

Fiducian Balanced Fund

Monthly Report - April 2023



Fund description

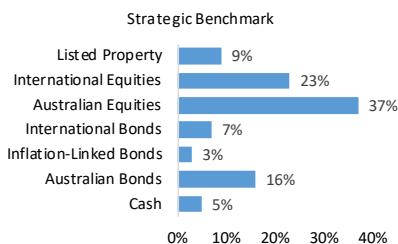
The Fiducian Balanced Fund includes holdings in shares, property, bonds and liquid assets diversified between managers and countries, utilising the Fiducian “Manager the Manager” system that aims to achieve superior returns with reduced risk.

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 years.

Fund facts

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge
ARSN: 093 541 612
APIR code: FPS0003AU
Benchmark: Morningstar Multisector Growth Median
Current fund size: \$670 million (April 2023)
Management cost: 0.93%
Total management costs: 1.01%
Application/Exit fee: Nil
Inception Date: March 1997



Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 30 April 2023

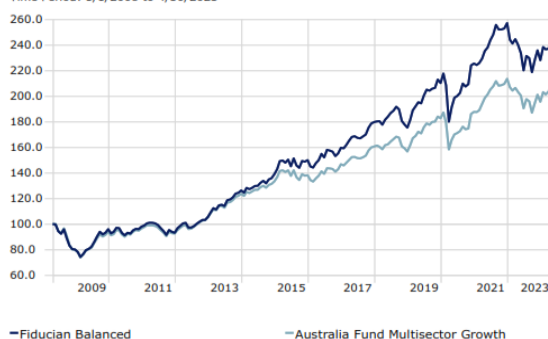
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	1.7%	1.2%	5.8%	0.5%	8.1%	5.8%	7.0%	7.7%
Index	1.5%	1.6%	6.3%	1.6%	7.8%	5.1%	6.0%	6.3%
Excess	0.2%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-1.1%	0.3%	0.8%	1.0%	1.4%
Ranking				147/180	65/172	33/162	19/154	4/144

Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	13.1%	13.3%	11.5%	9.3%
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	11.0%	11.1%	9.6%	7.9%
Beta	1.07	1.09	1.07	1.06
Tracking Error (% pa)	2.6%	2.9%	2.6%	2.0%

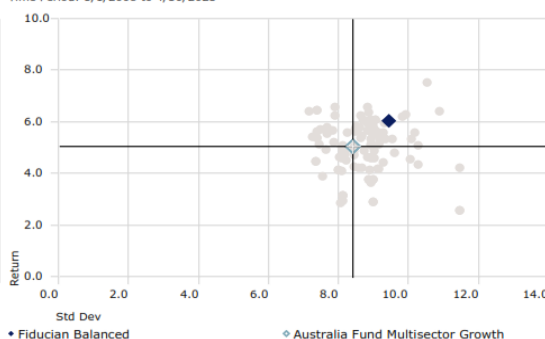
Investment Growth

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

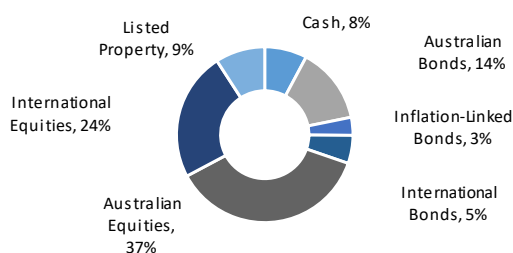
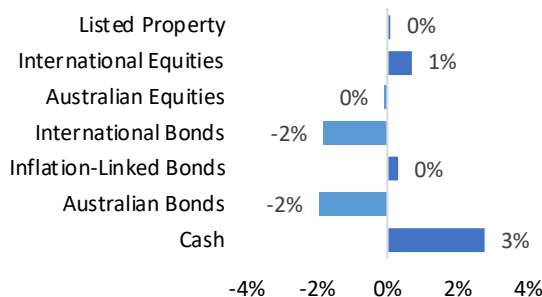


Risk-Reward

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Tactical tilts and current asset weights



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Market Commentary and Outlook

The global economy has continued to slow, with manufacturing output contracting in most major economies in recent months. However, measures of activity in April for service industries continue to expand. Headline inflation numbers were lower during the month due to a decline in energy prices, but core measures of inflation generally remain well above central bank target ranges. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) elected to hold interest rates steady in April following ten consecutive increases. However, this pause was short-lived, with the RBA, along with the US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank increasing rates in early May.

