



# FACT SHEET: EQT RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT AUSTRALIAN SHARE FUND (CLASS B)

## About the Fund

The EQT Responsible Investment Australian Share Fund offers a diverse portfolio comprising of high-quality companies that are currently included in, or suitable for inclusion in the ASX 200 index. The companies are selected through Equity Trustees' proprietary **Quality At a Reasonable Price (QARP)** investment process which identifies quality companies with an attractive industry structure, strong balance sheets, robust return on equity, substantial cashflows and good management.

### Investment objective

The Fund is designed for investors seeking strong medium-long term capital growth potential, coupled with an increasing income stream payable from the dividends of the underlying shares. The Fund applies a framework of Responsible Investment practices and there is a distinct focus on the after-tax returns offered to investors. The Fund aims to outperform its Benchmark over a rolling 3-year period, after taking into account Fund fees and expenses.

### About the Manager

Equity Trustees Limited (EQT) is the Investment Manager of the Fund, managing more than \$5 billion across various asset classes.

EQT is well resourced with an experienced team of investment professionals, managing funds across various client cohorts, such as large wholesale clients, superannuation funds, corporate trusts, philanthropic investors, not-for-profit organisations and individual investors.

EQT has been operating in Australia for more than 145 years, is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange and has a national presence.

### Fund Ratings^^



### Platform



### How to Invest

PDS and TMD is currently unavailable.

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## Performance

PERFORMANCE <sup>1</sup>	EQT RI FUND				
	3 MTH %	1 YR %	3 YRS % (P.A.)	5 YRS % (P.A.)	SINCE INCEPTION % (P.A.) <sup>2</sup>
Income return	0.33	1.69	2.61	2.86	3.83
Capital return	0.23	9.17	3.90	4.63	1.68
Total net return	0.55	10.86	6.51	7.49	5.50
Benchmark return <sup>3</sup>	-0.80	11.44	7.41	8.06	5.49
Active return	1.35	-0.58	-0.90	-0.56	0.01
Franking credit return <sup>4</sup>	0.22	1.01	1.22	1.17	1.44

<sup>1</sup> Performance: The longer term returns above are for the Charitable Screened Equities Common Fund 102 which has been operating since 31 Oct 2007. The Fund, since its inception of 04 Nov 2022 employs the same strategy as for the Charitable Screened Equities CF102. For additional information regarding performance please contact via the link on our website. Income return and total net return are Fund returns after the deduction of ongoing fees and expenses and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions. Results greater than one year are annualised.

<sup>2</sup> Inception of (EQT RI Fund) EQT Responsible Investment Australian Share Fund –Class B is 04 November 2022. Inception of the Strategy as denoted by the Charitable Australian Screened Equities Common Fund 102 is 31 Oct 2007.

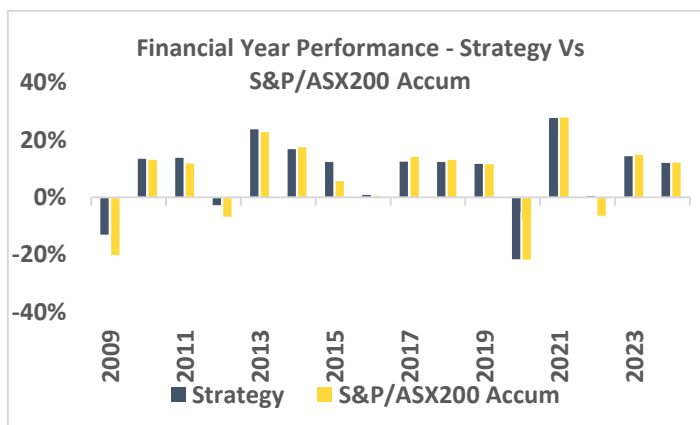
<sup>3</sup> Benchmark is the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index.

<sup>4</sup> Franking credit returns are estimates and calculated at a zero-tax rate.

Past performances should not be taken as an indicator of future performance.

### Performance illustrates our Process – Downside Protection

The chart below shows the performance of the underlying strategy since inception. In up markets, our strategy performs broadly in-line with the benchmark but outperforms in a falling market.



The above shows financial year performance, gross of fees for the Strategy against the Benchmark. Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance.



## Key Facts

APIR Code	ETW9642AU
Inception Date	31 October 2007
Pooled Size	287.0 m
Num of Stocks	38
Benchmark	S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index
Active Stock Limit	+7%/-15%
Tracking Error	Circa 2-4%
Buy/Sell Spread	+/-0.33%
Management Fee	0.70% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund
Performance Fee	Nil
Distributions	Quarterly
Min initial investment	\$20,000
Pricing Frequency & Liquidity	Daily

## Portfolio Manager



**Chris Haynes**

Portfolio Manager and Head of Equities

Chris has more than 30 years' experience in Investments and Portfolio Management.

Chris is aided by a highly experienced team of analysts, most of whom have more than 20 years' experience. Chris has a proven track record of consistent above benchmark results and building a capable team.

**For further information visit our website or contact us.**

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## Distributions

	FY2023	FY2024	FYTD
Distribution (CPU)	2.5666	2.2326	1.1461

## Responsible Investing

Responsible investing principles are integrated into the investment process, targeting companies with sound ESG practices and a positive impact on economic, environmental, and social outcomes through the advancement of one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

A negative screen is applied to the Fund, excluding companies that generate more than 10% of revenues from business activities involved in the manufacture of alcohol, tobacco, military armaments, the provision of adult entertainment and gaming products/services.

EQTAM has a zero-revenue tolerance for manufacturers of tobacco, tobacco-based products, nicotine alternatives, controversial weapons (as defined by MSCI) and nuclear weapons.

## Certification by Responsible Investment Association Australasia



The Fund is certified by the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia (RIAA).

The Certification Symbol signifies that a product or services offers an investment style that takes into account environmental, social, governance or ethical considerations.

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The symbol also signifies that the Fund adheres to the strict operational and disclosure practices required under the Responsible Investment Certification

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