

# EWA

## iShares MSCI-Australia ETF

### Analyst Report

This ETF offers exposure to Australian equities, and is the most liquid and most popular option for achieving exposure to the Australian economy. As such, EWA can be potentially useful as a tool for fine tuning the international equity section of a long-term portfolio. It can also be a useful fund for making a short-term bet on Australia, a resource rich economy that might have tremendous appeal in certain environments. Investors building a long-term portfolio may find more broad-based EAFE ETFs such as EFA or VEA to be more efficient from a cost perspective.

Like many international equity ETFs, EWA is dominated by large cap stocks, which introduces certain biases into the portfolio. In the case of EWA, financials receive a heavy allocation, while access to the country's potentially desirable natural resources sector is relatively limited. The small-cap focused KROO might be a more appealing means of establishing exposure to Australia (or could alternatively be used to complement the exposure offered by EWA). Another potential alternative for exposure to Australian equities is AUSE; that ETF is linked to a dividend-weighted strategy that may be appealing to certain types of investors.

### ESG Themes and Scores

7.73/10

ESG Rate

93.64%

Global Percentile

74.19%

Peer Percentile

### Performance Data

	EWA	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	-0.27%	0.23%	-0.06%
3 Month	7.60%	10.69%	7.89%
YTD Return	10.71%	12.33%	11.22%
1 Year Return	7.35%	10.62%	7.65%
3 Year Return	8.44%	7.73%	8.51%
5 Year Return	9.31%	6.63%	9.56%

### Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
CBA	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	14.61%
BHP	BHP Group Ltd	9.90%
CSL	CSL Limited	6.49%
NAB	National Australia Bank Limited	5.81%
WBC	Westpac Banking Corporation	5.70%

### Vitals

Issuer	BlackRock, Inc.
Brand	iShares
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.50%
Inception	Mar 12, 1996
Index Tracked	MSCI Australia Index

### ETF Database Themes

Category	Asia Pacific Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	Developed Asia Pacific
Region (Specific)	Australia

### FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: Australia - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Cap