Global equity markets recorded gains for the month. In the absence of any material surprises in economic data, the focus was on quarterly profit results from large US companies, which were generally above expectations. The US market (S&P 500 index) gained 1.5% for the month, and the Australian market (ASX 200 index) was 1.8% higher. Listed property stocks rebounded (+5.3%), but some key commodity prices declined over the month.

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. In broad terms, share markets continue to appear more attractive than most other investment opportunities.

Fund Commentary

The Fund outperformed its benchmark in April, with a return of 1.7%, compared to the benchmark return of 1.5%. Over the year to the end of April, the Fund returned 0.5%.

Most asset classes posted positive returns for the month. Listed property was the top performer followed by International Equities and Australian Equities. Fixed Income assets also recorded small gains.

The Fund has a neutral exposure to equities and property, as relatively attractive valuations are offset by rising interest rates and geopolitical tensions. 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 Balanced Fund returns were ranked 147th out of 180 funds over one year, 33rd out of 162 funds over five years, and 4th out of 144 funds over the ten year period to 30 April 2023.

Managers and weights

Asset Class	Fund Manager	Weight
Australian Equities 36.5%	Solaris	6.4%
	Fidelity	5.9%
	Bennelong	5.6%
	L1 Capital	7.2%
	Ausbil Dexia	7.1%
	Pendal	4.3%
International Equities 23.7%	Franklin Templeton	5.8%
	Challenger	6.4%
	Wellington	2.4%
	Wellington Value	6.2%
	State Bank of India	0.2%
	Sundaram	0.4%
	Tata	0.2%
	EquiPoise	0.1%
	Vanguard	0.7%
	Wellington Technology	0.7%
	Wellington Biotechnology	0.2%
	Nordic Technology	0.4%
	Listed Property 9.0%	BlackRock
Phoenix		4.3%
Principal		3.8%
Australian Bonds 14.0%	Perpetual Fixed Interest	4.9%
	BlackRock	0.2%
	Challenger	9.0%
Inflation Linked Bonds 3.3%	Challenger	3.3%
International Bonds 5.2%	BlackRock	5.2%
	Cash 8.3%	BlackRock
	Cash	2.3%

Top stock holdings

Top Australian Stocks	Industry	Weight
BHP Group	Diversified Metals & Mining	9.4%
CSL Limited	Biotechnology	8.5%
Commonwealth Bank	Diversified Banks	4.8%
National Australia Bank	Diversified Banks	3.8%
Telstra Group Limited	Telecommunication Services	3.5%
Macquarie Group Ltd	Diversified Capital Markets	3.1%
Santos Limited	Oil & Gas	2.9%
Rio Tinto Ltd	Diversified Metals & Mining	2.7%
QBE Insurance Group	Property & Casualty Insuranc	2.7%
James Hardie Industries	Construction Materials	2.6%

Top International Stocks	Industry	Weight
Alphabet Inc	Interactive Media	1.8%
Humana Incorporated	Managed Health Care	1.6%
Intuitive Surgical Inc	Health Care Equipment	1.6%
Mercadolibre Inc	Internet & Direct Marketing F	1.5%
Amadeus IT Group	Hotels	1.5%
Danaher Corp	Life Sciences Tools	1.5%
Visa Incorporated	Data Processing	1.4%
Equinix Inc	Specialized REITs	1.4%
Inari Medical Inc	Health Care Equipment	1.4%
Rockwell Automation	Electrical Components	1.4%

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