



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 long-term growth accompanied by high levels of risk through investment in overseas companies. The Fund aims to track MSCI World Index ex Australia (AUD) Net, before taking into account fees and expenses over a 3 year period.

Price information

Pricing frequency:	Daily
Buy/Sell spread:	0.05%/0.05%

Fund facts

Fund size:	\$129.50m
Benchmark:	MSCI World Index ex Australia (AUD)
Asset class:	Equity
Inception date:	30/06/2015
Minimum investment timeframe:	7 Years
Risk level:	High

Identifiers

ISIN code:	AU60AUG00259
APIR code:	AUG0025AU

Distributions

Frequency:	2
Dates:	30/06, 31/12

Fees

Management costs - PDS:	0.59%
Minimum initial investment:	\$25,000
Additional transactional and operational costs:	0.02%

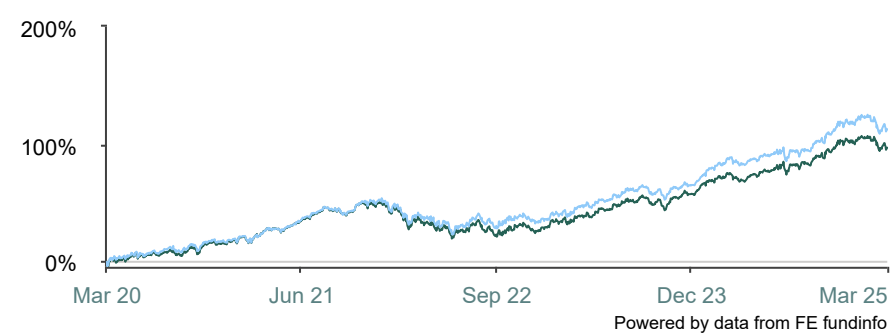
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund’s Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(after tax, before bonus expense)

Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified portfolio of companies listed on international stock exchanges, which meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

Cumulative performance (as at 31/03/2025)



■ Australian Ethical International Shares
■ Benchmark**

Performance (as at 31/03/2025)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	-4.5%	-2.5%	8.1%	12.3%	13.3%	14.5%	-	11.2%
Benchmark**	-4.6%	-2.3%	9.6%	12.7%	15.2%	16.3%	-	12.8%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2024)

	CY2024	CY2023	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020
Fund	28.1%	25.7%	-16.1%	29.9%	3.9%
Benchmark**	31.8%	23.9%	-12.1%	30.1%	6.3%

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.

Top 10

APPLE INC	5.2%
MICROSOFT CORP	4.4%
NVIDIA CORPORATION	4.1%
ALPHABET INC-CL A	2.7%
META PLATFORMS INC	2.2%
VISA INCORPORATED CLASS A SHARES	1.6%
MASTERCARD INC CLASS A	1.6%
AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY	1.3%
BROADCOM INC	1.2%
LILLY (ELI) & CO	1.2%

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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Sector allocation

Information Technology	31.6%
Financials	21.6%
Industrials	13.0%
Communication Services	10.1%
Health Care	9.1%
Consumer Discretionary	6.2%
Real Estate	5.8%
Utilities	2.0%
Materials	1.3%
Other	-0.7%

Asset allocation

International Shares	100.9%
Cash	-0.9%



Commentary

Global equity markets had a volatile start to 2025 following President Trump’s election victory last November. Initial optimism around deregulation and tax cuts drove markets higher, but sentiment reversed as aggressive tariff policies raised concerns about inflation and slowing growth.

The MSCI World ex-Australia Index peaked in mid-February before retreating amid rising trade tensions, ending the March quarter down -2.4%. The International Shares Fund (Wholesale) returned -2.54% net of fees, while the Retail class returned -2.64%.

Many leading themes of recent years underperformed. AI-related stocks, which dominated in 2023–24, declined as competition intensified — particularly from China-based DeepSeek — and as investors questioned the timing of returns on heavy capex. Crowded exposures to Momentum and Size factors also weighed on returns, while Defensive and Low Volatility strategies gained favour.

There was a notable rotation out of expensive US equities into European and Asian markets, which outperformed relatively. Sector-wise, our overweight to Information Technology detracted, with notable declines in names like NVIDIA (-20%) and Microsoft (-11%). These moves reflected rising competition and shifting growth expectations. Conversely, our underweight to Consumer Discretionary was beneficial, as tariff uncertainty pressured import-reliant names such as Amazon (not held), which fell 14%.

Markets remained unsettled ahead of “Liberation Day” on April 2, with Trump’s tariff announcements proving deeper and broader than anticipated. His unpredictability has become a key source of market volatility. While the correction was sharp, it mirrors past episodes such as the early pandemic sell-off, the GFC, and the 1987 crash — all of which were followed by recoveries.

We believe a sustained rebound will depend on tariff resolution, valuation resets, central bank policy support, and improved fundamentals.

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