

Portfolio managers



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B. Ethical Investment Fund

Performance Commentary – January 2022

Fund Overview

The B. Ethical Investment Fund aims to achieve superior returns to the ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by investing in high growth companies. Our investment process incorporates environmental and social factors (ESG) in addition to achieving our returns.

Features		Portfolio Analytics	
Custodian	Perpetual Trustees	Investible Universe	ASX Ex 100 Stocks
Min. Investment	\$25,000	Stocks in Portfolio	20
Qualifying criteria	Retail	Weighted Average Mkt Cap (\$m)	\$ 1,138.09
Contributions	Monthly	Management fee p.a.	1.2%
Withdrawals	Monthly	Performance Fee	15%
Benchmark	Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index		

Fund Performance

As at 31 January 2022

12.4%^{p.a.}

Annual return since inception (1 July 2019)

4.9%^{p.a.}

Excess Return over benchmark since inception (S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation)

32.7%

Total Return after fees since inception (1 July 2019)

Month End Portfolio Update						
	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 Year	2 Years (pa)	Since Inception (pa)
BEIF Portfolio	-9.6%	-9.8%	-5.1%	3.5%	9.9%	12.4%
Benchmark	-9.0%	-8.0%	-4.6%	6.7%	6.0%	7.6%
Excess/(Deficit)	-0.6%	-1.9%	-0.5%	-3.1%	3.9%	4.9%

*Benchmark is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

*BEIF Portfolio performance is after fees. Inception is 1st July 2019.

Performance to month end														
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	CYTD	Index CYTD
2019							6.2%	0.8%	5.7%	1.2%	-2.5%	-0.6%	11.1%	3.9%
2020	0.8%	-13.5%	-13.9%	18.0%	9.3%	-4.5%	3.7%	7.7%	-0.6%	5.2%	5.7%	-0.5%	13.5%	9.2%
2021	3.6%	-3.2%	-1.8%	6.7%	2.3%	5.6%	-0.3%	3.1%	-1.3%	3.5%	-0.5%	0.1%	18.6%	16.9%
2022	-9.6%												-9.6%	-9.0%

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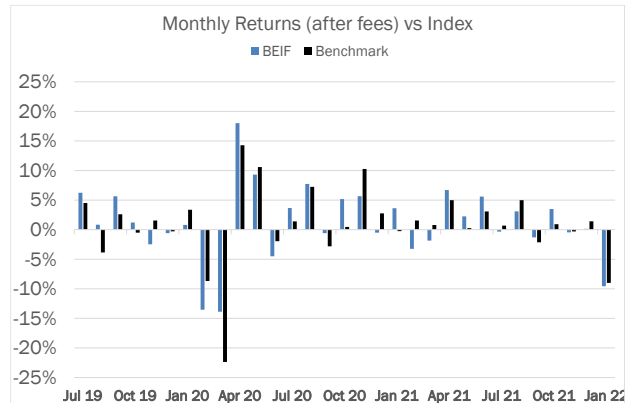
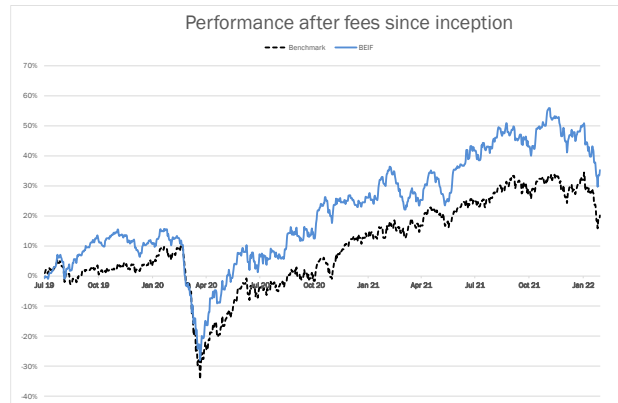


Fund update

There was a large devaluation in equities globally in January 2022. The B Ethical Investment Fund portfolio lost 9.6%, underperforming the benchmark S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 0.6%.

Global equities sank as high inflation persisted in the US and the Federal Reserve's rhetoric around interest rate hikes has shifted to an earlier timeframe. Increases to interest rates are detrimental to the majority of equity stocks in general and high growth smaller companies usually face a twin problem of liquidity as well. We note that the fund may be subject to significant volatility in the current market environment given that the fund is invested in ex-ASX 100 companies which are typically more volatile than their large capitalisation peers.

While some stocks were relatively unaffected, Dicker Data (DDR) and Praemium (PPS) were significant drags on portfolio performance. Bapcor (BAP) and AMA Group (AMA) performed relatively better than the index.



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