

# Australian Ethical Advocacy Fund

FUND PROFILE - 30 JUNE 2019

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## Price information

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Pricing frequency: | Daily       |
| Buy/Sell spread:   | 0.10%/0.10% |

## Fund facts

|                               |                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fund size:                    | \$3.66m                               |
| Benchmark:                    | Australian Ethical Advocacy Composite |
| Asset class:                  | Equity                                |
| Inception date:               | 18/02/2010                            |
| Minimum investment timeframe: | 7 Years                               |
| Risk level:                   | High                                  |

## Identifiers

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| ISIN code: | AU60AUG00085 |
| APIR code: | AUG0008AU    |

## Distributions

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

## Fees

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Management costs - PDS:                         | 1.90%   |
| Minimum initial investment:                     | \$1,000<br>\$500 with a Regular investor plan |
| Additional transactional and operational costs: | 0.00%   |

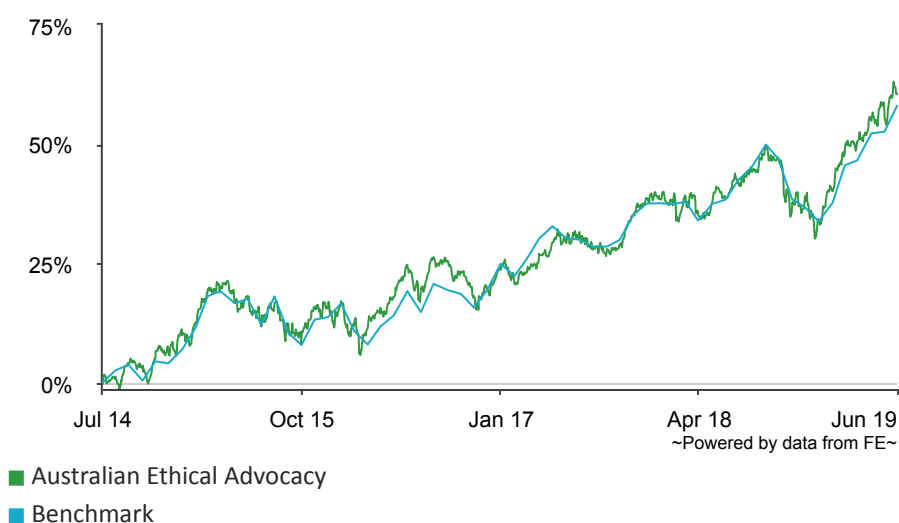
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## Cumulative performance (as at 30/06/2019)



## Performance (as at 30/06/2019)

|           | 1m   | 3m   | 6m    | 1y    | 3y    | 5y   | 10y | Since inception |
|-----------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|-----------------|
| Fund      | 3.1% | 6.6% | 19.6% | 13.3% | 10.3% | 9.9% | -   | 10.0%           |
| Benchmark | 3.6% | 7.9% | 18.1% | 10.9% | 11.3% | 9.6% | -   | 9.2%            |

## Calendar Performance (as at end 2018)

|           | CY2018 | CY2017 | CY2016 | CY2015 | CY2014 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Fund      | -3.1%  | 12.0%  | 5.9%   | 6.2%   | 15.4%  |
| Benchmark | -2.8%  | 10.2%  | 7.1%   | 9.0%   | 11.1%  |

Source: FE.

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## Top 10

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Westpac Banking Corporation  | 2.0% |
| CSL Limited  | 1.9% |
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| Telstra Corporation Limited  | 1.9% |
| Goodman Group  | 1.5% |
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| Brambles Limited   | 1.5% |
| Insurance Australia Group Limited                                      | 1.5% |
| Dexus  | 1.3% |
| GPT Group  | 1.3% |

## Ratings and awards

### RIAA rating:



### UNPRI signatory:



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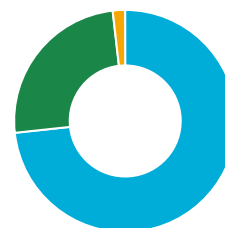
## Sector allocation

