# **Smart Exchange Traded Funds**



# **Smart US ESG ETF**

#### Fund update for the quarter ended 31 December 2024

This fund update was first made publicly available on 12 February 2025.

# What is the purpose of this update?

This document tells you how the Smart US ESG ETF has performed and what fees were charged. The document will help you to compare the fund with other funds. Smartshares Limited prepared this update in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. This information is not audited and may be updated.

# **Description of this fund**

The Smart US ESG ETF is designed to track the return (before tax, fees and other expenses) of the MSCI USA ESG Screened Index.

The Index is comprised of US companies screened for exposure to controversial weapons, civilian firearms, tobacco, thermal coal and oil sands. The Index excludes companies that fail to

comply with the United Nations Global Compact Principles. For more information, please refer to the <u>Smart Responsible Investment Policy</u>.

Total value of the fund	\$33,901,830
The date the fund started	6 June 2019

# What are the risks of investing?

#### Risk indicator for the Smart US ESG ETF



The risk indicator is rated from 1 (low) to 7 (high). The rating reflects how much the value of the fund's assets goes up and down. A higher risk generally means higher potential returns over time, but more ups and downs along the way.

To help you clarify your own attitude to risk, you can seek financial advice or work out your risk profile at <a href="mailto:sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-profiler">sorted.org.nz/tools/investor-profiler</a>.

Note that even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment, and there are other risks that are not captured by this rating.

This risk indicator is not a guarantee of a fund's future performance. The risk indicator is based on the returns data for 5 years to 31 December 2024. While risk indicators are usually relatively stable, they do shift from time to time. The risk indicator will continue to be updated in future fund updates.

See the Product Disclosure Statement for the Smart Exchange Traded Funds – Global Series for more information about the risks associated with investing in this fund.

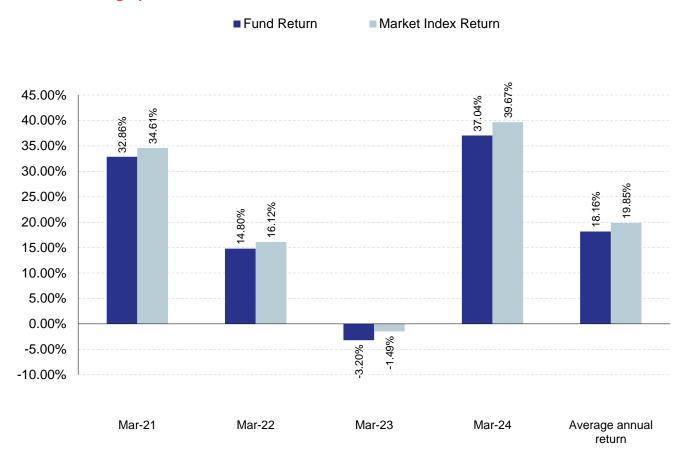


# How has the fund performed?

	Average over past 5 years	Past year
Annual return (after deductions for charges and tax)	17.51%	40.30%
Annual return (after deductions for charges but before tax)	19.08%	42.21%
Market index annual return (reflects no deduction for charges and tax)	19.24%	42.41%

The market index annual return is based on the annual return of the MSCI USA ESG Screened Index. Additional information about the market index is available in the 'Other Material Information' document on the offer register at <a href="mailto:disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz">disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</a>.

#### **Annual return graph**



This shows the return after fund charges and tax for each year ending 31 March since the fund started. The last bar shows the average annual return since the fund started, up to 31 December 2024.

**Important:** This does not tell you how the fund will perform in the future.

Returns in this update are after tax at the highest prescribed investor rate (PIR) of tax for an individual New Zealand resident. Your tax may be lower.



# What fees are investors charged?

Investors in the Smart US ESG ETF are charged fund charges. In the year to 31 March 2024 these were:

	% per annum of fund's net asset value
Total fund charges	0.34%
Which are made up of:	
Total management and administration charges	0.34%
Including:	
Manager's basic fee	0.33%
Other management and administration charges	0.01%1

Investors may also be charged individual action fees for specific actions or decisions (for example, withdrawing from or switching funds). See the Product Disclosure Statement for the Smart Exchange Traded Funds – Global Series for more information about those fees.

The fees set out above include GST where applicable.

Small differences in fees and charges can have a big impact on your investment over the long term.

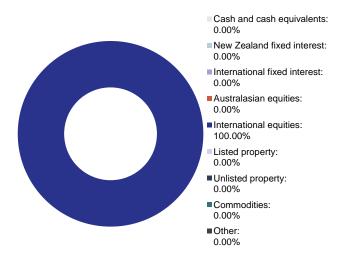
# **Example of how this applies to an investor**

Tara had \$10,000 in the fund at the start of the year and did not make any further contributions. At the end of the year, Tara received a return after fund charges were deducted but before tax of \$4,221 (that is 42.21% of Tara's initial \$10,000). This gives Tara a total return after tax of \$4,030 for the year.

#### What does the fund invest in?

#### **Actual investment mix**

This shows the types of assets that the fund invests in.



#### **Target investment mix**

This shows the mix of assets that the fund generally intends to invest in.

Asset Category	Target Asset Mix
Cash and cash equivalents	-
New Zealand fixed interest	-
International fixed interest	-
Australasian equities	-
International equities	100.00%
Listed property	-
Unlisted property	-
Commodities	-
Other	-



#### Top 10 investments<sup>2</sup>

Name	% of fund's net asset value	Туре	Country	Credit rating (if applicable)
ISHARES MSCI USA ESG SCREENED UCITS ETF	100.00%	International equities	Ireland	
NZD CASH ACCOUNT (ANZ BANK)	0.48%	Cash and cash equivalents	New Zealand	AA-
NZD CASH ACCOUNT (ANZ BANK)	0.01%	Cash and cash equivalents	New Zealand	AA-
USD CASH ACCOUNT (BNP PARIBAS)	0.00%	Cash and cash equivalents	United States	AA-

The top 10 investments make up 100.49% of the fund's net asset value.

#### **Currency hedging**

The fund's foreign currency exposure is not hedged.

# **Key personnel**

This shows the directors and employees who have the most influence on the investment decisions of the fund:

Name	Current position	Time in current position	Previous or other current position	Time in previous or other current position
Guy Roulston Elliffe	Director	9 years and 1 month	Corporate Governance Manager - ACC (current position)	9 years and 8 months
Stuart Kenneth Reginald Millar	Chief Investment Officer - Smartshares	5 years and 7 months	Head of Portfolio Management - ANZ Investments	6 years and 4 months
Anna Lennie Scott	Chief Executive Officer - Smartshares	1 year and 3 months	Chief Operating Officer and Director - Hobson Wealth	5 years and 2 months
Alister John Williams	Director	9 years and 1 month	Investment Manager - Trust Management	5 years and 4 months

### **Further information**

You can also obtain this information, the Product Disclosure Statement for the Smart Exchange Traded Funds – Global Series, and some additional information from the offer register at <u>disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz</u>.

#### **Notes**

- These charges refer to the normal fund operating costs that are charged to the fund. For disclosure purposes, supervisor, audit and legal costs are not included in the manager's basic fee, but are included in the other management and administration charges. Some of these are fixed costs so the amount shown can range from 0% up to the total fund charges depending on the total value of the fund.
- The top 10 investments listed in the table exclude current assets and current liabilities, and as a result do not sum to 100%.

