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AQTY VanEck MSCI Australian Quality Plus ETF

Quality, re-engineered for Australia

Quality investing is an approach that can be traced back to world-renowned economist and mentor to Warren Buffett, Benjamin Graham. Since the 1930s, 'quality' companies have been associated with resilience, by falling less in a downturn and recovering to previous highs more quickly than other companies. While a quality investing approach tends to behave defensively in downturns, it also tends to perform strongly in bull markets.

In Australia, due to market concentration and the small size of the market, investment outcomes associated with quality investing have been difficult to achieve: The VanEck MSCI Australian Quality Plus ETF (AQTY) aims to fix that.

A core Australian equities strategy

Targeting quality outcomes

Backed by empirical research

From the Smart Beta leaders

The index: backed by empirical research

AQTY tracks the MSCI Australia IMI Quality Plus Index (AQTY Index), a custom index developed by VanEck in collaboration with MSCI.

AQTY Index is built around the quality factor as its anchor, drawing on MSCI's core quality fundamentals, profitability, earnings quality, investment quality, earnings variability and leverage. Two factors are added to complement the signal: value, which enforces valuation discipline by screening out stocks where quality is priced in, while low volatility addresses a specific gap in the Australian market, where quality alone has historically failed to deliver the defensive beta profile seen in deeper global markets.

In other words, the quality screen identifies earnings and balance sheet strength, value considerations prevent the portfolio from becoming expensive and low volatility dampens downside sensitivity.

The ETF: Engineered for Australia

Quality outcome engineered

In Australia, quality is often assumed through banks and large defensives. This portfolio is built for the realities of a narrow, cyclical market and deliberately engineered to moderate sector tilts, so the outcome reflects portfolio construction, not index bias.

Defensive when it matters, not just in theory

Quality is often advocated as a defensive exposure. But in Australia it can still fall alongside the market. By incorporating price stability and valuation discipline the portfolio is designed to cushion the downside when markets weaken, without giving up the upside when they recover.

A more balanced source of performance

Returns are driven by multiple complementary signals that blend quality with valuation and stability rather than relying on a single factor regime. This reduces dependence on any environment and aims to deliver more consistent risk-adjusted outcomes through cycles.

ASX code:	ASX commencement:	Mgmt fee:	Index:	Stock number:
AQTY	1 June 2026	0.35% p.a.*	MSCI Australia IMI Quality Plus Index	50

Key risks: An investment in the ETF carries risks associated with: financial markets generally, individual company management, industry sectors, fund operations and tracking an index. See the PDS and TMD for more details.

#Other fees and costs may apply. See PDS for details.

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