

# Fiducian Growth Fund

Monthly Report - May 2023



## Fund description

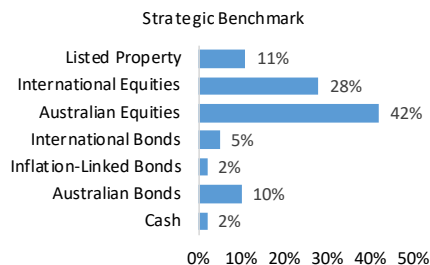
The Fiducian Growth Fund has a large allocation to growth style assets and is diversified between managers and countries, utilising the Fiducian “Manager the Manager” system that aims to achieve superior returns with reduced risk.

Over the long term, the Fund is expected to generate higher returns than funds with a lower allocation to growth assets, but will also be exposed to capital losses when markets turn down.

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking good long term capital growth with possible short term volatility. The recommended holding period is at least 5 to 7 years.

## Fund facts

**Portfolio manager:** Conrad Burge  
**ARSN:** 093 543 241  
**APIR code:** FPS0004AU  
**Benchmark:** Morningstar Multisector Growth Median  
**Current fund size:** \$307 million (May 2023)  
**Management cost:** 0.99%  
**Total management costs:** 1.08%  
**Application/Exit fee:** Nil  
**Inception Date:** March 1997



## Performance and Risk

### After fee returns as at 31 May 2023

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	-1.0%	0.9%	1.4%	2.4%	7.6%	6.0%	7.2%	8.5%
Index	-1.0%	1.7%	1.8%	2.4%	6.5%	4.8%	5.6%	6.3%
Excess	0.1%	-0.8%	-0.3%	0.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.6%	2.2%
Ranking				88/177	32/169	20/159	3/150	2/142

### Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	14.2%	11.1%	13.1%	10.6%
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Beta	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tracking Error (% pa)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

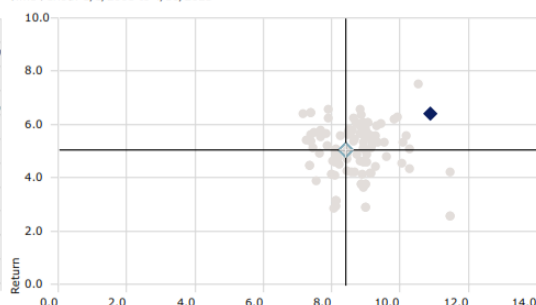
### Investment Growth

Time Period: 5/1/2008 to 4/30/2023



### Risk-Reward

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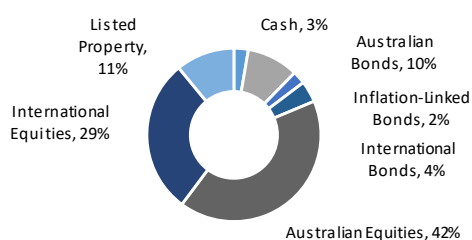
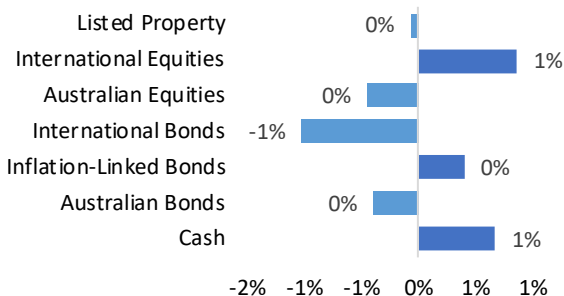
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## Tactical tilts and current asset weights



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## Market Commentary and Outlook

Economic data released during May continued to point to a slowing outlook for the global economy. Whilst measures of activity in service industries continued to improve, manufacturing across most of the world continued to contract. More positive is that headline rates of inflation have continued to decline, partly driven by falling energy and commodity prices. However, the core levels of inflation monitored by central banks have remained elevated. During the month, the Reserve Bank of Australia, along with the US Federal Reserve and European Central bank again increased interest rates.

