

# Nanuk – New World Fund

Ethical Survey, as voted by members of the Ethical Advisers Co-Op



Poor | Disappointing | Average | Appealing | Excellent

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## Fund Overview

This is an actively managed fund investing globally in listed companies. It has negative and positive filters. The investment focus is environmental sustainability and resource efficiency.

## Ethical Concerns

### Investments

- ✘ Some investments in the Fund may be problematic for ethical investors, such as:
  - Indirect exposure to fossil fuel transportation and gas fired electricity generating equipment, through investments such as Siemens and Canadian National Railway.
  - Higher than average direct GHG emissions of some holdings such as Air Liquide in their production of gases for industrial and medical usage.
  - Indirect exposure to defence contractors in Carlisle Companies Incorporated, whose electrical components are used in some defence applications.

### Other concerns

- ✘ Nanuk's exclusion filters permit exposure to companies with low levels of involvement in areas such as fossil fuel generation in companies that meet their positive screening criteria and have high levels of involvement in areas contributing positively to global sustainability such as renewable energy. Involvement in fossil fuel generation is subject to a 10% threshold and is only permitted where commitments are in place to exit from fossil fuel generation.
- ✘ Nanuk may invest in companies involved in controversial areas where the relevant business is marked for sale or closure, or the nature of the involvement is trivial and unrelated to the primary operations of a company.

## Good Points

- ✓ Nanuk specialises in sustainability-themed investments
- ✓ Nanuk's investment universe focuses on nine broad sectors – Sustainable energy, sustainable food and agriculture, sustainable cities and infrastructure, sustainable transport, sustainable industry, sustainable healthcare, sustainable consumption, sustainable business and economics and sustainable environment.
- ✓ Nanuk's fund excludes fossil fuel exploration and production, coal and uranium mining, fossil fuel generation, severe environmental damage, alcohol, tobacco and non-medical cannabis, gambling, adult entertainment, weapons and defence, correctional facilities, predatory lending, non-food and pharmaceutical animal testing, non-RSPO palm oil, hazardous pesticides, serious violations of responsible business practices including modern slavery and business malpractice.
- ✓ Commitment to transparency by being UNPRI signatory and RIAA certified.
- ✓ Nanuk is an IGCC (Investor Group on Climate Change) member.
- ✓ The following information is on Nanuk's website:
  - 2020 proxy voting report
  - 2020 impact and ESG report
  - Responsible impact calculator
  - Investor impact calculator

## About the 'Ethical Survey'

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### About the Ethical Advisers Co-Op

The Ethical Advisers Co-op is a group of 35 financial advisers who are passionate about ethics and finance. The Co-op was established as a not-for-profit over 10 years ago to enable likeminded financial advisers to work together to represent the voice of the consumer. We work to shift the super and investment industry into being more ethically aligned with their clients' objectives. The Co-op's nationwide membership of ethical financial advisers help over 3,300 Australians make financial decisions and invest in line with their ethical values.

### How the Leaf-System Works

The ethical rating is voted by Australian financial advisers who specialise in ethical investments (Co-op members). The advisers assess if fund ethics suit their average ethical client, and if it matches with the average client's expectations and objectives. The advisers consider how successful the fund is at; 1) removing industries and stocks harmful to the environment and society 2) including companies with environmental or social benefits, and 3) providing evidence of actions from the fund which benefit society and/or the environment. The quality of information the fund provides on its ethical policies, companies invested in, and proxy voting is important in assessing if a fund is as ethical as claimed. The final rating is an average of these votes.

Financial advisers are voluntarily participating to help ethical consumers gain a quick understanding of how the clients of a group of industry professionals view the ethics of each fund. The Co-op and the advisers do not receive any form of remuneration or reward for participating.

### Further Research

#### *Does your fund walk the talk?*

The Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility (ACCR) – a not-for-profit shareholder advocacy organisation – pushes for transparency around whether your super fund 'walks the talk' on issues such as climate and human rights. You can find details on your super fund [here](#).

#### *Is your fund investing in fossil fuels?*

Market Forces is a not-for-profit delivering transparency on fossil fuel lending, insuring and investing within super funds, banks and insurance companies. You can see how exposed your super fund, bank or insurance company is to the fossil fuel industry [here](#).

#### *If the fund is certified by the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA)*

You can find more ethical and investment information for certified funds [here](#).

#### *More information on this fund*

For exact details of the fund's claimed ethics, costs and legal details see the fund's Product Disclosure Statement - available on their website.

*Vote based on information last updated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022.*