

# SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIAN EQUITY

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The Acadian Sustainable Australian Equity strategy seeks to maximise risk-adjusted, long-term active returns from a diversified portfolio of Australian securities whilst actively incorporating a range of socially responsible investment criteria. In addition to the ESG factors embedded throughout our alpha forecasting, some additional screens are implemented. These include reducing the carbon intensity of the portfolio by 20% relative to S&P/ASX 300 Index; excluding securities where it is deemed (by a third party provider) that greater than 5% of its revenue\* is derived from the production of tar sands oil; excluding securities with exposure to selective non-ethical industries, including screening out stocks that receive more than 5% of their revenue\* derived from the production of goods and services and greater than 50% for associated business activities: Adult Entertainment, Alcohol, Gambling. The strategy excludes companies manufacturing cluster munitions, landmines, chemical weapons, controversial weapons (including nuclear) and has no exposure to companies that are producers or manufacturers of tobacco (or tobacco alternatives) as defined by third party providers.

## COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE\*\*

Performance Inception Sep 1, 2015	COMPOSITE (GROSS)	COMPOSITE (NET)	S&P/ASX 300	VALUE-ADDED (GROSS) VS. BENCHMARK
One Month Return	3.8	3.8	3.3	0.5
Three Month Return	6.4	6.3	5.4	1.0
Year-to-Date Return	6.4	6.3	5.4	1.0
One Year Annualized Return	16.7	16.2	14.4	2.3
Three Year Annualized Return	10.9	10.4	9.4	1.5
Five Year Annualized Return	10.5	10.1	9.2	1.3
SINCE-INCEPTION ANNUALIZED RETURN	10.5	10.1	9.4	1.1

■ Sustainable Australian Equity ■ S&P/ASX 300

## ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

As of December 31

Strategy: \$AUD

**498.4 MILLION**

## PARAMETERS

Typical Portfolio

Carbon Reduction

**20% relative to BM**

Tracking Error

**1.5 - 2.5%**

Max Active Position

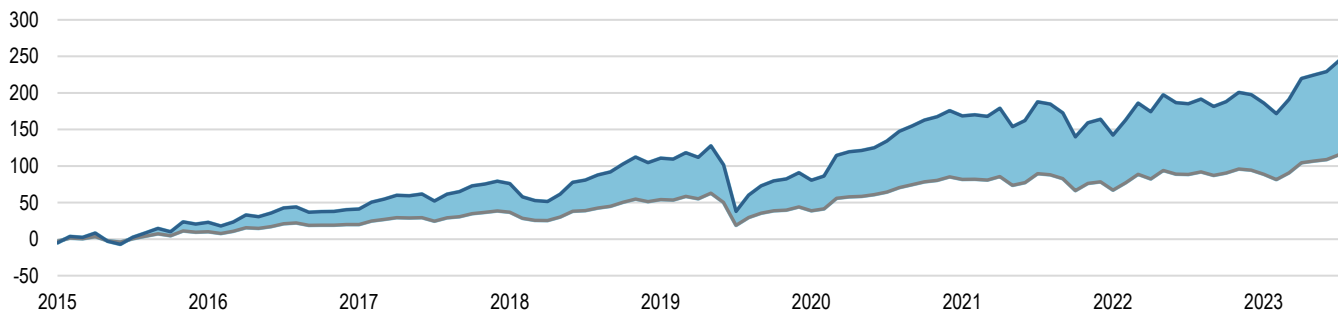
**1.25%**

Number of Holdings

**100 - 140**

## COMPOSITE CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE\*\*

NET RETURNS (%)



\*Revenue is calculated by a third party ESG research provider.

\*\*Returns that include the most recent month are preliminary. The Acadian Sustainable Australian Equity strategy has been certified by RIAA according to the strict operational and disclosure practices required under the Responsible Investment Certification Program. See [www.responsiblereturns.com.au](http://www.responsiblereturns.com.au) for details. The Responsible Investment Certification Program does not constitute financial product advice. Neither the Certification Symbol nor RIAA recommends to any person that any financial product is a suitable investment or that returns are guaranteed. Appropriate professional advice should be sought prior to making an investment decision. RIAA does not hold an Australian Financial Services Licence. Acadian Asset Management LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Reference to the benchmark is for comparative purposes only and is not intended to indicate that the composite will contain the same investments as the benchmark. Investors have the opportunity for losses as well as profits. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The complete performance disclosure can be found in the composite performance disclosure page attached. Index Source: Copyright © 2024, Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC. All rights reserved.

## STRATEGY CHARACTERISTICS

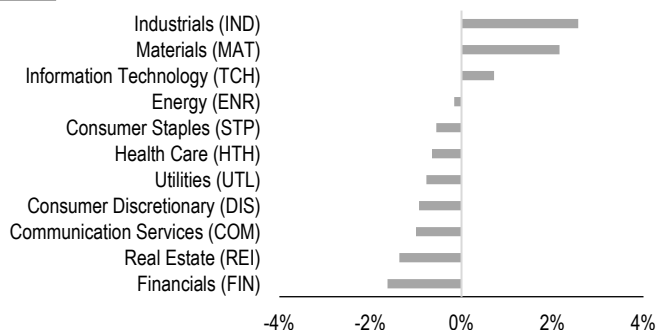
	SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIAN EQUITY	S&P/ASX 300
<b>VALUATION</b>		
Price/Earnings	18.5	20.1
Price/Book	2.3	2.3
Price/Sales	1.7	2.2
Price/Cash Earnings	11.4	12.3
Yield	3.6%	3.6%
<b>SIZE BREAKDOWN</b>		
Top 20	51.8%	60.0%
21-50	17.4%	16.8%
51-100	15.0%	12.1%
101-200	10.3%	8.4%
201-300	2.8%	2.8%
Ex-Index	1.1%	0.0%
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (BLN)	72.9	77.4
MEDIAN (BLN)	3.5	2.4
ACTIVE SHARE OF PORTFOLIO (%)	31.8	

