

# Smartshares Exchange Traded Funds

## Smartshares US Equities ESG ETF

### 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 Smartshares US Equities ESG ETF 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.

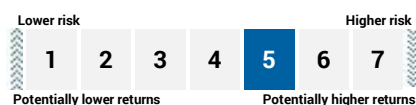
### Description of this fund

Invests in US shares and is designed to track the return (before tax, fees and other expenses) of the MSCI USA ESG Screened Index.

Total value of the fund: \$58,543,377  
 The date the fund started: 6 June 2019

### What are the risks of investing?

#### Risk indicator for the Smartshares US Equities ESG ETF<sup>1</sup>



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.

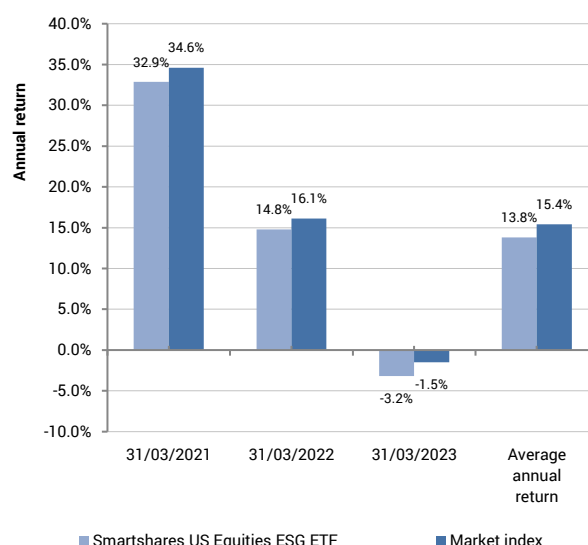
See the Product Disclosure Statement for the Smartshares Exchange Traded Funds – Specialist Series for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

### How has the fund performed?

	Past year
<b>Annual return</b> (after deductions for charges and tax)	27.78%
<b>Annual return</b> (after deductions for charges but before tax)	29.48%
<b>Market index annual return</b> (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	29.41%

The market index annual return is based on the annual return of the MSCI USA ESG Screened Index. Additional information about the market index is available in the 'Other Material Information' document 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 year ending 31 March since the fund started. The last bar shows the average annual return since the fund started, 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 Smartshares US Equities ESG ETF 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>	0.34%

Which are made up of:

<b>Total management and administration charges</b>	0.34%
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Including:

Manager's basic fee	0.33%
Other management and administration charges	0.01% <sup>2</sup>

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 Smartshares Exchange Traded Funds – Specialist Series 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.

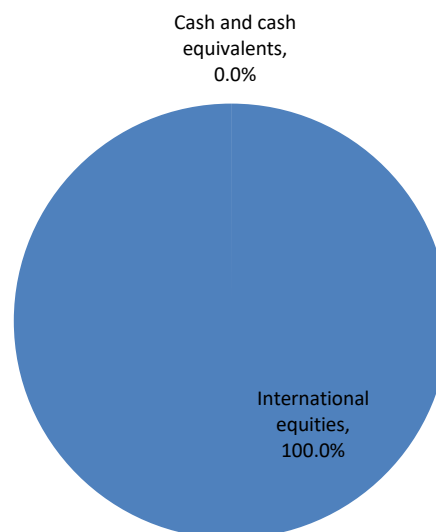
### Example of how this applies to an investor

Tara 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, Tara received a return after fund charges were deducted but before tax of \$2948 (that is 29.48% of Tara's initial \$10,000). This gives Tara a total return after tax of \$2778 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	-
New Zealand fixed interest	-
International fixed interest	-
Australasian equities	-
International equities	100.00%
Listed property	-
Unlisted property	-
Commodities	-
Other	-



## Top 10 investments<sup>3</sup>

Name	% of fund's net asset value	Type	Country	Credit rating (if applicable)
ISHARES MSCI USA ESG SCREENED UCITS ETF	99.97%	International equities	Ireland	
ANZ NZD CURRENT ACCOUNT	0.60%	Cash and cash equivalents	New Zealand	AA-

The top 10 investments make up 100.57% of the fund's net asset value<sup>3</sup>.

## Currency hedging

The fund's foreign currency exposure is not hedged.

## 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 Smartshares Exchange Traded Funds – Specialist Series, and some additional information from the offer register at [disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz](https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz).

## Notes

- 1 Market index returns (as well as actual returns) have been used to complete the risk indicator, as the fund has not been in existence for 5 years. As a result, the risk indicator may provide a less reliable indicator of the potential future volatility of the fund. The risk indicator for the fund uses 6 months of market index returns.
- 2 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.
- 3 The top 10 investments listed in the table exclude current assets and current liabilities, and as a result do not sum to 100%.