MORPHIC ETHICAL EQUITIES FUND

Monthly Report
September 2022

A proud founder of: Climate Action 100+

Signatory of: PRI Principles for Responsible Investment

Fund Objective

The Morphic Ethical Equities Fund Limited (the Fund) seeks to provide investors a way to grow their wealth and feel confident they do so without investing in businesses that harm the environment, people, and society.

The Fund excludes direct investments in entities involved in environmental destruction, including coal and uranium mining, oil and gas, intensive animal farming and aquaculture, tobacco and alcohol, armaments, gambling and rainforest and old growth logging.

Investment returns*

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	ITD (p.a.)
Morphic Ethical Equities Fund[1]	-5.61%	-1.08%	-12.28%	-22.40%	3.18%	4.73%
Index[2]	-3.58%	-0.34%	-8.21%	-10.86%	5.41%	8.57%

* Past Performance is not an indication of future performance.

ESG in Focus

In January 2021, Joe Biden took office as President of the United States on his promise that a Democratic government would bring a rapid climate response. One month later, the US re-joined the Paris Agreement and vowed to 'take the lead on climate action'. Putting pen to paper, Biden set the goal of reducing US emissions to 50-52% below 2005 levels by 2030.

Despite this huge commitment, CO_2 emissions in the US rose by +6% YoY in 2021. After the Build Back Better Bill failed to garner support in the Senate despite lengthy negotiations to reconfigure aspects of the Bill, promises had been made but still no action had been taken.

On August 16th, 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act was signed into law. The Bill contained key aspects of the original Build Back Better framework that were never passed, especially regarding clean energy transition and increasing domestic manufacturing.

The Act will allocate $370 billion towards climate change and the energy transition. The investment aims to increase domestic production of wind turbines, solar panels, batteries, and other energy production and storage means including green hydrogen, nuclear, and carbon capture.

Portfolio Commentary

From a global market perspective in the month of September, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq indices were lower by 9.2% and 10.4% respectively while Europe performed marginally better with the FTSE 100 lower by 5.2%, French CAC 40 index down 5.8% and Germany's DAX down 5.6%.

The Morphic Ethical Equities Fund declined 5.6% net during the month compared with the MSCI ACWI (AUD) which was down by 3.6% over the same period. Financial year to date the Fund is down 1.1%.

Global weakness was mainly triggered by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) which made it clear that it was on a path to fight inflation via financial tightening and was accepting of potential economic weakness in achieving its goal. The market has been impacted by a significant multiple de-rating and the common view is that the next move will be driven by negative earnings revisions.

Net Tangible Assets (NTA)

NTA value before tax[3]	$ 1.0205
NTA value after tax[3]	$ 1.0836

Investment Returns since inception[4]

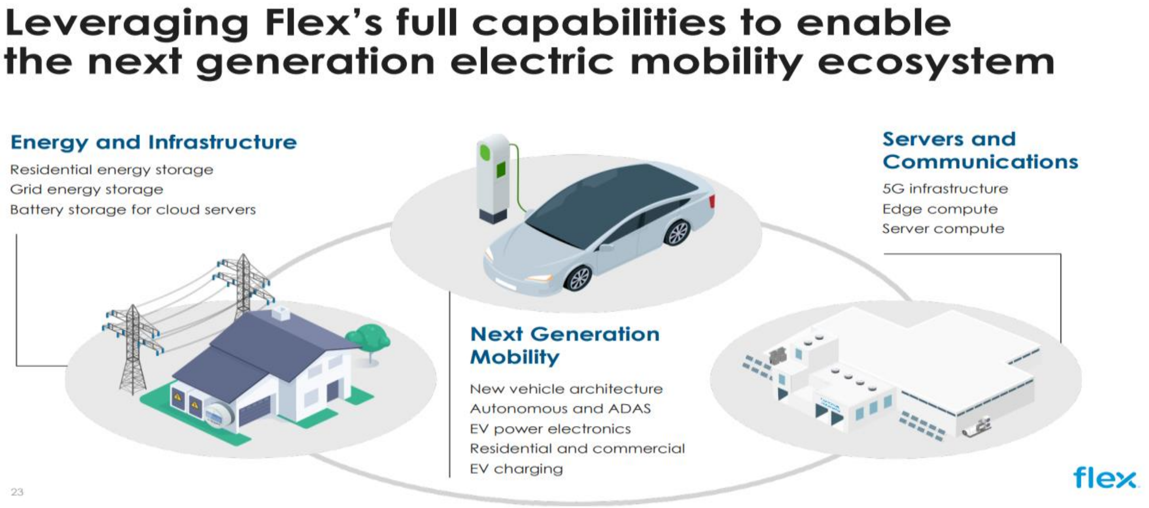
We remain intently focused on minimizing the risk of earnings disappointments by investing in quality businesses that have dominant or growing market shares in structurally attractive end markets, solid balance sheets, and cash flows while carrying attractive valuations.

