

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 by investing in small capitalisation companies that meet the Australian Ethical Charter. The fund aims to significantly exceed the return of the S&P/ASX Small Industrials Total Return Index after taking into account management costs over a 7 year period.

Price information

Pricing frequency:	Daily
Buy/Sell spread:	0.15%/0.15%

Fund facts

Class size:	\$250.78m
Benchmark:	S&P ASX Small Industrials
Asset class:	Equity
Inception date:	30/06/2015
Minimum investment timeframe:	7 Years
Risk level:	Very high

Identifiers

ISIN code:	AU60AUG00275
APIR code:	AUG0027AU

Distributions

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

Fees

Management costs - PDS:	1.20%
Performance fee:	20.00%
Minimum initial investment:	\$25,000
Additional transactional and operational costs:	0.00%

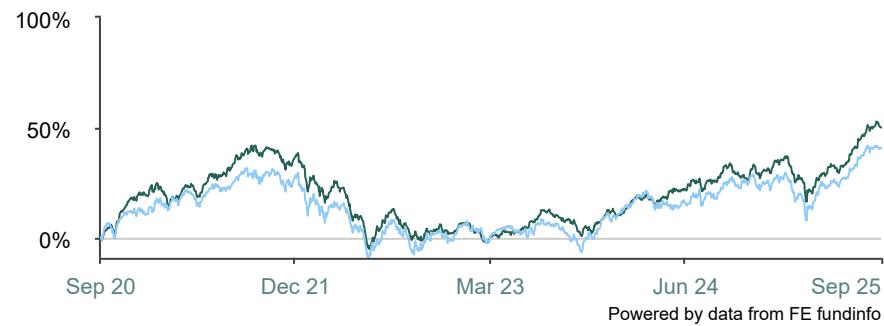
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(after tax, before bonus expense)

Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified portfolio of shares in small capitalisation companies on the basis of their social, environmental and financial credentials. The Fund utilises an active stock-picking management style with stocks selected for growth rather than income. All stocks are chosen on the basis of relative value where we deem the risks are being adequately priced.

Cumulative performance (as at 30/09/2025)



■ Australian Ethical Emerging Companies

■ S&P/ASX Small Indust.

Performance (as at 30/09/2025)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	-0.8%	12.9%	19.6%	12.9%	14.4%	8.5%	13.0%	13.2%
S&P/ASX Small Indust.	-0.7%	11.2%	20.6%	12.9%	14.7%	7.1%	7.9%	7.7%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2024)

	CY2024	CY2023	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020
Fund	15.9%	10.2%	-25.4%	14.9%	35.9%
S&P/ASX Small Indust.	12.1%	11.4%	-21.8%	13.7%	5.9%

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

SITEMINDER LTD	4.6%
AUSTRALIAN FINANCE GROUP LTD	4.1%
PEPPER MONEY LTD/AU	4.0%
CONTACT ENERGY LTD	3.7%
NUIX LTD	3.3%
AROA BIOSURGERY LTD	3.2%
EROAD LTD	3.1%
WEB TRAVEL GROUP LIMITED	3.0%
NANOSONICS LIMITED	3.0%
PEXA GROUP LIMITED	2.9%

Ratings and awards

RIAA Certification:

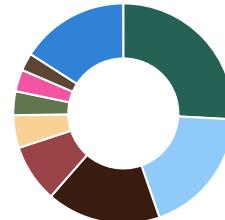


Why invest ethically?

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.

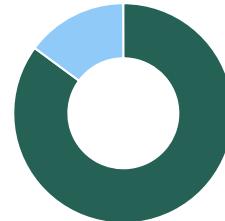
Sector allocation

Information Technology	25.8%
Health Care	18.8%
Financials	16.7%
Utilities	8.5%
Consumer Discretionary	4.8%
Consumer Staples	3.5%
Communication Services	3.2%
Industrials	2.6%
Other	15.9%



Asset allocation

Australian & NZ Small Cap	85.1%
Cash	14.9%



Commentary

The Emerging Companies Fund (Wholesale) outperformed its ASX Small Industrials benchmark (12.9% vs 11.2%), over the 3 months to 30 September 2025.

The Fund's holdings in the Information Technology sector were the strongest contributor to relative investment performance with vehicle fleet monitoring company EROAD (+77%) getting a boost from likely favourable legislation change in NZ, hotel room management company Siteminder (+63%) and digital education software group Janison Education (+47%) all performing strongly on good results and positive outlook over the August reporting period.

The sectoral laggards included utilities with electricity generator-retailers Contact Energy (-4%) and Meridian (-11%), both underperforming the Small Industrials as they reported subdued results due to major droughts affecting electricity generation in New Zealand and uncertainty over the outcomes of a regulatory review weighed on the sector. Conditions have improved, regulatory risks are manageable and we retain positions in both companies due to a better outlook.

The consumer discretionary sector also detracted from relative performance due to digital hotels marketplace operator WEB Travel Group (-11%) still fine tuning its organisational momentum after its de-merger last year and had also seen some subdued travel demand across Europe. We see the company representing compelling value and have increased our position.

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