

Australian Ethical High Growth Fund (Wholesale)

Fund Profile - 31 March 2026

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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 holding growth assets. The Retail Fund aims to achieve returns 4.00% above inflation after management costs over a 10 year period. The Wholesale Fund aims to achieve returns 4.50% above inflation after management costs over a 10 year period.

Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily

Buy/Sell spread: 0.10%/0.10%

Fund facts

Class size: \$112.29m

Benchmark: Australian Ethical High Growth Composite

Asset class: Equity

Inception date: 13/01/2012

Minimum investment timeframe: 10 Years

Risk level: High

Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00200

APIR code: AUG0020AU

Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

Fees

Management costs - PDS: 1.04%

Minimum initial investment: \$10,000

Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.06%

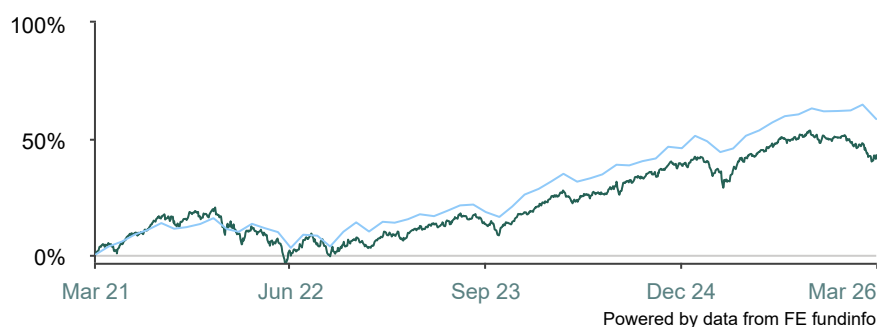
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(after tax, before bonus expense)

Investment strategy

The Fund invests primarily in growth assets such as Australian and international shares, unlisted property and alternative assets.

Cumulative performance (as at 31/03/2026)



■ Australian Ethical High Growth
■ Benchmark

Performance (as at 31/03/2026)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception (ann.)
Fund	-3.4%	-4.9%	-4.7%	5.5%	9.3%	7.4%	9.0%	10.8%
Benchmark	-3.8%	-2.2%	-1.3%	9.9%	11.2%	9.6%	9.8%	10.9%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2025)

	CY2025	CY2024	CY2023	CY2022	CY2021
Fund	8.6%	17.0%	14.6%	-13.0%	22.8%
Benchmark	11.0%	15.9%	14.5%	-5.0%	21.1%

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

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	2.4%
NVIDIA CORPORATION	2.4%
APPLE INC	2.0%
INVESTA COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FD COMMON STOCK UNIT	2.0%
WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION ORD F/PD SHARES	2.0%
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	1.9%
ALPHABET INC-CL A	1.6%
Sandstone	1.6%
MICROSOFT CORP	1.5%
MACQUARIE GROUP LTD	1.4%

Ratings and awards

RIAA Certification:



Why invest ethically?

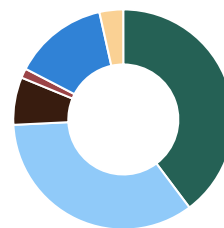
Portfolio diversification: Diversify your portfolio by investing in companies and sectors not well covered by other fund managers and brokers.
Help build a better world: Invest in the new, low-carbon economy, fund medical and technology breakthroughs, efficient transport and more.
Promote human rights: 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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Asset allocation

International Shares	39.8%
Australian & NZ Shares	34.5%
Alternative Assets	7.0%
International Fixed Interest	1.4%
Property and Infrastructure	13.9%
Cash and short-term interest bearing securities	3.5%



Commentary

Performance for the quarter was negative, reflecting weaker returns from growth-oriented assets across listed markets as the escalation of the Middle East conflict disrupted commodity markets and led to an inflationary shock and heightened uncertainty around the future pathways for economic growth. Defensive-focused funds, including the Conservative Fund and Moderate Fund performed relatively better given their lower exposure to risk assets. One year returns for the multi-asset funds were positive, ranging between 4.5% and 5.5%.

Prior to the shock, the market context had been improving with earnings growth broadening out, and a clear rotation both at the sector and country level, with markets outside the US performing quite strongly. In particular Japanese equities returned 15% and Emerging Markets 13% in the first two months of the year. However, the month of March saw a broad convergence in returns with all markets struggling in the context of oil prices doubling, and concerns around security of supply for many net energy importers. Early market assumptions that the conflict would be short-lived were revised as the evolving dynamics and the nature of strikes raised the prospect that normal supply could take considerably longer to restore, even if a ceasefire or agreement were reached.

In this environment, bonds were less effective as an anchor, declining in value during this risk off period, as higher oil prices generated an inflationary impulse and prompted a reassessment of interest rate expectations. Domestically, expectations for the Reserve Bank of Australia shifted quickly, with markets moving from pricing 1.5 rate hikes at the start of the year to four hikes for the calendar year, two of which have already been delivered, reflecting higher-than-expected inflation and the effects of geopolitical tension.

The biggest contributor to relative underperformance during the quarter was sector positioning across the domestic and global equity sleeves, with underweight exposure to energy and materials and overweight exposure to software and technology relative to the benchmark. Oil shortages drove energy and materials prices up whilst concerns about AI disrupting some software companies resulted in indiscriminate selling across the entire software sector.

Despite these market headwinds, the Growth Alternatives portfolio had a particularly strong quarter, returning 25.2%, comfortably exceeding its benchmark by 22.8%. Growth Alternatives investments are targeted at growth opportunities like unlisted infrastructure, which are lowly correlated to equities and designed to perform well in varying market conditions, thus insulating some of the sell-off in shares.

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