The portfolio's top three contributors Workiva, Option Care Health, and LiveRamp Holdings added 15bps while Digital Bridge, Cellnex, and Ciena Corporation detracted 244bps from performance.

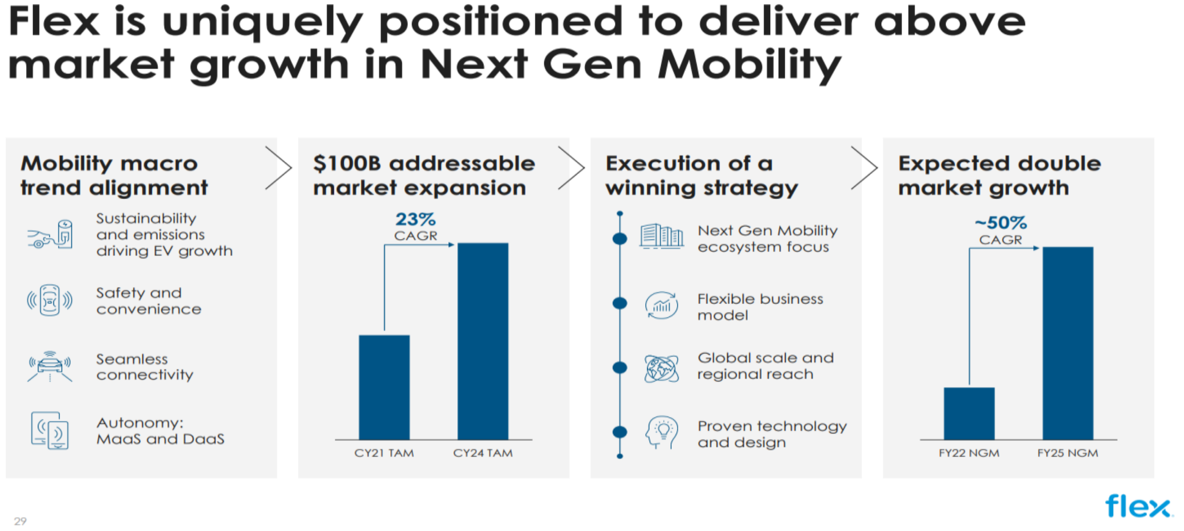
STOCK IN FOCUS: Flex Group (FLEX US, $8.3bn Market Cap)

Flex is one of the largest contract manufacturing companies globally operating over 100 facilities in 30 countries providing its customers with world-class manufacturing capabilities. Over the past few years, it has significantly changed its portfolio mix to higher margin, secularly growing market segments such as digital healthcare, 5G, cloud applications, and next-generation mobility, which we will discuss here.

Flex is uniquely positioned in the next-generation mobility market, not just manufacturing components for electrical vehicles but a multi-segment product approach to address this megatrend. The growth of electrification, which is underpinned by the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act, means much more than on-vehicle content. Think of the EV chargers for residential and commercial, and to residential and grid energy storage systems powering these chargers and closing the loop, vehicle-to-infrastructure 5G connectivity from car to edge to cloud, providing these connected services, and the advanced battery storage systems protecting these cloud servers.



The total addressable market for Flex's next-generation mobility segment is expected to approach $100bn by CY2024 with especially strong growth in EV components opening up its total pipeline of opportunities. It expects to generate 50% compound growth in this segment with economies of scale driving increased profitability as well. Recent project wins and subsequent ramps are driving increased Flex content per vehicle as it designs its own products and co-designing with its customers.



Now, this is just one segment within Flex, however, with the strong tailwinds of regulation and stimulus underpinning the opportunity, there seems to be significant earnings momentum over the next few years. At the time of writing, Flex is currently trading on a forward price-to-earnings multiple of 8.3x and is on track to generate >$500m of free cash flow this financial year which compares well with its $8.3bn market cap.

