

# Portfolio managers





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## **B. Ethical Investment Fund**

Performance Commentary - March 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	ortfolio Analytics						
Custodian	Perpetual Trustees	Investible Universe	ASX Ex 10	00 Stocks					
Min. Investment	\$25,000	Stocks in Portfolio	20						
Qualifying criteria	Retail	Weighted Average Mkt Cap (\$m)	\$	1,190.31					
Contributions	Monthly	Management fee p.a.		1.2%					
Withdrawals	Monthly	Performance Fee		15%					
Benchmark	Small Ordinaries Accun	nulation Index							

## **Fund Performance (after fees)**

As at 31 March 2022

8.9%p.a.

**-0.2%**<sup>p.a.</sup>

26.5%

Annual return since inception (1 July 2019)

Excess return over benchmark since inception (S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation) Total return 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	1.4%	-15.4%	-12.8%	1.9%	23.2%	8.9%					
Benchmark	5.3%	-4.2%	-2.3%	9.7%	29.2%	9.1%					
Excess/(Deficit)	-3.9%	-11.2%	-10.5%	-7.7%	-6.0%	-0.2%					

<sup>\*</sup>Benchmark is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

<sup>\*</sup>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	<b>Index CYTD</b>
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%	-7.8%	1.4%										-15.4%	-4.2%

<sup>\*</sup>Benchmark is the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

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### **Fund update**

The B. Ethical Investment Fund portfolio gained 1.4% in the month of March 2022, underperforming the benchmark S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 3.9%.

Global markets continued to be volatile as the Russia - Ukraine conflict continued. Commodities, particularly those exported from that region soared, with record levels of gas, oil and iron ore prices. Commodity stocks were equally buoyed lifting the small cap index. Given our portfolio has limited investments in these areas we underperformed a rising market.

What was more of a macro influence was the Federal Reserve's talk about interest rates and shrinking their balance sheet.

Omnibridge (OBL) was a strong performer after being sold down significantly in February. We remain confident in the growing sector and the nature of their investments as well as the lack of correlation to investment markets.

Praemium (PPS) continued to fall in the aftermath of February's results. We believe that the bulk of the selling has come and the company stock price should reflect the operations of the business in the next few months.





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