

U Ethical Growth Portfolio

Quarterly Performance Review | June 2026

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

Portfolio Manager	Jon Fernie
Chief Investment Officer	Jon Fernie
Inception date	1 July 1985*
Fund size	\$121.17m
Benchmark	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 5% Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0-3 Yr Index
Buy/sell spread	0.20% / 0.20%
Management costs	Estimated up to 0.80% p.a.**
APIR code	UGL0002AU
Risk level	Medium to high
Suggested minimum investment horizon	5 years
Distribution frequency	Half yearly (June & December)

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

**See Offer Document.

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 summary

	3 Months	1 Year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	10 years p.a.	20 years p.a.	Since Inception p.a.
Fund	4.34%	0.14%	9.80%	7.09%	9.20%	7.86%	9.89%
Benchmark	5.53%	5.92%	10.70%	7.52%	8.91%	6.82%	N/A
Relative	-1.19%	-5.78%	-0.90%	-0.43%	0.29%	1.04%	N/A

As at 30/06/2026. Benchmark: Composite benchmark 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. Inception date: 01/07/1985. Based on exit price with distributions reinvested, including franking credits and net of all fees. Australian dollars. **Past performance is not indicative of future performance.**



Market commentary

The MSCI World ex Australia Index returned 12.6% for the quarter ending 30 June 2026, rebounding from a 6.2% decline in the prior quarter. The recovery reflected improved risk appetite, supported by easing energy market pressure, continued strength in AI-related investment themes, and renewed investor confidence in structural growth sectors. The ASX 300 Accumulation Index rose by 4.0% over the period.

The quarter began with heightened geopolitical risk in the Middle East. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz pushed Brent crude above US\$120 per barrel in April, raising concerns that higher energy prices could add to inflationary pressure and weigh on consumer spending and corporate margins. However, as the quarter progressed, tentative de-escalation in the region and optimism around a possible US-Iran agreement contributed to a reversal in oil prices. Brent crude declined nearly 20% through May and June, helping reduce near-term concerns around a broader energy-driven inflation shock.

AI-related investment remained a major driver of equity market performance. US hyperscalers raised 2026 capital expenditure guidance for AI and data centre infrastructure to more than US\$700 billion, reinforcing expectations that investment in AI computing capacity, cloud infrastructure and related supply chains will remain significant. This was supportive for semiconductor, memory, foundry, networking, power equipment and data centre-exposed companies. Regional performance was particularly strong in Asia, with South Korea rising 68% and Taiwan rising 42%, reflecting their importance in the AI hardware and semiconductor supply chain.

Investor appetite for long-duration growth was also evident in the historic SpaceX IPO, which was associated with a valuation of around US\$2 trillion. While SpaceX is not directly representative of listed global equity indices, the transaction was notable as a broader signal of market willingness to fund large-scale innovation themes, even against a more challenging interest rate backdrop.

Inflation and monetary policy remained important constraints. Core US inflation (excluding food and energy) climbed to 2.9% in May, while trimmed mean inflation in Australia rose to 3.6% for the same period. In response, the Federal Reserve and Bank of England kept interest rates higher for longer, while the European Central Bank (ECB) has maintained a more hawkish posture than previously expected. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) raised the cash rate by 0.25% during the quarter. In the US, under new Fed Chair Kevin Warsh, investors also began to reassess the policy framework, with less emphasis on explicit forward guidance, a continued focus on the 2% inflation objective, and limited scope for near-term easing.

Overall, the quarter was characterised by a recovery in global equities despite a still restrictive monetary policy backdrop. AI-related capital spending and improving geopolitical conditions supported market gains, while persistent inflation and central bank caution limited the case for broad-based valuation expansion.



Portfolio commentary

The Growth Portfolio delivered a total return of 4.3% for the June quarter, which was 1.2% below the composite benchmark. Asset allocation detracted from relative returns over the quarter given more defensive positioning and underperformance within Australian and international equities. Over the last 12 months, the Portfolio has provided a total return of 0.1%, underperforming the composite benchmark by 5.8%. During that period, underperformance within Australian equities has been the main detractor with asset allocation also a drag given a underweight exposure to growth assets as equity markets have risen further.

