



# AB Sustainable Global Thematic Equities Fund

## Fund Review

- During the March quarter, the Fund underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index, which was up 13.2% in Australian dollar terms.
- During the quarter, stock selection detracted from overall returns, while sector selection contributed. Stock selection within technology and financials detracted the most, while selection in industrials and an overweight to technology contributed.

## Fund Performance

	One Month	Three Months	FYTD	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Since Inception †
Gross Fund Returns	1.28%	10.41%	12.22%	19.23%	–	–	20.78%
<b>Total Fund Returns</b>	<b>1.19%</b>	<b>10.13%</b>	<b>11.34%</b>	<b>17.98%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>19.47%</b>
Growth Returns	1.19%	10.13%	11.34%	17.85%	–	–	19.37%
Distribution Returns	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.13%	–	–	0.10%
Benchmark Returns	2.94%	13.16%	18.40%	26.49%	–	–	26.94%
Relative Returns	-1.75%	-3.04%	-7.06%	-8.52%	–	–	-7.48%
<b>Composite*</b>	<b>1.30%</b>	<b>10.43%</b>	<b>12.12%</b>	<b>19.72%</b>	<b>8.33%</b>	<b>14.56%</b>	<b>15.85%</b>
Benchmark Returns	2.94%	13.16%	18.40%	26.49%	12.62%	12.82%	13.13%
Relative Returns	-1.64%	-2.73	-6.28%	6.77%	-4.29%	1.74%	2.72%

See Performance Figures disclosures.

\*Sustainable Global Thematic (Currency Hedged to Benchmark) Composite (in Australian dollars). See AB GIPS Report.

†Fund inception date is 20 December 2022; Composite inception date is 1 July 2013 when Dan Roarty was appointed Chief Investment Officer—Sustainable Thematic Equities.

Benchmark: MSCI All Country World Index in Australian dollars

## Top 10 Holdings (Percent Total Net Assets)

Stock Name	Portfolio	Index
Microsoft	3.3	4.1
Visa	3.2	0.6
Waste Management Inc.	3.1	0.1
Unilever	2.6	0.2
NVIDIA	2.6	3.1
ICON	2.5	0.0
NextEra Energy	2.5	0.2
Accenture	2.3	0.3
MSCI	2.3	0.1
ASML	2.3	0.5
<b>Total Number of Stocks</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2,833</b>

## Performance Figures

In Australian dollars. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. The total, growth and distribution returns of the SGT Fund are net of fees and costs and do not allow for tax or inflation. Performance is calculated in accordance with the Financial Services Council Standard No. 6, using the relevant end-of-month exit prices, and assumes that income is reinvested and that the investment is held for the full period. The performance figures are historical and past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance. The information above may change.

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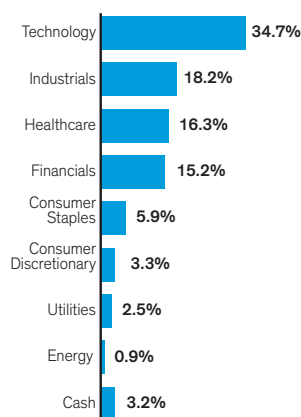
### Detractors

- Infineon Technology, from our Climate theme, engages in the provision of power and sensing solutions, as well as technologies for the electrification of the automotive industry. Shares detracted on concern that a slowing macroeconomic environment will have a negative impact on semiconductor end-users, especially in the automotive industry. We believe increasing demand for electric vehicles, renewables and auto safety will provide opportunities for growth over the long term.
- Adobe, from our Empowerment theme, detracted after reporting a strong first quarter but providing a lighter-than-expected outlook for the company's second quarter, where expectations for further uplift from monetization of Adobe's newer generative AI products released last year was higher. The company highlighted a number of positives in the quarter, including operating margin expansion even in the face of continued new product releases, strength from its research and development organization, and a four-year \$US25 billion share buyback program. We expect the second half of the year to demonstrate strength, and we remain confident in Adobe's growth trajectory, supported by several recent and upcoming product launches and the prospects for AI monetization.
- Calix, a provider of internet access equipment for network buildouts in the US, from our Empowerment theme, detracted as customers shifted planning resources to applying for a massive funding program from the US government, the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. While deployments have slowed in 2024, it creates an even bigger potential setup for growth in 2025, when disbursements from BEAD flow in earnest and Calix's customers race to deploy. We think investors will get excited about the company as we get closer to this reality.

