

# Aspen Sustainable Balanced Portfolio

## INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

Growth/Defensive	70/30
Min. Timeframe	7 Years
Min. Investment	\$50,000
Benchmark	Aspen Sustainable Balanced Custom Benchmark
Inception Date	August 20, 2025

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The portfolio's objective is to outperform CPI by 3% p.a before fees over rolling 5-year periods, through investing in a diversified portfolio of growth and income assets that meet the manager's ESG requirements.

## INVESTMENT APPROACH

The portfolio caters for investors seeking a diversified, balanced portfolio of assets that aligns with their preference for sustainable investments with the potential for making a positive contribution to society. It uses a multi-manager approach to provide investment diversification as well as differentiated approaches to ESG investing. The portfolio has a strategic allocation of 70% to growth assets and 30% to defensive assets. It seeks exposure to Australian and international shares, property and fixed income assets via investing in managed funds, ETFs and/or Australian equity model portfolios.

Whilst underlying investment managers will employ their own sustainable investment approach, the overall model is managed according to the manager's Sustainable Investment Policy, which seeks to avoid the following sectors:

- Tobacco and tobacco products;
- Gambling;
- Alcohol;
- Pornography;
- Armaments manufacture or distribution; and
- High impact fossil fuels.

A company with a minor or indirect exposure to one of the sectors will not be automatically excluded, although it may be subject to ongoing review by the manager.

## INVESTOR PROFILE

Designed as a total portfolio allocation or as an allocation within a broader portfolio. It is suitable for investors who seek a multi-asset balanced focused portfolio with exposure to a blend of passive and active investment styles and investments that align with their preference for sustainable investments with potential for making a positive contribution to society.

## DOMESTIC EQUITY

This portfolio provides access to Australian-listed companies, offering investors exposure to a wide range of industries, including financials, mining, and healthcare. By investing in a mix of large, mid, and small-cap stocks, the portfolio aims to capture growth opportunities within the domestic market. Australian shares have historically been a strong performer, providing both capital appreciation and dividend income over time. This asset class is a suitable choice for those looking to invest locally and benefit from the growth potential of the Australian economy.

### ALPHINITY SUSTAINABLE SHARE FUND

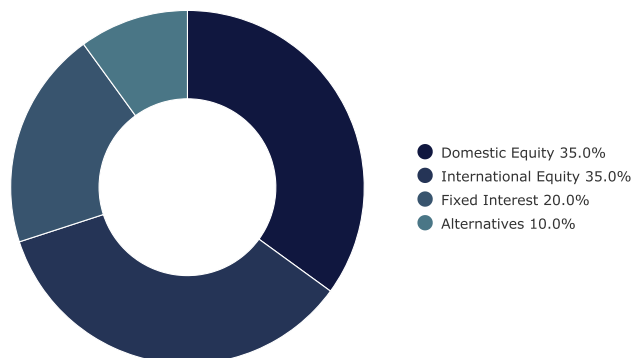
The Alphinity Sustainable Share Fund is an actively managed Australian equity strategy that combines fundamental research with quantitative insights to identify high-quality, undervalued companies that are also leaders or emerging leaders in sustainability. The fund applies a dual materiality approach, integrating ESG factors into the investment process while also using a proprietary sustainability framework to assess alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It avoids exposure to sectors such as fossil fuels, tobacco, and armaments, and engages actively with companies to promote positive change. The portfolio typically consists of 30-40 stocks with strong earnings outlooks and sustainability credentials.

**Benchmark:** S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

**Style:** Active Australian equities with ESG integration and sustainable growth focus



## ASSET ALLOCATION



## PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

	Holdings
<b>DOMESTIC EQUITY</b>	<b>35.0%</b>
Alphinity Sustainable Share Fund	8.8%
iShares Core MSCI Australia ESG ETF	8.8%
Perpetual ESG Australia Share Fund	8.8%
Praemium SMA DNR Capital Australian Equities Socially Responsible	8.8%
<b>INTERNATIONAL EQUITY</b>	<b>35.0%</b>
AXA IM Sustainable Equity Fund	8.8%
BetaShares Global Sustainability Leaders ETF	8.8%
iShares Core MSCI World ex Australia ESG (AUD Hedged) ETF	8.8%
Stewart Investors Worldwide All Cap Fund	8.8%
<b>FIXED INTEREST</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
BetaShares Australian Bank Senior Floating Rate Bond ETF	5.0%
Betashares Ethical Australian Composite Bond ETF	7.5%
Vanguard Ethically Conscious Global Aggregate Bond Index Fund (Hedged)	7.5%
<b>ALTERNATIVES</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
Perpetual ESG Real Return Fund	10.0%

## ISHARES CORE MSCI AUSTRALIA ESG ETF



The iShares Core MSCI Australia ESG ETF (ticker: IESG) provides investors with exposure to a diversified portfolio of Australian companies with strong environmental, social, and governance (ESG) characteristics. The fund seeks to track the performance of the MSCI Australia IMI Custom ESG Leaders Index, which screens and selects companies based on their ESG scores while maintaining broad market representation. This ETF is designed for long-term investors looking for sustainable Australian equity exposure at a low cost, with a management fee of 0.09% per annum. It emphasizes companies from key sectors such as financials, healthcare, and consumer discretionary, while excluding firms involved in severe ESG controversies or certain industries like tobacco and controversial weapons.