For the Australian equities exposure, underperformance over the last year was primarily driven by sector allocation due to being overweight Health Care (which underperformed the broader market) and underweight the Materials sector (outperformed as commodity prices remains robust). Ethical exclusions were a 5.2% headwind for relative performance due to strong returns for both the Energy sector and BHP. Holding no exposure to gold stocks for most of the year was also a 1.0% headwind compared to the benchmark. From a stock perspective, top contributors over the period included Macquarie, Sandfire Resources, QBE Insurance and NextDC.

While absolute returns have been strong in international equities over the last 12 months, relative performance has primarily been impacted by stock selection. Sector allocation was marginally negative, primarily due to cash drag, as well as overweight positioning in Consumer Staples and Financials.

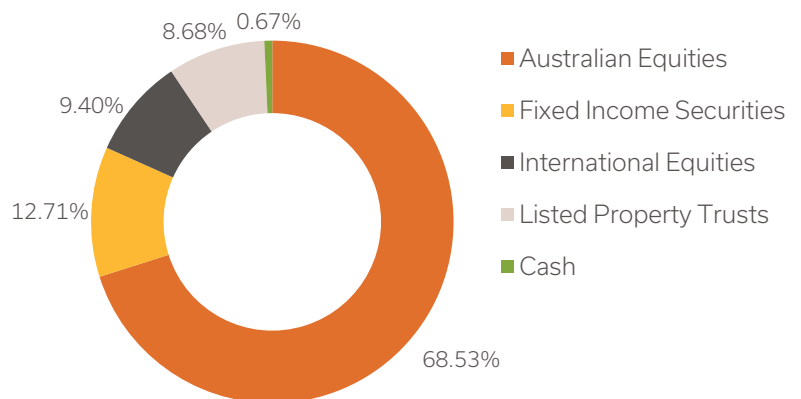
The main area of stock selection weakness was Information Technology, where portfolio holdings including Microsoft, SAP and ServiceNow underperformed relative to stronger benchmark constituents more directly exposed to the AI hardware cycle, including Micron, Advanced Micro Devices and Intel. This was partly offset by positive contributions from TSMC and Alphabet.

Global corporate earnings growth has been strong and continues to be driven by a strong AI-related spending. While progress has been made towards a US-Iran agreement during the quarter, there are ongoing risks for economic growth and inflation if there is any re-escalation. Further monetary policy easing in the US looks to be on hold in the near-term and there is the potential for a further RBA cash rate hike this year, which will be less supportive for equities. We remain overweight fixed income and underweight Australian equities and listed property. During the quarter, we reduced our underweight position in international equities given a stronger earnings outlook.

Top 10 holdings

Holdings	%
GOODMAN GROUP	7.2
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	5.4
TELSTRA CORPORATION LIMITED	4.1
MACQUARIE GROUP LIMITED	3.7
FORTESCUE METALS GROUP LTD	3.5
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED	3.2
WOOLWORTHS GROUP LIMITED	3.2
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED	3.1
SANDFIRE RESOURCES NL	2.8
COLES GROUP LIMITED	2.7
Total	39.0