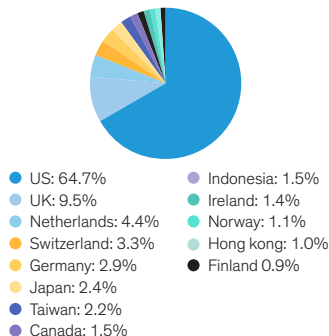
### Contributors

- Flex, an outsourced manufacturer of products including communication devices and autonomous driving systems for electric cars, from our Climate theme, contributed after posting strong performance during the period. The company is seen as a beneficiary of AI-related data center spend as it produces servers and full rack systems for customers. Additionally, operating margins have been stronger than expected, which supports earnings in the face of macroeconomic-related headwinds in the consumer and industrial segments.
- ASML, a provider of advanced lithography technology for the semiconductor industry, also from our Empowerment theme, contributed after it beat earnings expectations amid record bookings; it also had some positive commentary surrounding installed base and margin tailwind. The massive order figure suggests increasing confidence for growth reaccelerating in 2025.
- Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing, the world's largest chipmaker, from our Climate theme, contributed following growing need for semiconductors driven by AI demand.

**Sector Overview**



**Geographical Exposure**



**Key Facts**

Portfolio Managers	Dan Roarty and Ben Ruegsegger
Inception Date	20 December 2022
Fund Size	A\$12,093,104
APIR	ACM8902AU
Minimum Investment	A\$50,000
Entry/Exit Fee	None
Buy/Sell Spread	0.20%/0.20%
Management Cost	1.06% p.a.
ICR <sup>‡</sup>	1.06% p.a.
Distribution Frequency	Annual

‡ Indirect cost ratio (ICR). Financial year to date, annualised

**Fund Benefits:**

- A portfolio of global equity securities organised by key sustainable investment themes derived from the UNSDGs such as, but not limited to climate, health and empowerment. These securities have undergone a comprehensive assessment of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors
- Potential for long-term capital growth
- Access to experienced AB investment professionals and investment processes.

**Ratings**



**Important Information**

The Fund has been operating since 20 December 2022. To provide a longer term indication of performance in the Fund's strategy, see the Appendix which presents returns for the Sustainable Global Thematic (Currency Hedged to Benchmark) Composite (in Australian Dollars) ("Composite") (the "Composite") from the date that the current CIO for the strategy was appointed (July 1, 2013). The performance presented is gross of fees and detailed in the Total Return Methodology and Fee Structure in the attached Performance Disclosure. The performance of the Composite is not the performance of the Fund. The management style and investment guidelines of the Fund and account(s) within the Composite are substantially similar. The Fund has no past performance. Historical performance of the Composite is provided on this basis as an indication of past performance of an account similarly managed. Past performance of the Composite is not a guarantee of future performance of the Fund.

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## AB GIPS Report

Sustainable Global Thematic (Currency Hedged to Benchmark) Composite (in Australian dollars)

Period	Composite Assets (AUD millions)	Composite Accounts at End of Period	Gross Return (%)	Net Return (%)	Internal Composite Dispersion (%)	Composite 3 Year Ann. Ex Post Standard Deviation (%)	Benchmark 3 Year Ann. Ex Post Standard Deviation (%)	Total Firm Assets (AUD billions)	MSCI ACWI (Net) Index Return (%)
2022	8,058.5	6	(21.15)	(21.77)	0.13	16.21	12.47	804.2	(12.48)
2021	10,925.3	4	31.29	30.25	0.12	11.37	10.72	941.9	25.81
2020	4,599.0	4	28.33	27.31	0.18	11.91	11.34	791.9	5.90
2019	2,975.4	3	31.20	30.16	0.15	10.40	9.22	817.2	26.79
2018	2,349.3	3	1.38	0.58	0.04	10.70	9.04	672.6	0.64
2017	2,599.2	3	27.66	26.64	0.10	11.68	10.07	655.8	14.77
2016	1,862.1	3	0.42	(0.38)	0.24	12.02	9.81	613.9	8.38
2015	1,186.5	3	16.86	15.93	0.20	11.62	10.19	593.9	9.82
2014	1,098.3	3	15.89	14.97	0.15	12.83	8.68	538.5	13.87
2013	1,123.6	3	44.37	43.23	0.05	14.75	9.97	465.6	42.51
3 Years *			9.93	9.06					5.26
5 Years *			12.06	11.17					8.27
10 Years *			16.05	15.12					12.68

\*annualized through most recent year-end

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- 0.500% on the next 50 million in US Dollars
- 0.400% on the balance

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