



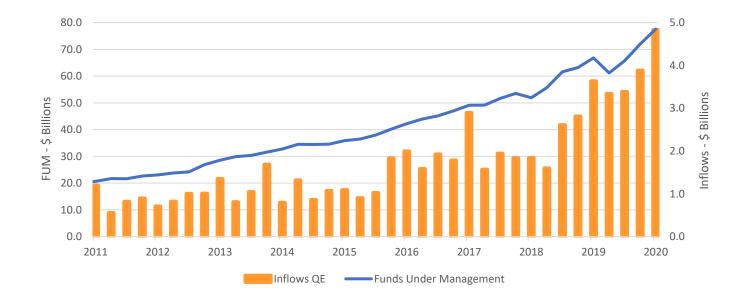
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Market Overview

Analysis of Australian & New Zealand Responsible Funds at Dec-20

16.1% Annual Growth in Responsible Investment Funds Outperforming the Wider Market

The Responsible Investment Managed Funds market, as captured by Plan For Life across Australia and New Zealand, accounted for \$77.6bn of Funds Under Management at the end of 2020, up 16.1% over the past year driven by sustained growth in investment markets and record Inflows. On average, annual growth in Responsible Funds has exceeded the wider market by 6.7% p.a. consistently over the past 3 years and total Responsible Funds have had negative quarterly Net Flows only twice since 2014.



Australian Investment Responsible funds, including both Retail and Wholesale Unit Trusts, account for almost 56% of the Responsible market and while posting slower annual growth than the ETF and NZ sub-markets, still rose 14.6% amidst a wider Investment market that gained only 1.1% over the past year.

The corresponding **Australian Super** Responsible sub-market increased 11.2% over the latest year and recorded a 5 year CAGR of 11.5% and holds almost 24% of overall Responsible Investment Funds Under Management.

ETFs have been slower to embrace Responsible Investment as a focus but are growing rapidly in terms of both FUM and products, now with 19 products making up the current total and FUM rising 67% over the past year.

New Zealand Responsible Funds now comprise \$12.8bn of Funds Under Management, which is over 16% of the total NZ Retail market and have defied fluctuating investment markets to post significant growth including 27% 5 year CAGR.





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Funds Under Management								
\$millions	2020		2019		2015		Growth Rates	
							Annual	5yr CAGR
Australian Investment	43,127	55.58%	37,618	56.30%	20,777	57.95%	14.65%	15.73%
Australian Super	18,544	23.90%	16,676	24.96%	10,761	30.01%	11.21%	11.50%
New Zealand	12,776	16.46%	10,630	15.91%	3,903	10.89%	20.18%	26.76%
Exchange Traded Funds	3,153	4.06%	1,887	2.82%	413	1.15%	67.06%	50.17%
Totals	77,600	100.00%	66,811	100.00%	35,854	100.00%	16.15%	16.70%

Responsible International Equity Trusts have on average clearly outperformed comparable Trusts over the past 5 years, displaying both higher peaks and superior performance during falling markets although the gap has closed over recent quarters.







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