**Benchmark:** MSCI Australia IMI Custom ESG Leaders Index

**Style:** Australian equities with an ESG focus

## PERPETUAL ESG AUSTRALIA SHARE FUND



The Perpetual ESG Australian Share Fund is an actively managed portfolio of Australian equities that combines Perpetual's proven value-style investment philosophy with environmental, social, and governance (ESG) integration. The fund applies both positive and negative screening, avoiding sectors such as tobacco, gambling, and fossil fuels, while favouring companies with strong ESG practices and sustainable competitive advantages. It maintains a high-conviction, research-driven approach, focusing on quality businesses trading at attractive valuations. The strategy aims to deliver long-term capital growth while aligning with responsible investment principles.

**Benchmark:** S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index

**Style:** Active value-oriented Australian equities with responsible investment overlay

## PRAEMIUM SMA DNR CAPITAL AUSTRALIAN EQUITIES SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE



The DNR Capital Australian Equities Socially Responsible model portfolio—offered via Praemium SMAs—invests in a concentrated mix of high-quality, large- to mid-cap Australian equities selected for their strong ESG traits and ethical positioning. It employs a rigorous three-stage approach—negative screening (excluding companies involved in pornography, gambling, armaments, or tobacco), ESG integration through proprietary scoring, and active corporate engagement—while maintaining style neutrality balanced with quality and valuation focus. The strategy targets capital growth via high-conviction stock selection, typically holding between 15 and 30 stocks with an investment horizon of five years or more.

**Benchmark:** S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index

**Style:** Style-neutral quality-focused Australian equities with ESG and negative screening

## INTERNATIONAL EQUITY

The International Shares portfolio offers diversified exposure to global markets, allowing investors to benefit from the performance of companies outside Australia. By investing in international equities, this portfolio provides access to industries and sectors that may be underrepresented in the local market, such as technology, pharmaceuticals, and global consumer brands. The portfolio is designed to reduce risk through international diversification and to capture long-term growth opportunities from developed and emerging economies alike.

## AXA IM SUSTAINABLE EQUITY FUND



The AXA IM Sustainable Equity Fund is a global equity strategy that targets companies demonstrating strong ESG credentials and long-term sustainable business models. It invests in high-quality businesses across developed markets that contribute positively to environmental or social outcomes, while maintaining financial discipline and a focus on capital growth. The fund integrates ESG analysis throughout its investment process, applying both exclusionary and positive screening, and actively engages with companies on sustainability issues. Its diversified, benchmark-aware approach balances risk while aiming to generate attractive long-term returns aligned with responsible investment values.

**Benchmark:** MSCI World ex Australia Index NR AUD

**Style:** Active global equities with ESG integration and thematic sustainability focus

## BETASHARES GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS ETF



The BetaShares Global Sustainability Leaders ETF provides exposure to a portfolio of large global companies that are climate leaders and demonstrate strong ESG performance. It tracks a custom index that excludes fossil fuel producers and other sectors deemed harmful, while including companies with a positive environmental or social impact, such as those aligned with clean energy, sustainable consumption, or ethical governance. With a focus on transparency and strict screening criteria, the fund offers a values-aligned solution for investors seeking global equity exposure that reflects sustainability leadership.

**Benchmark:** Nasdaq Future Global Sustainability Leaders Index

**Style:** Passive global equities with ethical and climate-conscious screening

## ISHARES CORE MSCI WORLD EX AUSTRALIA ESG (AUD HEDGED) ETF



The iShares Core MSCI World ex Australia ESG (AUD Hedged) ETF offers cost-effective access to a diversified portfolio of large- and mid-cap companies across developed markets, excluding Australia. The fund applies ESG screening to remove companies involved in controversial sectors such as tobacco, weapons, and fossil fuels, and integrates sustainability considerations into index construction. Currency hedging to AUD is employed to minimise the impact of foreign exchange fluctuations, making the ETF suitable for long-term investors seeking responsible global equity exposure with reduced currency volatility.

