

# Ausbil Active Sustainable Equity Fund

Fact sheet

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'Ausbil's Active Sustainable Equity Fund is predominantly made up of Australian shares, which meet Ausbil's sustainable approach to investing'

## Investment objective

To achieve returns (before fees and taxes) in excess of the benchmark over the long term by primarily investing in listed Australian companies which meet Ausbil's sustainability approach to investing. There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved.

## Key features of the strategy

- Invest in 30-45 listed companies primarily selected from the S&P/ASX 200 Index.
- Access to a portfolio of companies that satisfy a range of environmental, social and corporate governance considerations, through Ausbil's sustainable approach to investing.

## Ausbil's sustainable approach to investing

Ausbil's sustainable approach to investing initially excludes companies that have material exposure to 'controversial activities'. Ausbil then applies its proprietary ESG research to determine the sustainability profile of remaining companies. Companies that Ausbil determines to have poor sustainability profiles are excluded and the Fund is then allowed to invest in companies that are determined by Ausbil to have relatively good sustainability profiles.

Please see the Fund's [Controversial Activity Exclusion Policy](#) available at [www.ausbil.com.au](http://www.ausbil.com.au) for further information on controversial activities, including direct and indirect examples, and the material threshold that is applied to each activity.

Ausbil's dedicated ESG team researches on a proprietary basis and assesses a company based on the industry in which the company operates in (ie what a company does) and the company's ESG factors (ie how a company manages these factors). Ausbil uses this process to determine a company's sustainability profile and sustainability score.

Companies that have poor sustainability profiles in Ausbil's view are filtered and excluded from the investible universe. There are many factors that might contribute to Ausbil's view that a company has a poor sustainability profile, but examples include companies with poor employee safety and/or workplace practices and companies that Ausbil considers having significant, persistent and unresolved corporate governance issues, conflicts of interest in ownership and/or poor Board structures.

The remaining companies in the investible universe are regarded as having relatively good sustainability profiles in Ausbil's view. Ausbil ranks each remaining company by equally combining Ausbil's sustainability score (as determined by Ausbil's ESG research) with Ausbil's equity analyst's conviction score, which is determined by Ausbil's proprietary company level research.

The final step in Ausbil's sustainable approach to investing is the construction of a portfolio of companies that ensures at least half of the Fund's portfolio consists of the top third ranked companies.

## Performance<sup>3</sup>

Period	Fund Return %	Benchmark %	Out/Under performance %
3 months	9.23	8.40	0.84
6 months	6.37	7.57	-1.20
1 year	9.99	12.42	-2.43
2 years pa	-1.03	5.45	-6.48
3 years pa	5.46	9.24	-3.78
4 years pa	8.03	7.23	0.80
5 years pa	11.70	10.28	1.42
Since inception pa Date: 31 Jan 2018	8.71	8.18	0.53

## Top 10 stock holdings<sup>3</sup>

Name	Fund %	Index <sup>2</sup> %	Tilt %
CSL	9.24	6.13	3.12
Commonwealth Bank	8.26	8.29	-0.03
Macquarie Group	5.88	2.92	2.96
Rio Tinto	4.63	2.23	2.41
National Australia Bank	4.23	4.25	-0.02
Goodman Group	3.93	1.93	2.00
Wesfarmers	3.85	2.86	0.99
ResMed	3.83	0.57	3.26
Transurban Group	3.78	1.87	1.90
Telstra	3.01	2.02	0.99

## Sector allocations<sup>3</sup>

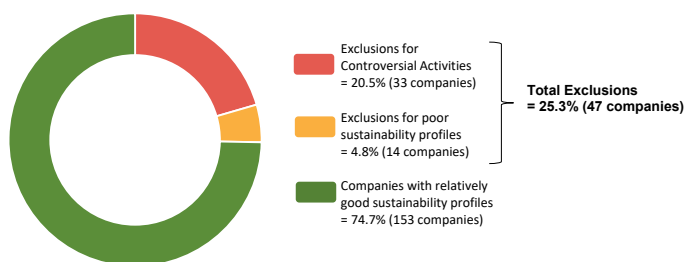
Sector	Fund %	Index <sup>2</sup> %	Tilt %
Energy	0.00	5.01	-5.01
Materials	14.87	25.27	-10.39
Industrials	9.10	6.80	2.30
Consumer Discretionary	6.15	6.79	-0.64
Consumer Staples	2.97	4.23	-1.26
Health Care	13.07	9.61	3.46
Financials	29.47	28.36	1.11
Information Technology	6.29	2.37	3.91
Communication Services	7.78	3.94	3.85
Utilities	0.00	1.38	-1.38
Real Estate	8.54	6.25	2.29
Cash	1.77	0.00	1.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## Product features<sup>3</sup>

Characteristic	Comments
APIR	AAP3940AU
Benchmark	S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index
Minimum Investment <sup>4</sup>	\$20,000
Pricing Frequency	Each business day
Distribution Timetable	Semi-Annually; end June and end December
Number of Stock Holdings	32
Management Fee	1.00% pa

- Fund returns are net of fees but before taxes.
- The benchmark is the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index.
- Data as at 31 December 2023.
- Ausbil has the discretion to waive these minimums.

## Exclusions and Sustainability Profiles

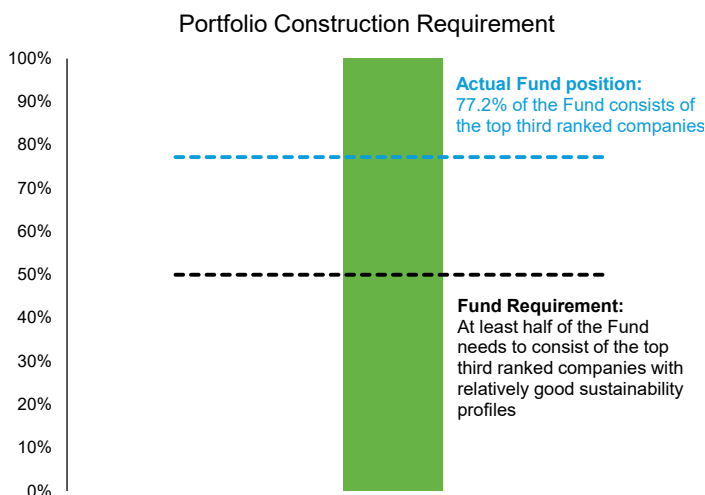


As at 31 December 2023. Percentages are based on market capitalisation of the S&P/ASX200.

## Research Ratings

Research House	Rating
Zenith	Recommended
Lonsec	Highly Recommended

## Portfolio Construction Requirement



As at 31 December 2023.

## Platform Availability

- Asgard
- ASX mFund
- BT Panorama
- CFS First Choice
- CFS First Wrap
- Hub24
- IOOF
- Macquarie Wrap
- Mason Stevens
- MLC Wrap/ Navigator
- MyNorth
- Netwealth
- Praemium
- Wealth 02/uXchange
- Wholesale Direct

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