Top 10 Active Positions

Stocks	Industry	Region	Position Weighting
Flex	Information Technology	North America	5.30%
WillScot Mobile Mini	Industrials	North America	5.27%
Assurant	Financials	North America	5.14%
PTC Inc	Information Technology	North America	4.56%
Graphic Packaging	Materials	North America	4.51%
Chart Industries	Industrials	North America	4.40%
Cellnex	Communication Services	Europe	4.39%
Webster Financial	Financials	North America	4.30%
Sensata	Industrials	North America	4.07%
Rentokil	Industrials	United Kingdom	3.67%

Risk Measures	
Net Exposure[5]	79.13%
Gross Exposure[6]	90.12%
VAR[7]	1.57%
Best Month	9.59%
Worst Month	-8.44%
Average Gain in Up Months	2.59%
Average Loss in Down Months	-2.56%
Annual Volatility	12.29%
Index Volatility	10.84%

Top alpha contributor[8] (bps)

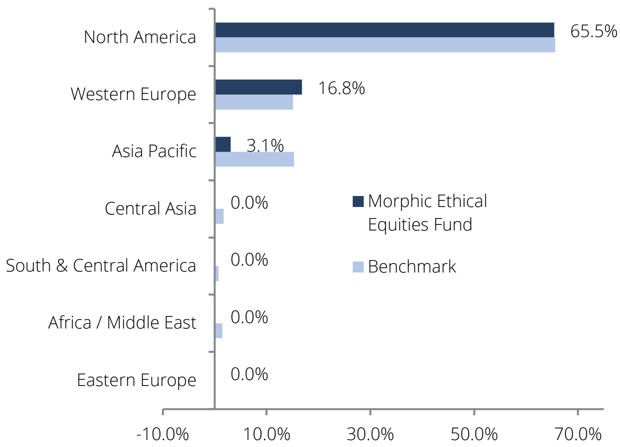
Workiva	**9 bps**
Option Care Health	**5 bps**
LiveRamp	**1 bps**

Top alpha detractor[8] (bps)

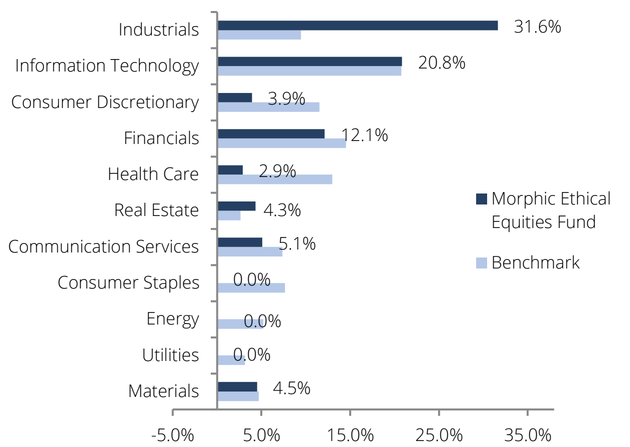
Ciena	**-70 bps**
Cellnex	**-83 bps**
Digital Bridge	**-91 bps**

Key Facts	
ASX code / share price	MEC / 0.900
Listing Date	3 May 2017
Profit Reserve[9]	$ 0.459
Management Fee	1.25%
Performance Fee[10]	15%
Market Capitalisation	$48m
Shares Outstanding	53,373,490
Dividend per share[11]	$0.06

Equity Exposure Summary[12] By region



Equity Exposure Summary[12] By sector



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[1] Performance is net of investment management fees, before company admin costs and taxes; [2] The Index is the MSCI All Countries World Daily Total Return Net Index (Bloomberg code NDUEACWF) in AUD; [3] The figures are estimated and unaudited; [4] Performance is net of investment management fees, before dividends, company admin costs and taxes. Fund listing on the ASX 3 May 2017. Past performance is not an indication of future performance; [5] Includes Equities and Commodities - longs and shorts are netted; [6] Includes Equities, Commodities and 10 year equivalent Credit and Bonds - longs and shorts are not netted; [7] Based on gross returns since Fund's inception; [8] Attribution; relative returns against the Index excluding the effect of hedges; [9] The reserve is made up of amounts transferred from current and retained earnings that are preserved for future dividend payments. The payment of franked dividends depends on the rate the Fund realises taxable profits and generates franking credits; [10] The Performance Fee is payable annually in respect of the Fund's out-performance of the Index. Performance Fees are only payable when the Fund achieves positive absolute performance and is subject to a high water mark; [11] Annual dividend per share. [12] Exposure Summary charts do not take into account derivative positions.