

Australian Shares Fund

Monthly Report | April 2018

About Australian Shares Fund

- Has outperformed its benchmark since inception after retail fees.
- Only consists of companies that have passed Australian Ethical's positive and negative screens, based on the Ethical Charter.
- Certified by the Responsible Investment Association Australasia.



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Performance Returns

	1 month (%)	3 months (%)	1 year (%)	3 years (% p.a.)	5 years (% p.a.)	7 years (% p.a.)	10 years (% p.a.)	Since Inception (% p.a.)
Fund (Retail)*	0.1	-1.4	4.8	8.4	12.5	10.1	9.4	9.9
S&P/ASX Small Industrials	1.5	-0.4	11.9	9.3	9.0	8.9	4.8	7.2
Relative Performance	-1.4	-1.0	-7.1	-0.9	+3.5	+1.2	+4.6	+2.7
Fund (Wholesale)^	0.2	-1.1	6.3	10.1	14.2	n/a	n/a	15.5
S&P/ASX Small Industrials	1.5	-0.4	11.9	9.3	9.0	n/a	n/a	11.7
Relative Performance	-1.3	-0.7	-5.6	+0.8	+5.2	n/a	n/a	+3.8
<i>Alternative benchmarks</i>								
S&P/ASX 200	3.9	0.3	5.5	5.7	7.5	7.9	5.3	
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries	2.8	0.4	18.4	11.1	8.0	3.1	1.3	
S&P/ASX 200 Industrials	2.5	-0.6	0.6	4.8	7.9	11.1	7.4	

* Inception Date (Retail): 19 September 1994

^ Inception Date (Wholesale): 23 January 2012

Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

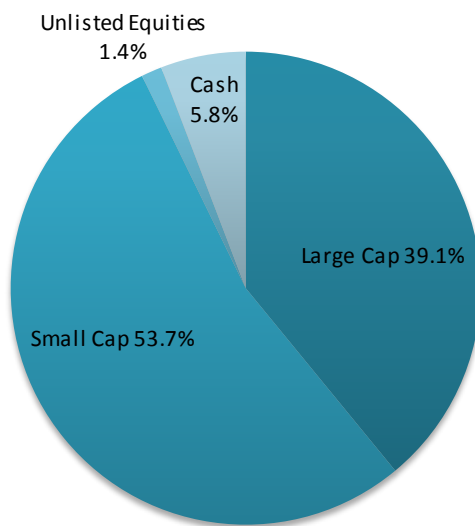
Top Holdings

National Australia Bank Limited	4.2%
Westpac Banking Corporation	4.1%
Macquarie Telecom Group Limited	3.7%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd.	3.7%
Contact Energy Limited	3.5%
Resmed Inc CHESS Depository	3.4%
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Suncorp Group Limited	3.4%
Bank of Queensland Limited	3.1%
Spark Infrastructure Group Ltd.	3.0%
Computershare Limited	2.5%

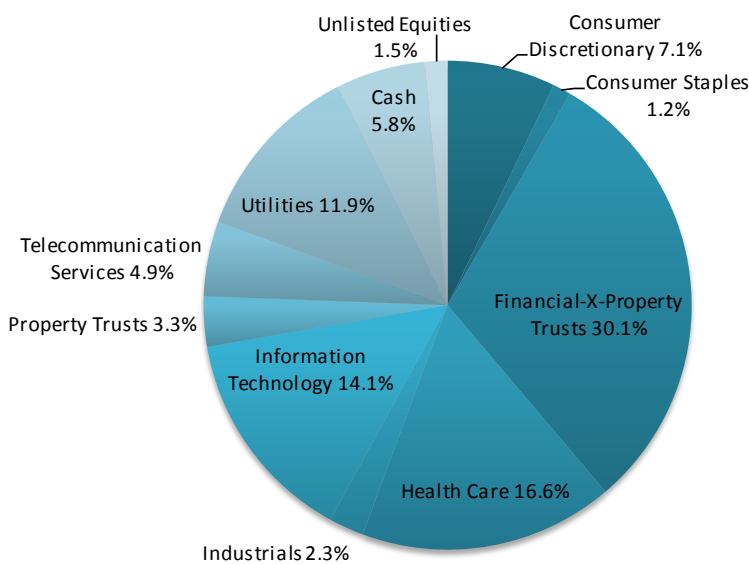
Significant Performers (For the month)

Best	Total Return	Contribution	Worst	Total Return	Contribution
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd.	7.9%	0.3%	Ellex Medical Lasers Limited	-27.2%	-0.2%
Healthscope Ltd.	25.6%	0.3%	Australian Finance Group Ltd.	-9.2%	-0.2%
Infigen Energy Limited	17.9%	0.2%	Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd	-9.7%	-0.2%

Asset Allocation



Sector Allocation



Key Information



Portfolio Manager Andy Gracey

Andy has been portfolio manager of the Australian Shares Fund for over 10 years.

Responsible entity:	Australian Ethical Investment Ltd
Minimum initial investment:	\$1,000 (retail) \$25,000 (wholesale)^
Distribution:	Six-monthly
APIR:	AUG0002AU (retail) AUG0018AU (wholesale)
ARSN:	089 919 175
Contribution fee:	None
Establishment fee:	None
Withdrawal fee:	None
Termination fee:	None
Performance fee:	None
Management fee:	2.50% (retail) 1.10% (wholesale)
Buy-sell spread:	0.15%
Platforms:	Asgard, AXA North, BTWrap, Colonial FirstWrap, Emerald, Freedom of Choice, Plan B, Macquarie, MLC Navigator, Netwealth, Oasis, Spectrum (SMF)
Fund size:	\$ 814.0Million
Objective:	To provide long-term growth focusing on Australian companies that meet the Australian Ethical Charter.
Structure:	The Fund is an open-ended public unit trust.

A full explanation of all of 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.

^ Direct investors must maintain a minimum \$500,000 investment across Australian Ethical's managed funds and a minimum of \$25,000 in the Australian Shares Fund.

Why invest ethically?

Aligning values with investments

You probably already understand the importance of having a portfolio that matches your appetite for risk, but equally, if not more important, is holding a portfolio that reflects your values. For example, if you value the provision of fair working conditions (and no child labour) then it's important to invest in funds that negatively screen out stocks on this basis.

Portfolio diversification

Ethical funds in particular, often invest in stocks that are not covered by many fund managers and brokers.

Good for the world

Your investments can help build a new low-carbon economy, fund medical and technology breakthroughs, efficient transport and more.

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