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Ausbil launches a sustainable investment solution

Ausbil Investment Management (Ausbil) has launched an investment product specifically designed to meet the growing demand for sustainable investments.

The Ausbil Active Sustainable Equity Fund invests in companies with sound sustainability profiles and avoids companies that are vulnerable to long-term earnings risk from sustainability weaknesses.

Chief Investment Officer and Head of Equities, Paul Xiradis, said that ESG factors are an integral part of Ausbil's investment process, which is designed to add value throughout the market cycle.

"Rather than focusing only on growth or value investing, our investment process allows us to exploit the inefficiencies across the entire market, at all stages on the cycle and in all market conditions.

"Our ESG stock research means that we're better informed and it's our belief that this will lead to better performance over the long term", Mr Xiradis explained.

The Fund will generally hold between 30 and 45 stocks, selected mainly from those in the S&P/ ASX 200 Index. Investment decisions will draw from Ausbil's specialist environmental, social and governance (ESG) research team.

"We spend a lot of time with companies to identify earnings that are sustainable over time and we actively engage with management to ensure that they are committed to their ESG responsibilities", said Ausbil Head of ESG Research, Mans Carlsson-Sweeny.

Mark Knight, Ausbil Head of Distribution, said that market demand for ESG-focused investments has grown significantly.

"Investors are now far more ESG aware and are seeking investment options that adopt a sustainable approach.

"At the same time, they're seeking an active return over time", Mr Knight said.

Further details about the Ausbil Active Sustainable Equity Fund are available at Ausbil's website. The Fund may be accessed via the Product Disclosure Statement or by phoning our client services team.

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About Ausbil Investment Management

Ausbil Investment Management Limited is a leading Australian based investment manager. Established in April 1997, Ausbil's core business is the management of Australian equities for major superannuation funds, institutional investors, master trust and retail clients. Ausbil is owned by its employees and New York Life Investment Management (NYLIM), a wholly owned subsidiary of New York Life Insurance Company. As at 30 November 2018, Ausbil manage over \$10.3 billion in funds under management.

About the Ausbil Active Sustainable Fund

The Fund provides exposure to an actively managed portfolio, predominantly made up of listed Australian equities which meet Ausbil's sustainability approach to investing. The Fund invests in a portfolio of listed Australian companies which are primarily selected from the S&P/ASX 200 Index, that have a relatively good sustainable profile that are not subject to long-term earnings sustainability risk. The objective is to achieve returns (before fees and taxes) in excess of the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index over the long term by primarily investing in listed Australian companies which meet Ausbil's sustainability approach to investing. The portfolio manager is Paul Xiradis.

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