

# Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund



FUND PROFILE - 31 MARCH 2019

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 focusing on Australian companies that meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

## Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily

Buy/Sell spread: 0.20%/0.20%

## Fund facts

Fund size: \$145.62m

Benchmark: S&P ASX Small Industrials

Asset class: Equity

Inception date: 19/09/1994

Minimum investment timeframe: 7 Years

Risk level: Very high

## Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00028

APIR code: AUG0002AU

## Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

## Fees

Management costs - PDS: 1.99%

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

Additional transactional and operational costs: 0.07%

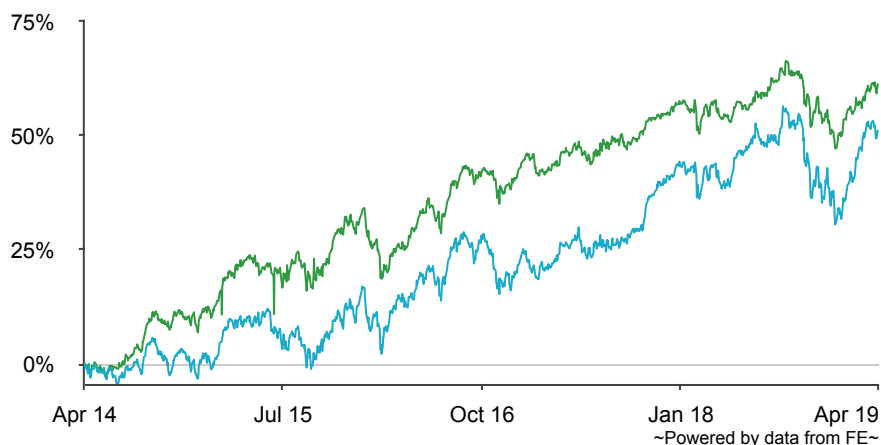
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\*(after tax, before bonus expense)

## Investment strategy

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

## Cumulative performance (as at 31/03/2019)



■ Australian Ethical Australian Shares  
■ Benchmark

## Performance (as at 31/03/2019)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	1.8%	7.1%	-1.7%	4.4%	8.4%	10.0%	11.3%	9.7%
Benchmark	0.4%	12.7%	-2.4%	7.8%	9.4%	8.6%	12.0%	7.3%

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2018)

	CY2018	CY2017	CY2016	CY2015	CY2014
Fund	-4.1%	9.0%	7.5%	19.9%	13.7%
Benchmark	-6.5%	15.7%	6.2%	15.0%	2.8%

Source: FE.

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## Top 10

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National Australia Bank Limited	4.0%
Macquarie Telecom Group Limited	3.8%
Contact Energy Limited	3.3%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd.	3.1%
Suncorp Group Limited	3.0%
Bank of Queensland Limited	2.8%
Healius Limited	2.8%
Mirvac Group	2.5%
Meridian Energy Limited	2.3%

## 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.

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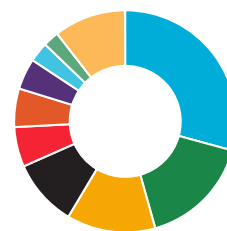
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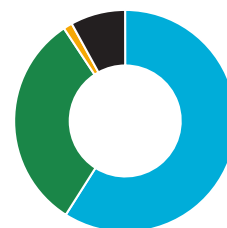
## Sector allocation

Financials	29.2%
Health Care	16.4%
Information Technology	12.9%
Utilities	9.8%
Consumer Discretionary	5.8%
Communication Services	5.6%
Real Estate	4.5%
Industrials	2.9%
Materials	2.3%
Other	10.5%



## Asset allocation

Australian & NZ Small Cap	59.0%
Australian & NZ Large Cap	31.7%
Unlisted Equity	1.3%
Cash	8.0%



## Commentary

The Australian Shares Fund returned 7.1% (7.3% Wholesale fund) for the March Quarter, underperforming the benchmark (12.7%) and returning most of its excess performance from the December 2018 quarter.

The investor fear we saw in late 2018 eased with share market confidence returning on expectations of China and the US resolving their trade dispute and lower global interest rates.

At the sector level consumer discretionary, financials, healthcare and information technology took away from investment performance.

The large cap names in the Fund weakened, with banks in particular softening following the findings of the Royal Commission as well as falling residential house prices.

Small cap holdings in the portfolio underperformed as some high multiple companies not held by the fund benefited from strong share market momentum.

The Fund's strongest performing name was software company Bravura Solutions which reported a strong 2019 first half result, and in addition provided guidance for an improved full year result.

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## Fund facts

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Asset class: Equity

Inception date: 23/01/2012

Minimum investment timeframe: 7 Years

Risk level: Very high

## Identifiers

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APIR code: AUG0018AU

## Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

## Fees

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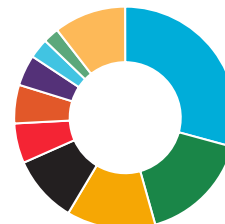
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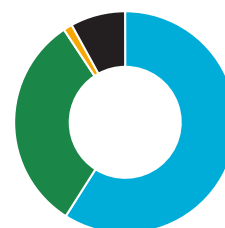
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