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Financials             | 22.2% |
| Information Technology | 14.2% |
| Health Care            | 13.5% |
| Industrials            | 12.0% |
| Real Estate            | 11.6% |
| Communication Services | 10.8% |
| Utilities              | 4.3%  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 4.0%  |
| Materials              | 3.8%  |
| Other                  | 3.5%  |



## Asset allocation

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Australian & NZ Shares | 73.3% |
| International Shares   | 24.9% |
| Cash                   | 1.8%  |



## Commentary

The ASX200 (+6.5%) and global equities markets (+5.3%) appreciated again over the June quarter, following a very strong March quarter. The Advocacy Fund returned 6.6% (6.9% Wholesale Fund) but underperformed its benchmark returning 7.9% for the June quarter. A positive outperformance by the international equities component of the portfolio was not enough to offset the domestic equities component's underperformance.

The domestic equities component of the portfolio returned 7.8% (pre-fees), underperforming the ASX 200 by -0.9%. The re-election of the government boosted the overall market. The sectors driving the gains were IT, REITS (Real Estate Investment Trusts) and Utilities. In the IT sector, the strongest positive contributors were Nearnmap (+35%), Appen (+26%) and Xero (+23%).

REITS continued to appreciate as investors were looking to gain yield in a low interest rate environment. The relative outperformance of this sector was due to a decline in the retail REITS segment, which the Fund does not hold due to ethical screening.

The sectors which declined were Financials and Materials. Financials underperformed due to banks recovering strongly as investors bought fully franked yields, but as the Fund is underweight in this sector, it resulted in underperformance. The underperformance in the Materials sector was due to stock selection.

The international equities portfolio outperformed its benchmark by 0.7% with this component of the portfolio appreciating 5.9% (before fees). The main markets where the Fund invests (US and Europe) all rebounded strongly in the month of June, offsetting the poor performance in the early part of the quarter due to the US-China trade war tensions. The Financial, Industrial and IT sectors were the top performers with the Fund overweight in these sectors. The detractors were Consumer Discretionary, Consumer Staples and Health Care.

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| Asset class:                  | Equity                                |
| Inception date:               | 13/01/2012                            |
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| Frequency: | 2            |
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## Fees

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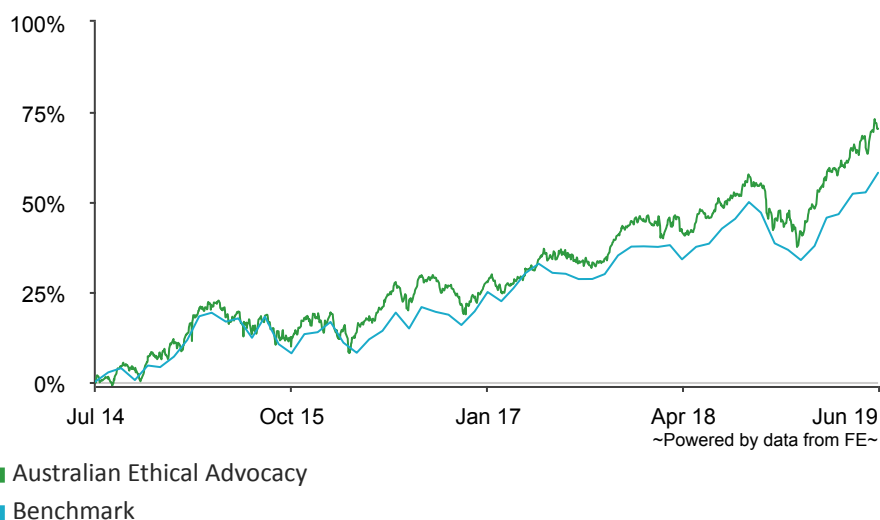
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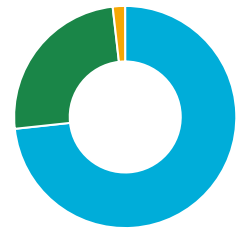
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