# **Betashares Australian Sustainability Leaders Fund**



# 30 April 2024

# **Objective**

The Fund aims to track the performance of an index (before fees and expenses) that includes Australian companies that have passed screens to exclude companies with direct or significant exposure to fossil fuels or engaged in activities deemed inconsistent with responsible investment considerations.

### **Benefits**



#### A 'true to label' ethical solution

The Fund's investment methodology consists of stringent index screening criteria to ensure investors get access to a 'true to label' portfolio of ethical ASX listed companies.



The Fund currently gains its exposure via the Betashares Australian Sustainability Leaders ETF (ASX code: FAIR). FAIR has been certified by the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA)1.



#### **Transparent**

The Fund's portfolio holdings exposure and net asset value per unit are available daily on our website.



The Fund aims to track the performance of an index, so there are no 'active manager' fees.

## **Performance**

PERIOD	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	1 yr	3 yr (p.a.)	5 yr (p.a.)	10 yr (p.a.)	Inception
FUND	-3.04%	5.49%	20.40%	-	-	-	-	10.92%
INDEX	-2.97%	5.72%	20.86%	11.89%	5.13%	6.99%	9.67%	11.52%

## Calendar year performance

PERIOD	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
FUND	7.19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INDEX	7.50%	14.34%	-15.15%	17.44%	5.70%	24.36%	-2.20%	20.90%

Value of \$100 invested since inception



Source: Betashares, Bloombera, Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Fund returns are calculated in NZ\$ using net asset value per unit at the start and end of the specified period and do not reflect the brokerage or bid-ask spread that investors may incur when buying and selling units. Returns are after fund management costs, assume reinvestment of any distributions and do not take into account income tax

#### **Fund information**

Invest in Betashares NZ funds through an approved platform. You can contact us to enquire about direct applications.

ANNUAL FUND CHARGES 0.67% P.A. **FUND INCEPTION 29 MAY 2023** 

#### About the index

NASDAQ FUTURE AUSTRALIAN SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS INDEX FORWARD P/E RATIO 22.71x **P/B RATIO** 2.43x WEIGHTED AVG MARKET CAP N7\$20 OB NO OF COMPONENTS 79



CERTIFIED BY RIAA

The Fund has been certified by the RIAA according to the strict operational and disclosure practices required under the Responsible Investment Certification Program. See www.responsiblereturns.com.au for details.1

<sup>1</sup> The Responsible Investment Certification Program does not constitute financial product advice. Neither the Certification Symbol nor RIAA recommends to any person that any financial product is a suitable investment or that returns are guaranteed. Appropriate professional advice should be sought prior to making an investment decision. RIAA does not hold an Australian Financial Services Licence

# Categorisation

**ETHICAL** 

**AUSTRALASIAN EQUITIES** 

**CORE EXPOSURE** 

There are risks associated with an investment in the Fund including market risk,

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# **Top 10 exposures**

COMPANY	WEIGHTING		
Suncorp Group	4.7%		
Cochlear	4.6%		
Insurance Australia Group	3.9%		
WiseTech Global	3.9%		
CSL	3.9%		
Brambles	3.7%		
Xero	3.7%		
Computershare	3.5%		
Telstra Corp	3.5%		
ResMed Inc	3.4%		

### **Sector allocation**



## **Impact**



#### Carbon emissions

A dollar invested in the Fund results in **84.8% lower** carbon emissions than a dollar invested in the S&P/ASX 300<sup>1</sup>.



Alignment to sustainable development goals (SDGs) 69% of the Fund by weight contributes to the United Nations SDGs compared to 57% of the S&P/ASX 300<sup>2</sup>.



# Fossil fuel reserves

**100%** of the power generated by the companies in the Fund comes from renewable sources compared to **11%** of the power generated by companies in the S&P/ASX 300 Index<sup>3</sup>.

- 1 FAIR Carbon Footprint Report, Institutional Shareholder Services, September 2022
- 2 FAIR SDG Solutions Assessment, Institutional Shareholder Services, September 2022
- 3 FAIR Climate Impact Assessment Report, Institutional Shareholder Services, September 2022

# Examples of companies excluded under AUS Sustainable's index screening methodology

Western Dentise Com	Circle continued to the forest feet and and
Westpac Banking Corp	Significant lending to fossil fuel projects
Domino's Pizza Enterprise	Majority of revenue comes from the sale of junk food
Endeavour Group Ltd	Australia's largest operator of poker machines
Incitec Pivot Ltd	Manufactures explosives used in the extraction of fossil fuels
Metcash Ltd	Largest supplier of alcohol to independently owned liquor retailers in Australia