

# SuperLife KiwiSaver scheme

## Ethica Fund

### Fund update for the quarter ended 31 December 2023

This fund update was first made publicly available on 12 February 2024.

### What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Ethica Fund has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Smartshares Limited prepared this update in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. This information is not audited and may be updated.

### Description of this fund

Designed for investors that want a balance between stability of returns and growth of their investment over the long term. Provides exposure to a diverse selection of global companies and income assets that align with our Responsible Investment Policy. We exclude assets that do not meet our socially responsible investment standards, and increase or decrease exposure to companies based on their environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.

Total value of the fund:	\$62,646,611
Number of investors in the fund:	1,616
The date the fund started:	31 March 2008

### What are the risks of investing?

#### Risk indicator for the Ethica Fund



The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the fund's assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way.

To help you clarify your own attitude to risk, you can seek financial advice or work out your risk profile at [sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-profiler](https://sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-profiler).

Note that even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment, and there are other risks that are not captured by this rating.

This risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for 5 years to 31 December 2023. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time. The risk indicator will continue to be updated in future fund updates.

See the Product Disclosure Statement for the SuperLife KiwiSaver scheme for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

### How has the fund performed?

	Average over past 5 years	Past year
<b>Annual return</b> (after deductions for charges and tax)	6.80%	11.44%
<b>Annual return</b> (after deductions for charges but before tax)	7.75%	12.80%
<b>Market index annual return</b> (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	7.02%	11.87%

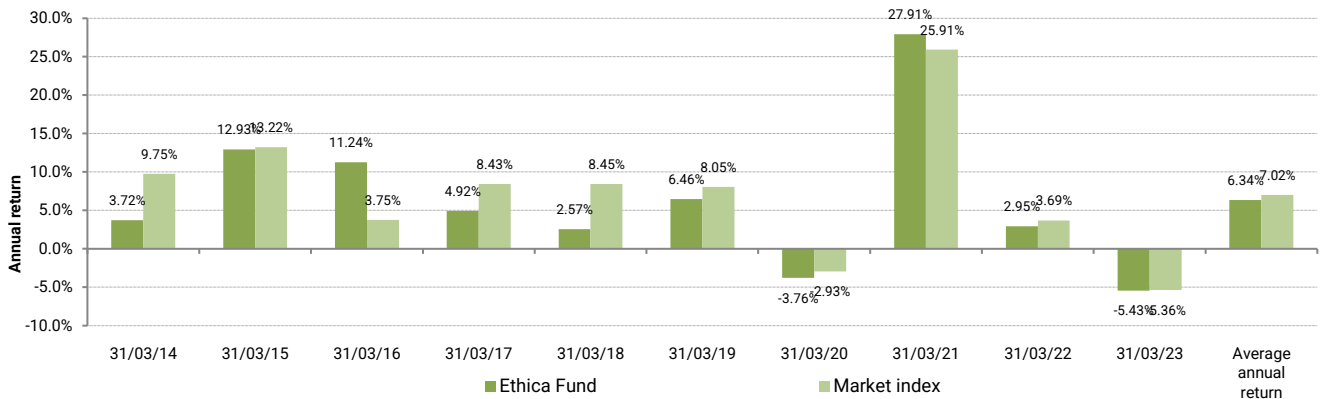
The market index return is a composite of benchmark index returns, weighted for the fund's target investment mix (also known as target asset allocation). The specific benchmark indices used for each asset class are defined in the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO).

On 11 December 2023, the fund's benchmark indices for the international equities and listed property asset classes were updated to better reflect the investment philosophy of the fund.

The SIPO and further additional information about the market index is available on the offer register at [disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz](https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz).



## Annual return graph



This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each of the last 10 years ending 31 March. The last bar shows the average annual return for the last 10 years, up to 31 December 2023.

**Important:** This does not tell you how the fund will perform in the future.

Returns in this update are after tax at the highest prescribed investor rate (PIR) of tax for an individual New Zealand resident. Your tax may be lower.

## What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Ethica Fund are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2023 these were:

	% per annum of fund's net asset value
<b>Total fund charges</b>	0.70%
Which are made up of:	
<b>Total management and administration charges</b>	0.70%
Including:	
Manager's basic fee	0.68%
Other management and administration charges	0.02% <sup>1</sup>
<b>Other charges</b>	<b>Dollar amount per investor</b>
Administration fee	\$30 per annum

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, for withdrawing from or switching funds). See the Product Disclosure Statement for the SuperLife KiwiSaver scheme for more information about those fees.

The fees set out above include GST where applicable.

Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

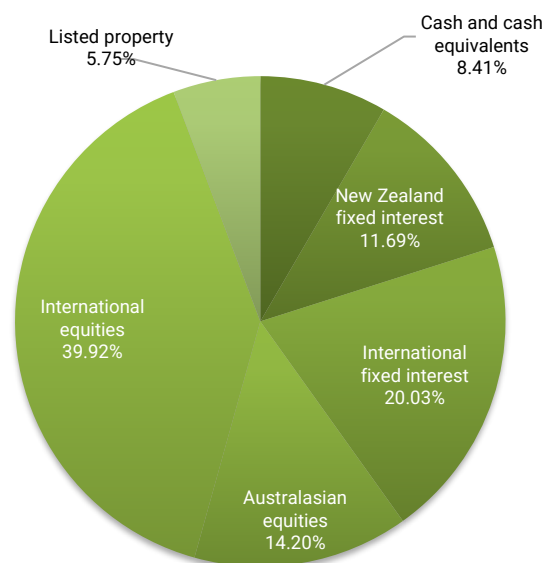
## Example of how this applies to an investor

Jess had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Jess received a return after fund charges were deducted but before tax of \$1280 (that is 12.80% of Jess's initial \$10,000). Jess paid other charges of \$30. This gives Jess a total return after tax of \$1114 for the year.

## What does the fund invest in?

### Actual investment mix

This shows the types of assets that the fund invests in.





## Target investment mix

This shows the mix of assets that the fund generally intends to invest in.

Asset Category	Target asset mix
Cash and cash equivalents	8.00%
New Zealand fixed interest	12.00%
International fixed interest	20.00%
Australasian equities	14.00%
International equities	40.00%
Listed property	6.00%
Unlisted property	-
Commodities	-
Other	-

## Top 10 investments

Name	% of fund's net asset value	Type	Country	Credit rating (if applicable)
DIMENSIONAL GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY TRUST NZD HEDGED CLASS	20.30%	International equities	Australia	
DIMENSIONAL GLOBAL BOND SUSTAINABILITY TRUST NZD CLASS	20.03%	International fixed interest	Australia	
DIMENSIONAL GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY TRUST UNHEDGED CLASS	19.61%	International equities	Australia	
DIMENSIONAL AUSTRALIAN SUSTAINABILITY TRUST	4.37%	Australasian equities	Australia	
ANZ NZD CURRENT ACCOUNT	2.20%	Cash and cash equivalents	New Zealand	AA-
VANGUARD INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY SECURITIES INDEX FUND	2.06%	Listed property	Australia	
NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT 3.50% 14/04/2033	0.72%	New Zealand fixed interest	New Zealand	AAA
NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT 4.50% 15/04/2027	0.56%	New Zealand fixed interest	New Zealand	AAA
NEW ZEALAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING AGENCY 2.25% 15/04/24	0.55%	Cash and cash equivalents	New Zealand	AAA
AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LTD	0.52%	Australasian equities	New Zealand	

The top 10 investments make up 70.92% of the fund's net asset value.

## Currency hedging

As at 29 December 2023 the fund's exposure to assets denominated in foreign currencies was 68.73%, of which 67.72% was hedged. This means the fund's unhedged foreign currency exposure was 22.19% of the net asset value of the fund. See the current SIPO on the offer register at [disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz](https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz) for more information on the fund's currency hedging strategy.



## Key personnel

This shows the directors and employees who have the most influence on the investment decisions of the fund:

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous or other current position	Time in previous or other current position
Guy Roulston Elliffe	Director	8 years and 1 month	Corporate Governance Manager - ACC (current position)	8 years and 8 months
Stuart Kenneth Reginald Millar	Chief Investment Officer - Smartshares	4 years and 7 months	Head of Portfolio Management - ANZ Investments	6 years and 4 months
Anna Lennie Scott	Chief Executive Officer - Smartshares	3 months	Chief Operating Officer and Director - Hobson Wealth	5 years and 2 months
Alister John Williams	Director	8 years and 1 month	Investment Manager - Trust Management	5 years and 4 months

## Further information

You can also obtain this information, the Product Disclosure Statement for the SuperLife KiwiSaver scheme, and some additional information, from the offer register at [disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz](https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz).

## Notes

- 1 These charges refer to the normal fund operating costs that are charged to the fund. For disclosure purposes, supervisor, audit and legal costs are not included in the manager's basic fee, but are included in the other management and administration charges. Some of these are fixed costs so the amount shown can range from 0% up to the total fund charges depending on the total value of the fund.