

# BT Wholesale Ethical Share Fund

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Social Responsible Investments

## About the Fund

The BT Wholesale Ethical Share Fund is an actively managed portfolio of Australian shares which seeks to ensure that funds are invested in an ethical or socially responsible manner. Investors are becoming increasingly aware of the link between a company's sustainability focus and its long term success and profitability. As a result, ethical fund investing combines the best of both worlds – the potential to achieve strong performance over the long term while contributing to a sustainable environment.

### Fund objective

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees) that exceeds the S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index over the medium to long term. The suggested investment timeframe is five years or more.

### Investment approach

The Fund will not invest in companies which:

- directly mine uranium for the purpose of weapons manufacture
- produce alcohol or tobacco
- manufacture or provide gaming facilities
- manufacture weapons and armaments
- have been subject to environmental and/or human rights prosecutions

### Investment process

The Fund uses the same investment process as BTIM's flagship Australian equities products with the addition of sustainability screens.

1. The negative screen effectively determines the investment universe of the BT Wholesale Ethical Share Fund
2. The positive screen identifies companies for active consideration, given their focus on the production of sustainable goods and services. The ethical screen is provided by Regnan Governance Research and Engagement, a leading independent research organisation. Examples of positively screened companies include those that derive greater than 20% of their revenue from sustainable technologies, products and services.

### Investment team

BTIM's ten-member Equity Strategies team is one of the largest in the Australian funds management industry. The portfolio managers for the Fund are Crispin Murray and Rajinder Singh, who have a combined 28 years industry experience. Crispin is also Head of Equity Strategies.

### Investment guidelines

Ex-ante (forward looking) tracking error	2.0% - 6.0%
Min/max stock position	+/-4%
Min/max sector position	+/-6%
Number of stocks	50-90

### Fees

Management fee	0.95% pa*
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## Performance

(%)	Total Returns		Benchmark Return
	(post-fee)	(pre-fee)	
1 month	-6.23	-6.16	-6.28
3 months	-11.78	-11.57	-11.65
FYDT	-11.78	-11.57	-11.65
6 months	-15.43	-15.03	-15.41
1 year (pa)	-8.57	-7.70	-8.71
2 years (pa)	-5.69	-4.79	-4.14
3 years (pa)	-1.84	-0.91	-0.10
5 years (pa)	-1.08	-0.15	-0.71

### Asset allocation (as at 30 September 2011)

Energy	12.7%
Materials	24.7%
Industrials	11.9%
Consumer Discretionary	5.0%
Consumer Staples	1.0%
Health Care	2.9%
Information Technology	1.1%
Telecommunication Services	4.4%
Utilities	1.6%
Financials ex Property Trusts	26.7%
Property Trusts	2.3%
Cash & Other	5.6%

### Top 10 holdings (as at 30 September 2011)

BHP Billiton Limited	9.2%
Westpac Banking Corporation	8.6%
National Australia Bank Limited	7.4%
Rio Tinto Limited	4.9%
Origin Energy Limited	4.8%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	4.6%
Telstra Corporation Limited	4.5%
Santos Limited	3.4%
Newcrest Mining Limited	3.3%
Amcort Limited	3.1%

### Other information

Fund size (as at 30 Sep 2011)	\$137 million
Date of inception	May 2001
Minimum investment	\$25,000
Buy-sell spread	0.50% <sup>#</sup>
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
APIR code	RFA0025AU

<sup>#</sup> The buy-sell spread represents transaction costs incurred whenever you invest or withdraw funds, and may vary from time to time without notice.

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## Market review

The September quarter was a very weak one for Equity markets the world over, with the MSCI World index (USD) falling by 17.1% over the period. The Australian market fared better than most with the S&P/ASX300 Accumulation index down by 11.6%, which was the worst quarter since the nadir of the crisis at the end of 2008.

The market has once again been dominated by macro events, despite the year end reporting season in August. The beginning of the period saw investor confidence significantly dented by the political stalemate in Washington around raising the debt ceiling, with a deal eventually getting approved but not without enduring reputational damage. Firmly consolidating this negative sentiment was the fact that US economic data released in early August was very weak. The idea that any weakness was being caused by temporary factors and that the recovery was still on track was firmly brushed aside as investors contemplated the reality of a persistently slower growth environment. As a result, equities across the globe sold off sharply.

