



## Media release

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### **Chi-X Australia becomes Cboe Australia, boosts access to values-based investments with Australian Ethical**

Chi-X Australia (“Chi-X”) today announced it has rebranded to Cboe Australia (“Cboe Australia”), following a successful period of initial integration with Cboe Global Markets, Inc. (“Cboe”).

In June 2021, leading provider of global market infrastructure and tradable products, Cboe, completed its acquisition of Chi-X Asia-Pacific Holdings Ltd and its subsidiaries including Chi-X Australia Pty Ltd. Cboe operates the largest exchange in Europe, as well as the second and third largest exchanges in Canada and the United States, respectively.

The ongoing integration with Cboe will allow Chi-X to deliver benefits to the Australian market that only Cboe can provide, such as the industry-leading block trading capabilities of BIDS Trading.

Cboe Australia CEO, Vic Jokovic, said: “From today we adopt the Cboe name and logo, which unifies our organisation globally and better reflects the future of our company.

“While our name and logo have changed, our customer-focused philosophy and commitment to enhancing the Australian market through innovation remain firmly in place.”

Cboe Global Markets Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ed Tilly, said: “We are delighted to bring the Cboe brand to the APAC region and to the Australian market through Cboe Australia.

“Over the past 10 years, the team at Chi-X have built a business with a strong reputation as an innovative stock exchange providing local and global investment opportunities to the Australian market, with a focus on strong customer service.”

Cboe Australia will continue to use the acronym CXA, while all Chi-X branded products will be updated. Cboe Australia’s full technology migration roadmap will be unveiled to market participants via a customer call on Thursday, 3 February 2022.

#### **Cboe Australia builds on the success of its funds business with the launch of the Australian Ethical High Conviction Fund (Managed Fund)**

Cboe Australia is pleased to introduce the Australian Ethical High Conviction Fund (Managed Fund) (“AEAE”) the first fund to launch since the rebranding of the Cboe Australia exchange. AEAE provides investors with increased access to domestic actively managed ethical investments.

Leading Australian values-driven investment manager Australian Ethical selected Cboe Australia to launch the fund, which is designed to provide investors with long-term capital growth and income derived from companies which meet its stringent ethical criteria.

Cboe Australia CEO, Vic Jokovic, said: “We’re pleased to welcome Australian Ethical and AEAE to Cboe Australia, which builds on the success of our existing funds business. AEAE will broaden the opportunity for investors to make values-driven investments on the Cboe Australia exchange, at a time when more investors are mindful of the environmental and social impacts of their investments. Cboe is committed to driving expanded market access to ESG Exchange-Traded Products.”

AEAE uses an actively managed strategy to select between 20 and 35 Australian and New Zealand companies, based on their social, environmental, and financial credentials. The fund typically draws shares from the S&P ASX300 and focuses on larger capitalisation stocks through an active, bottom-up stock picking and benchmark unaware investing philosophy.

Each company selected meets the Australian Ethical Charter, which guides investment in companies that support Australian Ethical values and away from those which diverge from those values, including through unnecessary pollution or the destruction of non-recurring resources, for example.

Australian Ethical Chief Executive John McMurdo said: “Ethical investing is increasing in popularity, and investors are seeking more opportunities to invest not only ethically, but in the ways which best suit the needs of their portfolios.

“It’s exciting to offer investors a means of easily accessing our three decades of ethical investing experience and those companies set to succeed in the new, more sustainable global economy.”

AEAE commences trading on the Cboe Australia exchange today (1 February 2022) and will be available through Cboe Australia market participants and supporting Australian stockbrokers.

**ENDS**

**Editor’s Note:**

New Cboe Australia product naming conventions

Old Name	New Name
Chi-X Australia	Cboe Australia
Chi-X Funds	Cboe Funds
Chi-X TraCRs	Cboe TraCRs
Chi-X Warrants	Cboe Warrants
Chi-X Australia Indices	Cboe Australia Indices
Chi-X Australia 200 Index	Cboe Australia 200 Index

## **About Cboe Australia**

Cboe Australia is a regulated stock exchange committed to transforming, improving and growing Australia's securities and derivatives markets. Cboe Australia has experienced strong and sustained growth and has achieved significant milestones including gaining over 20% market share, a daily record of \$3.8 billion traded value in equity trading and up to 50% of the Australian ETF market (trading and reporting). The Cboe Australia investment products platform offers a range of unique products exclusively traded on Cboe Australia, including Funds (ETFs & Quoted Managed Funds), and Cboe Warrants. For more information visit: [www.cboe.com.au](http://www.cboe.com.au)

## **About Cboe Global Markets**

Cboe Global Markets, a leading provider of market infrastructure and tradable products, delivers cutting-edge trading, clearing and investment solutions to market participants around the world. The company is committed to operating a trusted, inclusive global marketplace, providing leading products, technology and data solutions that enable participants to define a sustainable financial future. Cboe provides trading solutions and products in multiple asset classes, including equities, derivatives and FX, across North America, Europe and Asia Pacific. For more information visit [www.cboe.com](http://www.cboe.com)

## **About Australian Ethical**

Australian Ethical is Australia's leading ethical investment manager. Since 1986, Australian Ethical has provided investors with investment management products that align with their values and provide competitive returns. Investments are guided by the Australia Ethical Charter, which shapes its ethical approach and underpins both its culture and its vision. Australian Ethical has over \$6 billion in funds under management across managed funds and superannuation. Visit: [www.australianethical.com.au](http://www.australianethical.com.au)

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