

# Australian Ethical International Shares Fund



FUND PROFILE - 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

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 through investment in international companies which meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

## Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily

Buy/Sell spread: 0.20%/0.20%

## Fund facts

Fund size: \$3.59m

Benchmark: Australian Ethical International Shares Composite

Asset class: Equity

Inception date: 13/06/2007

Minimum investment timeframe: 7 Years

Risk level: High

## Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00069

APIR code: AUG0006AU

## Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

## Fees

Management fees - PDS: 2.20%

Minimum initial investment: \$1,000  
\$500 with a Regular investor plan

Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.00%

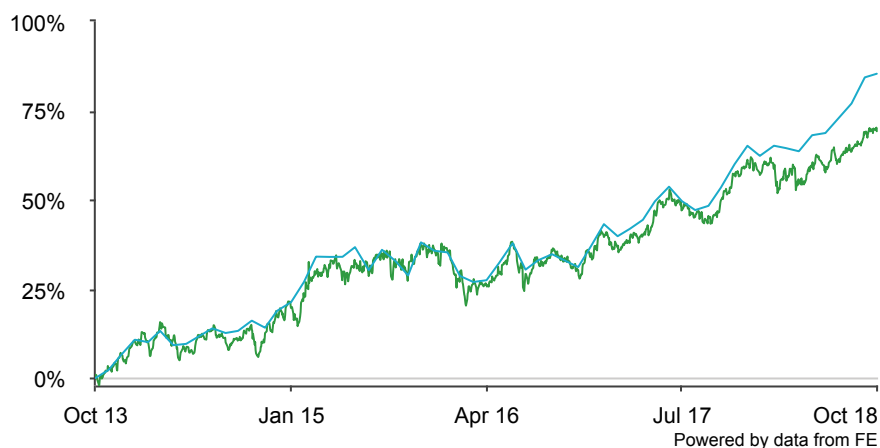
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website [australianethical.com.au](http://australianethical.com.au)

\*(after tax, before bonus expense)

## Investment strategy

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

## Cumulative performance (as at 30/09/2018)



■ Australian Ethical International Shares  
■ Benchmark

## Performance (as at 30/09/2018)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	0.1%	5.3%	8.6%	12.9%	9.3%	11.1%	4.6%	2.6%
Benchmark	0.6%	7.4%	13.3%	20.8%	12.9%	13.1%	9.8%	6.6%

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2017)

	CY2017	CY2016	CY2015	CY2014	CY2013
Fund	12.5%	2.9%	13.3%	8.4%	55.2%
Benchmark	13.4%	5.9%	11.5%	9.5%	60.7%

Source: FE.

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

Microsoft Corporation	3.8%
Alphabet Inc. Class A	3.2%
Amgen Inc.	1.8%
Chubb Limited	1.8%
Accenture Plc Class A	1.8%
Prudential Financial, Inc.	1.8%
Allianz SE	1.7%
Northern Trust Corporation	1.5%
American Express Company	1.4%
Legrand SA	1.4%

## Ratings and awards

### RIAA rating:



### UNPRI signatory:



## 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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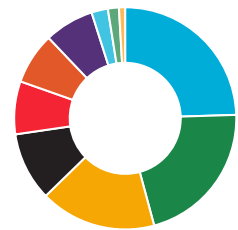
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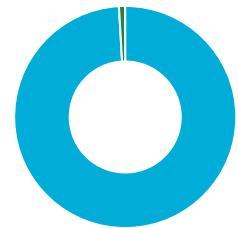
## Sector allocation

Information Technology	24.5%
Financials	21.3%
Industrials	16.9%
Health Care	10.0%
Telecommunication Services	7.7%
Real Estate	7.5%
Consumer Discretionary	7.2%
Consumer Staples	2.4%
Utilities	1.6%
Other	0.9%



## Asset allocation

International Shares	99.1%
Cash	0.9%



## Commentary

The MSCI World ex Australia index recorded strong performance over the September quarter, up 7.4%. The US equities market contributed 6% of that performance as it makes up 63% of the benchmark. France, Germany and Japan also performed well (together making up 16% of the Index) and contributed a further 0.74% to the performance. The International Shares Fund appreciated by 5.8% (pre fees) leading to underperformance of 1.6% versus the benchmark.

The outperformance of the US market resulted in negative attribution of -0.9% to the fund. While some of the US stocks in the fund underperformed, notably Facebook (its share price declined by 14%) the majority of the negative attribution can be attributed to two stocks (Apple and Amazon) that are ethically screened out. Apple's share price increased 25% and Amazon increased 20% which resulted in negative attribution of -0.4% and -0.2% respectively.

The fund benefited from its non-investment in energy and materials due to ethical screening (providing +0.6% attribution) but this was offset by the market's outperformance in consumer discretionary, industrials and IT.

Microsoft was the best performing stock over the quarter with the share price appreciating 18%. The fund is overweight this stock.

Continental AG was the biggest detractor to performance. The fund is overweight the stock and the share price declined 22%, resulting in negative attribution of -0.3%.

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