

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 generate an income stream consistent with prevailing short-term interest rates while minimising the risk of capital loss and supporting the Australian Ethical Charter.

Price information

Pricing frequency: Daily

Buy/Sell spread: 0.00%/0.00%

Fund facts

Fund size: \$1.54m

Benchmark: Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill

Asset class: Money Market

Inception date: 26/11/1997

Minimum investment timeframe: 1 year

Risk level: Very low

Identifiers

ISIN code: AU60AUG00036

APIR code: AUG0003AU

Distributions

Frequency: 2

Dates: 30/06, 31/12

Fees

Management costs - PDS: 0.20%

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

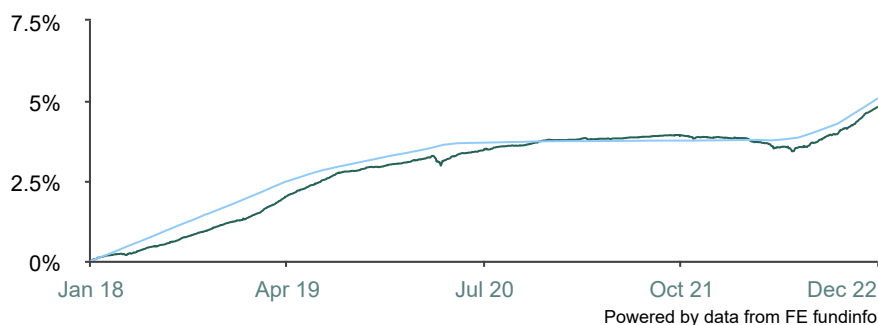
*(after tax, before bonus expense)

**The Benchmark was the Australian 90 Day Bank Bill from inception to 13 Aug 2019 and is the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index thereafter.

Investment strategy

The opportunity to invest in a diversified portfolio of interest-bearing investments generating income. The Fund is invested in short-dated deposits, high grade mortgage-backed securities, State and Commonwealth Government Bonds, and bank and other corporate bonds. As such, the returns of the Fund tend to move in line with the general level of interest rates.

Cumulative performance (as at 31/12/2022)



■ Australian Ethical Income
■ Composite Benchmark**

Performance (as at 31/12/2022)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	0.2%	0.8%	1.2%	0.9%	0.6%	0.9%	1.6%	3.4%
Composite Benchmark**	0.2%	0.7%	1.2%	1.3%	0.5%	1.0%	1.7%	3.9%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2022)

	CY2022	CY2021	CY2020	CY2019	CY2018
Fund	0.9%	0.1%	0.7%	1.7%	1.3%
Composite Benchmark**	1.3%	0.0%	0.4%	1.4%	2.0%

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.

Top 10

Government of Australia	17.0%
Western Australian Treasury Corp.	9.5%
National Australia Bank Limited	5.9%
Treasury Corporation of Victoria	5.7%
Westpac Banking Corporation	5.1%
Bank of Queensland Limited	4.8%
Queensland Treasury Corp.	4.4%
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	3.6%
Macquarie Bank Ltd.	3.4%
Suncorp-Metway Ltd.	3.4%

Ratings and awards

RIAA

Certification:



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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.

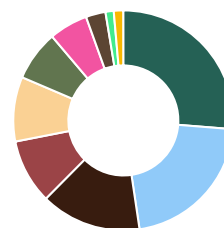
Promote human rights: We strive to avoid any investment in companies involved in the poor treatment of asylum seekers or the exploitation of workers through poor working conditions.

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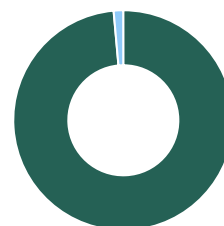
Sector allocation

Bank Senior Debt	26.3%
State Government	21.4%
Government	14.8%
Bank Covered Bonds	9.5%
Corporate Credit	9.5%
Term Deposit	7.4%
SSA	5.7%
ABS	2.9%
RMBS	1.2%
Cash	1.4%



Asset allocation

Australian Interest Bearing Investments	98.6%
Cash	1.4%



Commentary

The net return of the Australian Ethical Income Fund (Retail & Wholesale) for the Quarter ended December 2022 was +0.8% (net of fees), ahead of the 0.7% for the benchmark Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bills Index.

The quarter saw the tightening cycle for the Reserve Bank of Australia continuing, with rate rises at all three meetings through the quarter, slowing the pace of hikes to 0.25% in each of November and December.

With unemployment at a historic low of 3.4% indicative of tight labour markets, there is a risk wage pressures stoke further inflation, and the RBA remains poised to continue the tightening cycle in the first half of 2023. Market pricing implies a further 2 hikes are already priced in, though there remains uncertainty whether hikes delivered to date have been sufficient to tame inflation, whether more might yet be needed, or the lagged effect of hikes might yet see the economy shift into recession.

Short term yields moved higher as a result, albeit as a slower pace than earlier in 2022, with the 3 month bank bill swap rate moving 0.2% to 3.26% over the quarter, and 1y government bonds moved 0.16% to 3.33%. The modified duration of the fund remains short at 0.35, with floating rate securities adjusting their coupon to the higher BBSW benefiting from the move.

The fund continues to hold a mix of short-dated fixed rate securities, term deposits, mortgage and other asset backed securities, and floating rate notes in order to meet its return objectives.

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