

## Pendal Sustainable Australian Share Fund

ARSN: 097 661 857

## Factsheet

Equity Strategies

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### About the Fund

The Pendal Sustainable Australian Share Fund (**Fund**) is an actively managed portfolio of Australian shares. Investments are selected based on a range of sustainable, ethical and financial criteria. The Fund seeks exposure to companies that are more sustainable while avoiding those that cause significant social and/or environmental harm.

### Investment Return Objective

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that exceeds the S&P/ASX 200 (TR) Index over the medium to long term, whilst maximising the portfolio's focus on sustainability. The recommended investment timeframe is five years or more.

### Investment Approach

The Fund seeks to avoid companies that cause harm or undermine a more sustainable economy. On this basis, we employ sector/activity-based exclusionary screens, as well as incident-based screens.

In managing the Fund, we avoid companies involved in:

- Fossil Fuels
- Uranium
- Logging
- Gambling
- Pornography
- Weapons
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Animal cruelty
- Predatory lending practices
- Breaches/Misconduct

Refer to the PDS for full details.

The Fund also applies a sustainability assessment framework alongside the core portfolio construction process. It draws on both qualitative and quantitative inputs to determine which companies meet our sustainability criteria.

The Fund's sustainability assessment framework considers a company's characteristics, including:

- The extent to which its products or services are beneficial to the environment and/or society;
- The manner in which it conducts its business and employs leading sustainability practices; and
- Its management of its environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks.

The Fund typically favours companies which demonstrate leading sustainability characteristics under this assessment framework, and typically avoids those which rate poorly. Any investment in the Fund, regardless of its sustainability assessment, must also pass our rigorous fundamental investment criteria before being owned in the portfolio.

Additionally, Pendal actively engages with companies as part of the management of this Fund. For example, we engage companies to ensure ESG risks are being appropriately managed, to avoid or minimise potential harms, and to drive changes to improve a company's sustainability characteristics.

### Investment Team

The Fund is managed by Rajinder Singh in Pendal's Australian Equity team who has more than 20 years' industry experience.

### Risks

An investment in the Fund involves risk, including:

- **Market risk:** The risk that factors affecting one or more countries that can influence the direction and volatility of an overall market, as opposed to security-specific risks.
- **Security specific risk:** The risks associated with an individual security.

Please read the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement (**PDS**) for a detailed explanation of each of these risks.

### Performance

(%)	Total Returns		Benchmark
	(post-fee)	(pre-fee)	Return
1 month	2.91	2.98	2.75
3 months	3.41	3.63	2.09
6 months	5.93	6.39	3.84
1 year (pa)	19.33	20.35	17.23
2 years (pa)	11.26	12.21	9.03
3 years (pa)	15.59	16.59	13.62
5 years (pa)	10.10	11.04	9.76

### Sector Allocation (as at 31 December 2021)

Materials	21.4%
Industrials	9.8%
Consumer Discretionary	1.6%
Consumer Staples	0.5%
Health Care	12.3%
Information Technology	4.8%
Telecommunication Services	10.1%
Utilities	0.0%
Financials ex Property Trusts	29.9%
Property Trusts	7.6%
Cash & other	2.0%

### Top 10 Holdings (as at 31 December 2021)

CSL Limited	9.1%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd	7.4%
Telstra Corporation Limited	6.1%
National Australia Bank Limited	6.0%
Macquarie Group Limited	5.2%
Qantas Airways Limited	3.8%
Westpac Banking Corporation	3.7%
Fortescue Metals Group Limited	3.6%
James Hardie Industries Plc	3.5%
QBE Insurance Group Limited	3.3%



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## Other information

Fund size (as at 31 Dec 2021)	\$474 million
Date of inception	October 2001
Minimum investment	\$25,000
Buy-sell spread <sup>1</sup>	For the Fund's current buy-sell spread information, visit <a href="http://www.pendalgroup.com">www.pendalgroup.com</a>
Distribution frequency	Half-yearly
APIR code	WFS0285AU

<sup>1</sup> The buy-sell spread represents transaction costs incurred whenever you invest or withdraw funds, and may vary from time to time without notice.

## Management Costs<sup>2</sup>

Issuer fee <sup>3</sup>	0.85% pa
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<sup>2</sup> You should refer to the latest Product Disclosure Statement for full details of fees and other costs you may be charged.

<sup>3</sup> This is the fee we charge for overseeing the operations of the Fund and managing the assets of the Fund. The Issuer fee is paid from the assets of the Fund and is reflected in the unit price of your investment.

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## Carbon performance

The estimated weighted average carbon intensity (WACI) of the portfolio, using greenhouse gas emissions (scope 1 and 2<sup>1</sup>) data supplied by ISS and weighted by the size of our holding in each company, is shown in the table below. In other words, this provides an indication of a portfolio's exposure to carbon intensive companies. We also compare this to the weighted average emissions for the companies in the aggregated ASX300 index.

We caution that there are limitations of using carbon metrics as an indicator of a portfolio's overall exposure to climate-related risks. For example, not all companies report their emissions data and hence some of the below analysis includes estimates. Also, it does not include scope 3 emissions. Further, portfolio carbon analysis does not capture exposure to physical climate-related risks, or the unique transition risks some companies within the portfolio face. Nevertheless, the WACI metric is recommended by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)<sup>2</sup>, noting it supports greater comparability of investor reporting.

## Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e / \$M revenue)

Pental Sustainable Australian Share Fund	ASX 300	Relative to ASX300
125.67	176.58	-50.91

Source: Pental, ISS as at 31 December 2021, Currency AUD

<sup>1</sup> Scope 1 emissions result from sources directly owned or controlled by the company. Scope 2 accounts for GHG emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by the company. Scope 3 emissions result from activities not directly owned or controlled by the company but are associated with its operation such as business travel, waste management, commuting, and the use of sold products and services. <https://ghgprotocol.org/sites/default/files/standards/ghg-protocol-revised.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures, June 2017 <https://www.fsb-tcfid.org/recommendations/>

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