

Quarterly Performance Review

u ethical Growth Portfolio

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March 2025

A diversified portfolio of ethically screened Australian shares, international shares, listed property trusts and enhanced income designed specifically for not-for-profit and charitable organisations.

Fund information



Assigned as of 28/02/2025
Analyst-Driven 0%
Data Coverage 91%

Morningstar Sustainability Rating™



Out of 8085 Australia & New Zealand Equity Funds as of 31/01/2025. Based on 99.2 percent of eligible corporate AUM and 0 percent of eligible sovereign AUM. Data is based on long positions only.

Benefits and risks

- Twice-yearly distributions of net income
- Exposure to international shares within an actively managed portfolio
- Suggested minimum investment horizon - 5 years
- Medium to high-risk profile

Investment objective

The U Ethical Growth Portfolio is more suitable for medium to long-term investment, and aims to provide a total return of 3 per cent above the rate of inflation (CPI +3%) over a rolling 5-year period. It combines a strategic mix of Australian and international shares, listed property trusts, fixed interest and cash to achieve income and capital stability. The Portfolio is available to not-for-profit organisations that are registered for charity tax concessions.

Performance



Portfolio Manager/ Chief investment officer	Jon Fernie
Inception date	1 July 1985 ¹
Total fund size (\$M)	\$127.76
Benchmark	Refer the benchmark below
Buy/sell spread	0.20%/0.20%
Management costs	Estimated up to 0.80% p.a. See Offer Document

	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
	%	%	% p.a	% p.a	% p.a	% p.a	% p.a
U Ethical Growth Portfolio†	-2.53	-2.66	3.72	7.95	11.66	8.11	9.99
Benchmark	-2.77	-2.70	2.96	5.86	12.42	7.19	N/A
Relative Performance	0.24	0.04	0.76	2.09	-0.76	0.92	N/A

Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

†Based on exit price with distributions reinvested, including franking credits and net of all fees.

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¹ Figure represents the sum of the underlying products within which it invests and includes franking credits.

² The Portfolio's composite benchmark reflects the strategic asset allocation of the Portfolio: 70% S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, 10% MSCI World Ex Australia Net Total Return Index (AUD) (unhedged), 10% S&P/ASX 300 Real Estate Accumulation Index, 5% Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index, and 5% Bloomberg Ausbond Composite 0-3 Year Index.

Market Commentary

Since finalising this quarter's performance reports, markets have experienced extreme volatility largely driven by uncertainty surrounding proposed tariffs from President Donald Trump. Market reaction reflected concerns over potential trade disruptions and inflationary pressures. However, in recent days, a pause in tariffs for most trading partners contributed to a rebound across equity markets. Our portfolios have participated in this recovery, with several positions regaining ground lost earlier in the period.

Global equity markets were weaker in the March quarter as the US announced trade tariffs for China, Canada, and Mexico increasing the risks of a global economic slowdown. In early April, 'Liberation Day' escalated this with a minimum 10% tariff on countries and additional measures where the US has large trade deficits such as the European Union and China. This led to the S&P 500 Index suffering its largest weekly drawdown since the pandemic. President Trump subsequently paused the additional tariffs on most trading partners for 90 days, although increased China duties to 125%. This in turn has seen China also raise tariffs significantly on US goods.

While certain companies will be more impacted, we view Australia as relatively well-placed given a 10% tariff level and the US only represents 5% of total exports. However, Australia will not be immune to a broader global slowdown and weaker Chinese activity is a concern given they are our largest trading partner.

Longer-term US bond yields have been volatile given fears of an increasing fiscal deficit and inflationary pressures. Given a significant rise in the 10-year yield to 4.4% in early April, this may have contributed to the pause in tariffs. The Federal Reserve has left interest rates in a target range of 4.25-4.50% since December, although will face a difficult balancing act if the US economy weakens and inflation rises. In Australia, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) cut interest rates to 4.10% in February as domestic inflation continued to come down.

Portfolio Commentary

The Growth Portfolio delivered a total return of -2.5% over the March quarter, as escalating trade tensions dampened global equity markets. The Portfolio outperformed the composite benchmark by 0.2% for the quarter; this was predominantly driven to asset allocation with the Portfolio being underweight listed property and Australian equities (worst performing asset classes) and overweight fixed income and cash. This was partially offset by weaker relative performance in Australian equities, which was impacted by security selection across the real estate and materials sectors.

