Annualised performance



## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To achieve long-term capital appreciation, while reducing risk and preserving capital, through investments in securities within the ASX 100 Index that exhibit relatively high levels of governance, social and environmental performance.

## PORTFOLIO UPDATE

The Australian Governance & Ethical Index Fund (Fund) returned 4.8% for January, behind the broader index (+5.1%). Positive contributors included overweight positions in healthcare giant CSL (+13%) and plumbing group Reliance Worldwide (+11%), while the exclusion of wine maker Treasury Wine (-20%) also benefited relative performance. Negative contributors included overweight positions in diversified miner Rio Tinto (-2%) and copper producer OZ Minerals (-4%), while the exclusion of buy-now-pay-later group Afterpay (+32%) also impacted relative performance.

Across the globe, regulatory developments regarding environmental, social and governance (ESG) integration are gathering pace. The recently elected UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, announced that the UK will bring forward a ban on purchasing new petrol, diesel or hybrid cars from 2040 to 2035. Meanwhile, European regulators finalised a requirement that all professional investors and financial advisors disclose the manner in which ESG risks are being integrated into investment decision-making or advice. These trends continue to highlight the increasing importance ESG factors will play in investment markets for the foreseeable future.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER



Will Hart Portfolio Manager

NTA per unit \$2.08

Unit price (AGM)

\$2.04

Gross assets

\$37.7 MILLION

12-month distribution yield (target: 5%)

since inception (10 July 2018)<sup>1</sup> 13.8%

4.3%

### FUND PERFORMANCE1

	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION (P.A.)
NTA	4.8%	6.0%	5.7%	26.7%	-	-	13.8%
S&P/ASX 100 Accumulation Index	5.1%	6.2%	5.5%	25.7%	-	-	12.5%
Excess Return	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.2%	1.0%	-	-	1.3%

Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

# LARGEST ACTIVE POSITIONS TOP IO OVERWEIGHT<sup>2</sup>

Computershare Ltd Rio Tinto Ltd SEEK Ltd Lendlease Group

Macquarie Group Ltd Virgin Money UK Plc Wesfarmers Ltd Oz Minerals Ltd Reliance Worldwide Corp Ltd Worley Ltd

#### TOP IO UNDERWEIGHT<sup>2</sup>

Amcor Ple	Origin Energy Ltd
Aristocrat Leisure	Santos Ltd
BHP Group Ltd	Sonic Healthcare Ltd
Fortescue Metals Group	South32 Ltd
Goodman Group	Westpac Banking Corporation

# SECTOR EXPOSURE



# PERFORMANCE CHART<sup>1</sup>



Source: Investment Manager, Bloomberg

Notes: Data at 31 January 2020 unless stated. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. 1. All returns are total returns, inclusive of reinvested distributions. NTA returns are net of fees and costs. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. 2. Overweight and underweight positions are relative to S&P/ASX 100 Index weights. Inception 10 July 2018. Chart data range: 10 July 2018 to 31 January 2020. Initial index value 1,000. Index Source: Bloomberg.





# PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

COMPANY	WEIGHT (%)	COMPANY	WEIGHT (%)
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	8.83%	A2 Milk Co Ltd	1.32%
CSL Limited	8.83%	SEEK Ltd	1.30%
Rio Tinto Ltd	5.09%	Mirvac Group	1.29%
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	4.39%	Reliance Worldwide Corporation	1.28%
National Australia Bank Ltd	4.38%	Virgin Money UK Plc	1.22%
Wesfarmers Ltd	4.05%	Scentre Group Ltd	1.21%
Macquarie Group Ltd	3.57%	Brambles Ltd	1.18%
Woolworths Group Ltd	3.24%	Sydney Airport	1.11%
Telstra Corporation Ltd	2.68%	Coles Group Ltd	1.10%
Westpac Banking Corporation	2.62%	QBE Insurance	1.10%
Transurban Group Ltd	2.42%	Qube Holdings Ltd	1.03%
Newcrest Mining Ltd	2.05%	Alumina Ltd	1.00%
Woodside Petroleum Ltd	1.92%	Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield	1.00%
WorleyParsons Ltd	1.61%	ASX Ltd	0.98%
Lendlease Group	1.48%	Insurance Australia Group Ltd	0.96%
APA Group	1.42%	Suncorp Group Ltd	0.95%
Oz Minerals Ltd	1.41%	Orora Ltd	0.84%
Computershare Ltd	1.39%	James Hardie Industries	0.83%

COMPANY	WEIGHT (%)
Cochlear Ltd	0.81%
Dexus	0.81%
Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd	0.74%
Stockland	0.71%
GPT Group	0.68%
Ramsay Health Care Ltd	0.65%
Aurizon Holdings Ltd	0.63%
Oil Search Ltd	0.56%
Xero Ltd	0.54%
Caltex Australia Ltd	0.53%
Northern Star Resources Ltd	0.52%
Medibank Private	0.50%
Orica Ltd	0.50%
Vicinity Centres	0.48%
Outside top 50	5.85%
Cash	4.39%

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