**Benchmark:** MSCI World ex Australia Custom ESG Index Hedged to AUD **Style:** Passive developed market equities with ESG integration

## STEWART INVESTORS WORLDWIDE ALL CAP FUND



The Stewart Investors Worldwide All Cap Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of global companies across all market capitalisations, with a strong emphasis on quality, sustainability, and long-term stewardship. The fund follows a bottom-up, benchmark-unaware approach focused on identifying businesses with durable franchises, strong balance sheets, and ethical management teams. It aims to protect capital over the long term while delivering steady compounding returns, making it particularly suited to investors seeking a conservative, values-driven global equity exposure. The fund is also notable for its emphasis on social and environmental sustainability as part of the core investment process.

**Benchmark:** MSCI AC World Index NR AUD

**Style:** High-quality, sustainability-led global equities across all caps

## FIXED INTEREST

The Fixed Interest portfolio includes investments in bonds and other debt instruments issued by governments, corporations, and other entities. This asset class is aimed at providing steady income while reducing overall portfolio risk. Fixed interest investments are typically more stable than equities, making them a key component for those looking to preserve capital and mitigate the volatility of more growth-oriented assets. They are particularly valuable in times of economic uncertainty, offering predictable returns and acting as a cushion against market fluctuations.

### BETASHARES AUSTRALIAN BANK SENIOR FLOATING RATE BOND ETF



The BetaShares Australian Bank Senior Floating Rate Bond ETF aims to provide investors with attractive and regular income through exposure to senior floating rate bonds issued by major Australian banks. The fund seeks to track the performance of an index that includes some of the largest and most liquid senior floating rate bonds, primarily allocated to the "big four" Australian banks. This strategy allows the ETF to benefit from rising interest rates, as the income generated from these bonds increases accordingly. With a running yield of approximately 5.23% and an estimated yield to maturity of around 4.80%, the ETF is designed for investors seeking capital preservation and regular income. It pays monthly distributions, providing a steady income stream while maintaining a high level of capital stability due to the quality of the underlying bank bonds.

**Benchmark:** S&P/ASX Australian Bank Senior Floating Rate Bond Index **Style:** Fixed Income - Floating Rate Bonds

### BETASHARES ETHICAL AUSTRALIAN COMPOSITE BOND ETF



The BetaShares Ethical Australian Composite Bond ETF provides exposure to a diversified portfolio of high-quality Australian fixed income securities while applying a robust ethical screening process. The fund excludes issuers involved in fossil fuels, gambling, tobacco, weapons, and other activities deemed inconsistent with responsible investment principles. It tracks a custom index based on the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+ Yr Index, with ESG exclusions applied. Designed to offer income and capital stability, the ETF suits investors seeking a defensive allocation aligned with sustainability values.

**Benchmark:** Solactive Australian Bank Investment Grade AUD AUD TR Index **Style:** Passive Australian investment-grade bonds with ESG exclusions

### VANGUARD ETHICALLY CONSCIOUS GLOBAL AGGREGATE BOND INDEX FUND (HEDGED)



The Vanguard Ethically Conscious Global Aggregate Bond Index Fund (Hedged) offers diversified exposure to global investment-grade fixed income securities while excluding issuers involved in controversial industries such as fossil fuels, nuclear weapons, tobacco, and other ESG-related screens. The fund passively tracks an index that applies these exclusions to the global bond universe, covering sovereign, government-related, and corporate bonds. Currency risk is managed through hedging to AUD, providing stability for Australian investors seeking ethical fixed income exposure with minimal volatility. This fund is well-suited for values-aligned portfolios that require defensive characteristics and broad fixed income diversification.

**Benchmark:** Bloomberg MSCI Global Aggregate Select Ex Securitized ex Fossil Fuel Index Hedged AUD **Style:** Passive global investment-grade bonds with ESG exclusions

## ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives encompass a wide range of investment strategies that differ from traditional assets like stocks and bonds. This portfolio includes private equity, hedge funds, and real assets such as infrastructure and commodities. The goal of alternatives is to enhance diversification and provide uncorrelated sources of return, helping to improve portfolio performance in different market conditions. These investments can reduce overall portfolio risk while potentially offering higher returns compared to traditional asset classes over the long term.

### PERPETUAL ESG REAL RETURN FUND



The Perpetual ESG Real Return Fund is a multi-asset strategy that seeks to deliver inflation-plus returns over the medium term, with an emphasis on capital preservation and responsible investing. The fund actively allocates across a diversified mix of asset classes—including equities, fixed income, cash, and alternatives—while applying ESG screens and sustainability considerations throughout its investment process. It avoids exposure to industries such as fossil fuels, tobacco, and armaments, aligning with ethical investment principles. The flexible and defensive nature of the strategy makes it suitable for investors seeking real returns with lower volatility and ESG alignment.

**Benchmark:** CPI + 5%

**Style:** Active multi-asset strategy with dynamic asset allocation and ethical screening

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