

Australian Ethical Emerging Companies (Wholesale) Fund

FUND PROFILE - 30 SEPTEMBER 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 by investing in small capitalisation companies that meet the Australian Ethical Charter.

Price information

Pricing frequency:	Daily
Buy/Sell spread:	0.20%/0.20%

Fund facts

Fund size:	\$63.11m
Benchmark:	S&P ASX Small Industrials
Asset class:	Equity
Inception date:	30/06/2015
Minimum investment timeframe:	7 Years
Risk level:	Very high

Identifiers

ISIN code:	AU60AUG00275
APIR code:	AUG0027AU

Distributions

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

Fees

Management costs - PDS:	1.20%
Performance fee:	20%
Minimum initial investment:	\$25,000
Additional transactional and operational costs:	0.06%

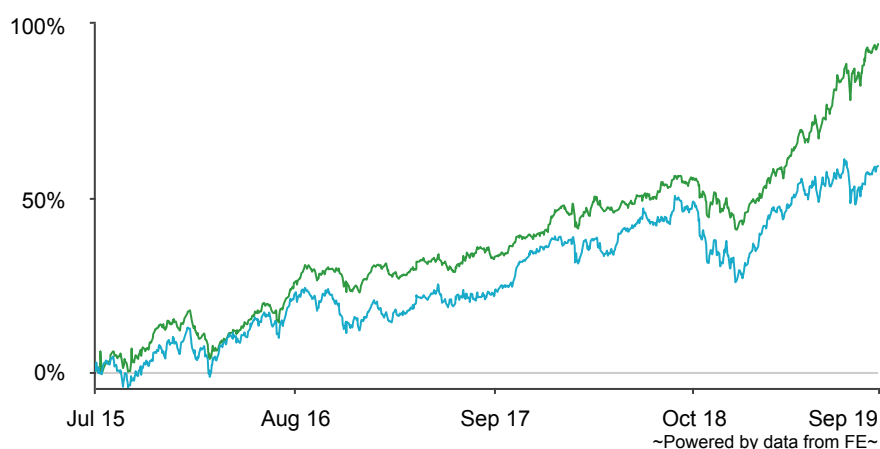
A full explanation of all the fees and costs that you may be charged for investing in the Fund is provided in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statements available from our website australianethical.com.au

*(after tax, before bonus expense)

Investment strategy

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

Cumulative performance (as at 30/09/2019)



- Australian Ethical Emerging Companies
- Benchmark

Performance (as at 30/09/2019)

	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y	Since inception
Fund	3.3%	10.6%	22.4%	24.8%	14.5%	-	-	16.9%
Benchmark	3.3%	3.9%	9.5%	6.9%	9.1%	-	-	11.5%

Calendar Performance (as at end 2018)

	CY2018	CY2017	CY2016	CY2015	CY2014
Fund	-1.8%	12.3%	10.9%	-	-
Benchmark	-6.5%	15.7%	6.2%	-	-

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

Healius Limited	3.5%
Contact Energy Limited	3.2%
Infigen Energy	3.1%
Bigtincan Holdings Ltd	3.0%
GBST Holdings Ltd	3.0%
EROAD Limited	2.9%
Janison Education Group Ltd.	2.7%
Macquarie Telecom Group Limited	2.6%
Rhipe Limited	2.6%
Capitol Health Limited	2.6%

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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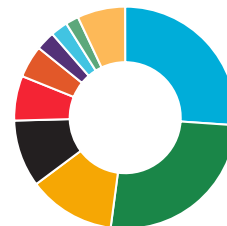
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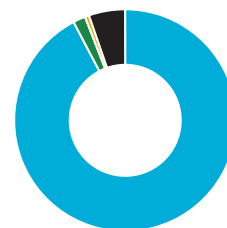
Sector allocation

Health Care	26.1%
Information Technology	26.0%
Financials	12.7%
Utilities	9.8%
Consumer Discretionary	6.5%
Communication Services	4.7%
Materials	2.8%
Real Estate	2.5%
Consumer Staples	1.9%
Other	7.0%



Asset allocation

Australian & NZ Small Cap	92.4%
Australian & NZ Large Cap	1.8%
Unlisted Equity	0.6%
Cash	5.3%



Commentary

The Emerging Companies Fund had an excellent September quarter, returning 10.4% (10.6% for the wholesale fund) compared to its benchmark which returned 3.9%. The fund's 12-month performance was also very strong, having returned 24.2% (24.7 Wholesale Fund) against the benchmark's 6.9% advance.

Equity markets continued their positive momentum with lower interest rates driving shares prices upwards while America/China trade negotiations kept markets in check. The standout sectoral performances in the fund were healthcare, financials and information technology.

The strongest individual stock performer was again health imaging software company Mach7 Technologies, which appreciated 27% with little new information. Other strong contributors included drug developer Opthea, which appreciated 400% after announcing a successful Phase 2 clinical trial in age-related macular degeneration. We were pleased with the price recovery of mortgage broking aggregator Australian Finance Group, which generated a 43.4% return over the quarter after avoiding serious regulatory backlash from the Royal Commission.

We welcomed wind generator Infigen Energy's gain of 43% as investors welcomed the increasingly contracted nature of their energy portfolio and the company's ability to firm up third-party renewable energy production. Another strong portfolio contributor was broking and wealth management software company GBST (+29%) which benefited from takeover activity.

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