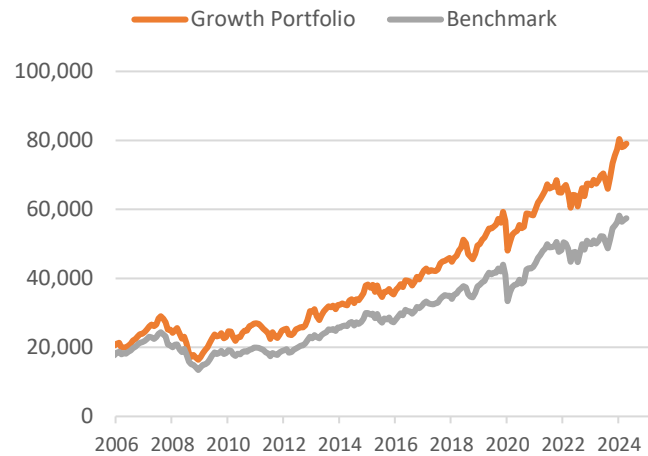
Following 'Liberation Day' in early April, the prospect of higher US trade tariffs clouds the outlook for global economic growth and corporate earnings. While a pause in most tariffs has provided some near-term relief, ongoing uncertainty means we are comfortable being slightly defensively positioned in terms of asset allocation and view fixed income exposure as attractive in the current environment. The underlying equity trusts are also more defensively positioned in terms of sector allocation and security selection. This remains a fluid situation and we continue to reassess our positioning, as well as look for long-term opportunities.

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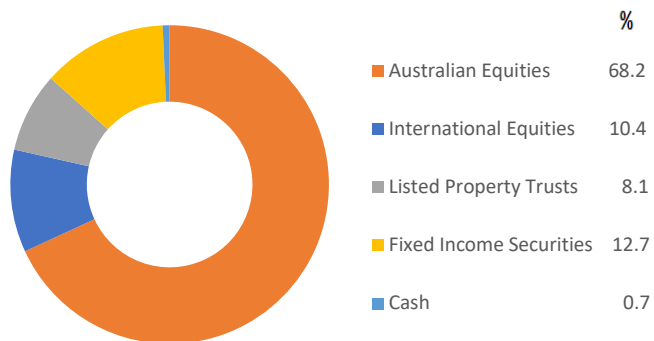
Top 10 holdings Weight %

Goodman Group	6.7
CSL	5.6
Telstra Corporation	4.5
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	4.4
Macquarie Group	3.5
Fortescue	3.3
Brambles	3.1
QBE Insurance	3.0
Resmed	3.0
Westpac Banking Corporation	2.9
Total	40.0

Growth of \$10,000 invested†



Asset Allocation



* The asset allocation breakdown relates to investment in underlying trusts and is not on a look-through basis. Cash represents cash held at bank.

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Ethical view

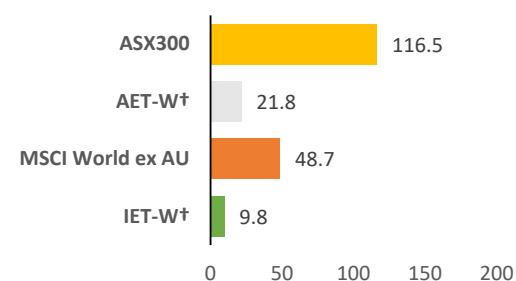
Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) refers to the central factors in measuring and tracking the sustainable and societal impact of an investment. These factors include climate risk management and preparedness, human rights considerations, and modern slavery risk.

U Ethical pursues a values-based, risk-adjusted and, where possible for equities, SDG-aligned approach to investing. Our investment process seeks to ensure that our portfolio holdings are aligned with our clients' financial and ethical expectations.

U Ethical's investment process integrates ESG considerations with the aim of minimising investment risk and identifying investment opportunities. Informed by our ethical investment philosophy, we seek out companies producing goods or providing services that appropriately manage their impact on society and the environment according to industry best practice, industry standards and/or voluntary frameworks.

Carbon footprint

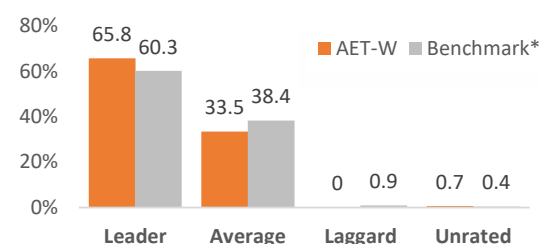
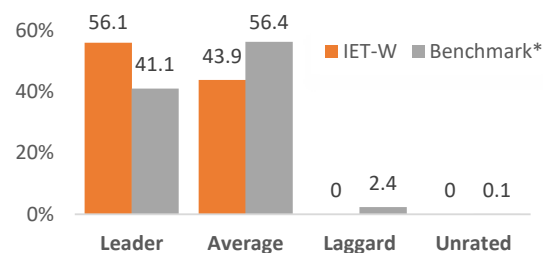
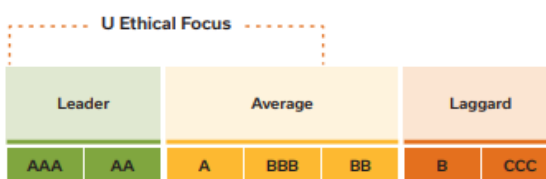
Absolute emissions Scope 1&2. Tonnes CO2 equivalents per \$ million invested.



Carbon Metrics as of 31/01/25. Based on 99.1% coverage of the AET-W portfolio and 100% coverage of the IET-W portfolio. Data is based on long positions only.

ESG ratings

ESG Ratings are designed to measure a company's resilience to long-term, industry material environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks. This helps identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers.



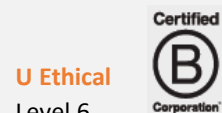
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