might edge higher and encourage some funds invested offshore to return home, sapping demand and pressuring yields higher. With another US CPI print since year end again suggesting inflation continues to ease, since year end yields have retreated from their end 2022 level.

Domestically the RBA remains priced to hike again in the first half of 2022, with considerable uncertainty what direction rates might take in the latter part of the year. The fund remains with a neutral duration position as a result.

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