Asset allocation

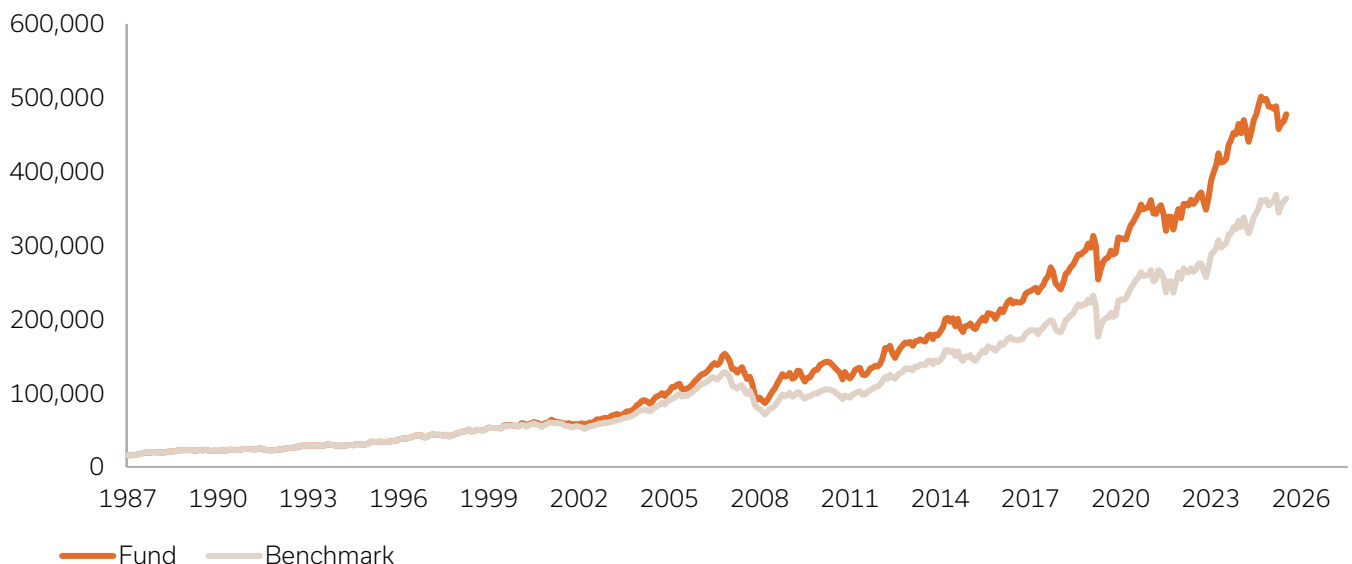


As at 30/06/2026.

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Long-term performance

Growth of \$10,000 invested



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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.

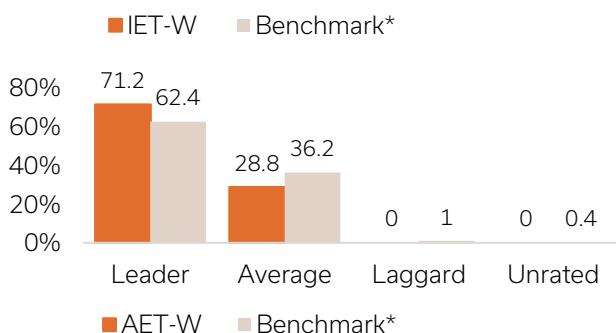
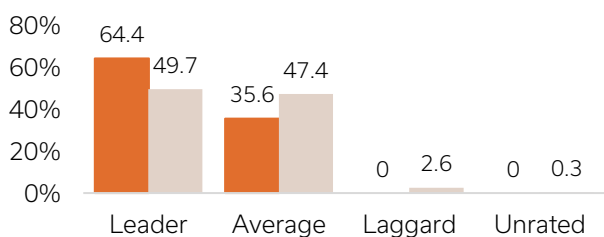
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This helps identify industry leaders and laggards according to their exposure to ESG risks and how well they manage those risks relative to peers.

U Ethical focus

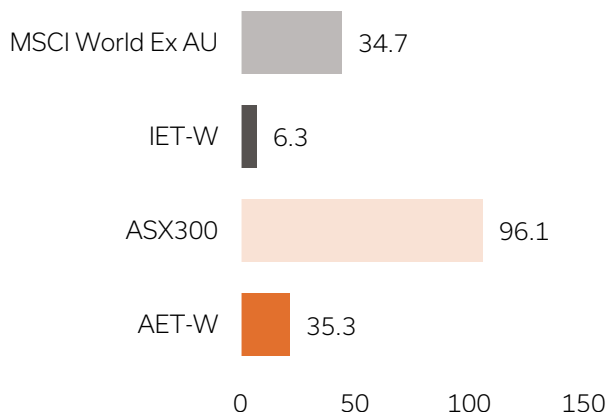
Leader		Average			Laggard	
AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC



As at 30/06/2026. *Constituent-level scores might be affected by MSCI ESG Research's ESG Rating model enhancements introduced on 10/11/2020.

Carbon footprint

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



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Source: Morningstar. Carbon Metrics as of 30/11/2025. Based on 100% percent coverage of the AET-W portfolio and 95% coverage of the IET-W portfolio. Data is based on long positions only.

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