Equity market performance was mixed in May. The US market (S&P 500 index) gained 0.2%, despite some uncertainty regarding US debt ceiling negotiations. The Australian market (ASX 200 index) declined by 2.5%, and most European stock markets had negative returns. Bonds and listed property were also weaker during the month, and some key commodity prices also recorded declines due to a moderating economic outlook.

Looking ahead, elevated geopolitical risks, alongside higher interest rates and slower economic growth this year, represent potential headwinds for markets. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently made a small downgrade to its economic forecasts, with global growth now expected to be 2.8% in 2023. The IMF expects growth rates to remain slightly below long-term trend levels for some time. However, in broad terms, share markets continue to appear more attractive than most other investment opportunities.

## Fund Commentary

The Fund performed in line with its benchmark in May, returning -1.0%, compared to the median manager return of -1.0%. Over the year to the end of May, the Fund generated a return of 2.4%.

Over the course of the month, Australian Shares, Listed Property and Fixed Income asset recorded small declines. International shares finished higher, due in a large part to a strong US stock market.

The Fund has a neutral exposure to equities and property, as relatively attractive valuations are offset by rising interest rates and a slowing economy. Additionally, an overweight position is still held in cash relative to bonds, although this position has been reduced in recent months.

In the Morningstar Multisector Growth Category, the Fiducian Growth Fund returns were ranked 88th out of 177 funds over one year, 20th out of 159 funds over five years, and 2nd out of 142 funds over the ten year period to 31 May 2023.

## Managers and weights

Asset Class	Fund Manager	Weight
Australian Equities 41.1%	Solaris	7.1%
	Fidelity	6.6%
	Bennelong	6.3%
	L1 Capital	8.1%
	Ausbil Dexia	8.1%
	Pendal	4.9%
International Equities 28.6%	Franklin Templeton	6.9%
	Challenger	8.2%
	Wellington	3.0%
	Wellington Value	6.9%
	State Bank of India	0.3%
	Sundaram	0.5%
	Tata	0.3%
	EquiPoise	0.1%
	Vanguard	0.6%
	Wellington Technology	1.0%
	Wellington Biotechnology	0.3%
Nordic Technology	0.5%	
Listed Property 10.8%	BlackRock	1.1%
	Phoenix	5.2%
	Principal	4.5%
Australian Bonds 9.6%	Perpetual Fixed Interest	3.2%
	BlackRock	0.1%
Inflation Linked Bonds 2.4%	Challenger	2.4%
	International Bonds 4.0%	BlackRock
Cash 3.4%		BlackRock
	Cash	1.4%

## Top stock holdings

Top Australian Stocks	Industry	Weight
BHP Group	Diversified Metals & Mining	9.0%
CSL Limited	Biotechnology	8.9%
Commonwealth Bank	Diversified Banks	4.7%
Telstra Group Limited	Telecommunication Services	3.6%
National Australia Bank	Diversified Banks	3.5%
James Hardie Industries	Construction Materials	3.2%
Santos Limited	Oil & Gas	3.2%
Macquarie Group Ltd	Diversified Capital Markets	2.9%
Qbe Insurance	Insurance	2.6%
Qantas Airways Ltd	Airlines	2.5%

Top International Stocks	Industry	Weight
Alphabet Inc	Interactive Media	2.2%
Humana Incorporated	Managed Health Care	1.6%
Intuitive Surgical Inc	Health Care Equipment	1.5%
Equinix Inc	Specialized REITs	1.5%
Charles River	Life Sciences Tools	1.5%
Danaher Corp	Life Sciences Tools	1.5%
Zscaler Inc	Systems Software	1.5%
Microsoft Corp	Systems Software	1.5%
Visa Incorporated	Data Processing Services	1.5%
Amadeus IT	Hotels Resorts	1.5%

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