In the local market, the reporting season outlook comments from management were cautious, which is unsurprising given the uncertain global outlook. Earnings expectations for 2012 have fallen to more reasonable levels at 7% for industrials and 4% for the banks. Sector performance was driven mainly by macro themes with the traditional defensives such as Consumer Staples, Telecoms and Utilities performing best while sectors like Energy, Materials and Industrials fared the worst.

The RBA held the cash rate at 4.75% throughout the period, in what continues to be lacklustre domestic economy.

## Fund performance

The portfolio (pre-fee) marginally outperformed its benchmark over the September quarter.

The leading contributor to performance was our overweight position in Macarthur Coal, which rallied by 36% over the period. The company was the subject of a take-over bid from large US miner Peabody Energy, which was backed by existing shareholder the Indian Steel giant Arcelor Mittal. The original bid was for \$15.50 per share, which was upped to \$16 per share. Macarthur knocked back both bids and it is clear that Macarthur has interest from other parties.

Also contributing to performance was our overweight position in Amcor. The global packaging company fared well relative to the market over the quarter, with investors attracted to its defensive characteristics. While the company is susceptible to economic slowdown like any other industrial business, Amcor's business mix affords it some resilience from this, given the inelasticity of demand of some of the products of its customers. Specifically, a sizable proportion of its packaging clients are food and tobacco manufacturing companies, which see less drop off in demand than more discretionary type businesses.

Broadly speaking the main portfolio positions produced good results this reporting season in the context of a tough environment, the one stark exception to this was Transfield. The company fell 27% over the month, with the bulk occurring on the day of the

result. The problem was caused not so much by the operating result but rather by the impact of the sale of its US maintenance business, USM & its stake in infrastructure company TSI. The company while receiving good prices for these non core assets, had never clarified the full P&L impacts. The problem proved to be that these businesses carried far lower depreciation than the rest of the group and that the cash proceeds would yield little interest saving as they waited to deploy the capital. We believe the stock can perform, given it is winning key contracts such as with Santos & the NBN, it has strong cash flow, trades at a discount to peers and management have enacted changes in recognition of the mishandling of their result.

The underweight position in Wesfarmers was the main detractor from performance over the period. We do not hold Wesfarmers due to its ownership of businesses that sell alcohol.

Also detracting from performance was our overweight position in Rio Tinto. The share price was driven down particularly at the end of the quarter by sentiment and worries around the future direction of iron-ore prices. Nonetheless the company demonstrated its long term positive outlook on the iron-ore business through a \$833m expansion in the Pilbara region. The company also took its shareholding in Ivanhoe mines to 49% during the period.

## Strategy & outlook

The key influence on the Australian share market continues to be the global macro environment. While we expect a recovery from the aggressive sell-off we saw in September, there looks to be little imminent chance of a meaningful and long lasting reduction in the levels of volatility to buoy equity investors. The key issue remains Europe and while the economic situation there remains dire, the element that continues to frighten markets the most remains a now seemingly entrenched lack of confidence in the key political protagonists agreeing on (let alone implementing) a timely and workable solution to the problem. The trend seems to be that a wave of market selling spurs the Euro-apparatchiks of Paris, Berlin and beyond into further acceptance that something more must be done. But once market fears are allayed, we then slip back into the inevitable doldrums of political tittle-tattling until the inevitable next wave of selling once again inspires some more meaningful action. And so it continues. The current focus is on an initiative to provide the under-funded European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), with a 'first-loss guarantee' facility that would effectively insure a proportion of the face value of a sovereign bonds issue with the aim of re-instigating investor confidence in that sovereign issuer. Importantly, there are more meaningful initiatives to recapitalise European banks and clear consensus that action must be taken to avoid full contagion into the banking sector. Progress is being made but it is not quick enough to provide sustained confidence for markets.

Our portfolios have retained a defensive bias and we have core positions in solid cash generators with robust business models and quite conservative balance sheets. Valuations however have become more attractive of late and we are finding entry points in several more cyclical stocks that are well within our valuation estimates, which we believe will realise significant additional return for investors over a longer time-frame.



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