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS

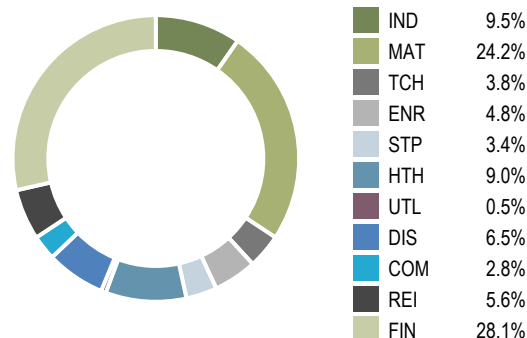
	% OF PORTFOLIO
BHP GROUP LTD	9.4
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA	7.2
WESTPAC BANKING CORP	4.7
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED	4.7
CSL LTD	4.6
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD	3.3
WESFARMERS LTD	3.1
QBE INSURANCE GROUP LTD	2.1
COCHLEAR LTD	2.0
BRAMBLES LTD	2.0
NUMBER OF SECURITIES	138
% OF PORTFOLIO FOR TOP 20 CURRENT HOLDINGS	59.6
% OF NON-BENCHMARK PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS	1.1

## CURRENT POSITIONING - SECTOR

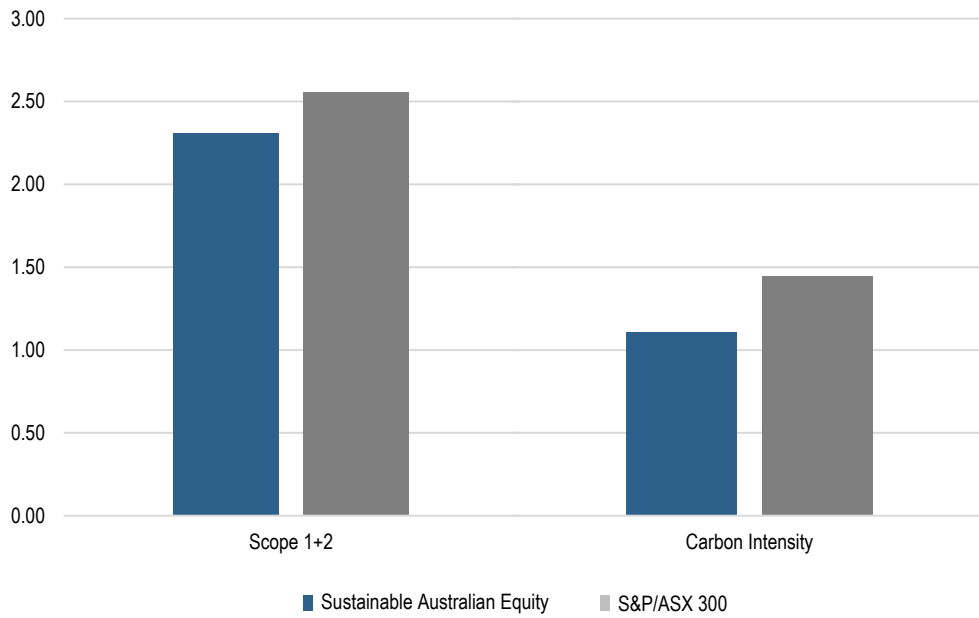
## ACTIVE



## ABSOLUTE



## CARBON EXPOSURES



Scope 1: Direct emissions through the consumption of fossil fuels, includes industrial use, power generation and aircraft

Scope 2: Indirect emissions through consumption of purchased electricity

Carbon Intensity: (Scope 1 + Scope 2/Sales)

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	Composite Return (%) Gross-of-Fees	Composite Return (%) Net-of-Fees	Benchmark Return (%)	Dispersion of Returns Within Composite (%)	Three-Year ex-Post Standard Deviation of Absolute Gross Returns		Number of Portfolios in Composite	Assets In Composite (\$MMs)	Total Firm Assets Under Management (\$MMs)
					Composite	Benchmark			
2015*	4.9	4.8	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	30	91,862
2016	12.4	11.9	11.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	64	102,435
2017	11.5	11.1	11.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	87	123,716
2018	-3.0	-3.4	-3.1	n/a	9.8	9.7	1	94	121,219
2019	24.7	24.2	23.8	n/a	8.8	8.5	1	167	144,010
2020	3.7	3.3	1.7	n/a	18.2	17.7	1	174	138,960
2021	20.1	19.6	17.5	n/a	17.4	16.9	1	352	159,769
2022	-0.4	-0.8	-1.8	n/a	19.9	19.5	1	344	136,838
2023	12.6	12.1	12.1	n/a	13.6	13.5	2	498	150,847

\*Performance Inception: September 1, 2015. This composite was created on: July 1, 2016. All figures stated in AUD.

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**Composite Description:** This composite invests in Australian equities with a focus on companies that exhibit socially responsible characteristics. These include companies with prudent management behaviors with respect to external transparency, internal controls, and compliance with international norms on environment, human rights, labor rights, corruption and inhumane weapons. The strategy also seeks to reduce carbon emission exposure relative to the Australian market. As of April 1, 2019 this composite was renamed from "Australian Equity (Socially Responsible)." Complete lists of the firm's composite descriptions, limited distribution pooled fund descriptions, and broad distribution funds are available upon request.

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