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Market Overview

Analysis of Australian & New Zealand Responsible Funds at March 2022

43.6% 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 \$120.0bn of Funds Under Management at the end of March 2022, up 43.6% over the past year driven by continuing growth in investment markets, which remained positive on an annual basis despite a fall during the latest quarter, and the largest annual Inflows on record. On average Responsible Funds grew 22% p.a. over the past 5 years compared to 10% p.a. for the wider market, while total Responsible Funds have not experienced negative quarterly Net Flows since 2016.



Australian Investment Responsible funds, including both Retail and Wholesale Unit Trusts, account for almost 50% of the Responsible market and while posting slower annual growth than the ETF and Super sub-markets, still rose 31.9% which was more than double that of the wider Investment market which grew 15.5% over the past year.

The corresponding **Australian Super** Responsible sub-market increased 78.1% over the latest year (partly due to the inclusion of UniSuper responsible options) and recorded a 5 year CAGR of 22.6% while representing over 30% of overall Responsible Investment Funds Under Management.

Responsible thematic **ETFs** are growing rapidly in terms of both FUM and products, now with 34 products making up the current total and FUM rising 112.8% over the past year.

New Zealand Responsible Funds now comprise \$16.1bn of Funds Under Management, which is 11% of the total NZ Retail market and have defied fluctuating investment markets to post significant growth including a 27.1% 5 year CAGR.





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Funds Under Management								
\$millions	March 2022		March 2021		March 2017		Growth Rates	
							Annual	5yr CAGR
Australian Investment	59,205	49.32%	44,893	53.72%	25,719	57.85%	31.88%	18.15%
Australian Super	36,806	30.66%	20,671	24.74%	13,259	29.82%	78.06%	22.65%
New Zealand	16,116	13.43%	14,286	17.09%	4,850	10.91%	12.81%	27.14%
Exchange Traded Funds	7,912	6.59%	3,718	4.45%	631	1.42%	112.78%	65.80%
Totals	120,039	100.00%	83,568	100.00%	44,460	100.00%	43.64%	21.98%

Responsible International Equity trusts displayed a similar overall trend to comparable trusts over the past 5 years but on average have clearly outperformed since 2020, exhibiting extended peaks and outperformance during falling markets when compared to the wider market.









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