

# Fiducian Emerging Markets Strategy



Monthly Report - August 2025

## Fund description

The Fund provides investors with the opportunity to invest in companies that are listed on the stock exchanges of the less developed (emerging) markets. The Fund invests in developing countries and offers investors the opportunity to benefit from the significant growth potential inherent in many of these economies as they raise their standard of living.

The Fund utilises the Fiducian “Manage the Manager” process, selecting funds that provide diversification among different management styles, geographies and sectors.

It is recommended that investment in this Fund be undertaken for at least nine years. International share investment can be volatile over the short-term.

## Fund facts

**Portfolio manager:** Conrad Burge

**ARSN:** 093 543 849

**APIR code:** FDN6819AU

**Benchmark:** MSCI Emerging Markets Index (AUD)

**Current fund size:** \$69 million (August 2025)

**Management cost:** 1.14%

**Total management costs:** 1.27%

**Application/Exit fee:** Nil

**Inception Date:** June 2024

	Style			Approach	
Manager	Value	Core	Growth	Active	Passive
Fidelity		●		●	
Vanguard Emerging		●			●
Fiducian India			●	●	

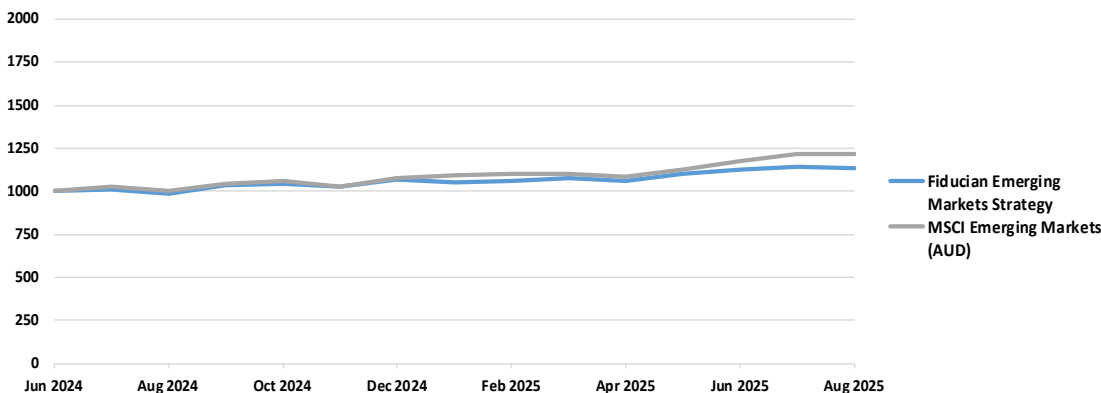
## Performance

After fee returns as at 31 August 2025

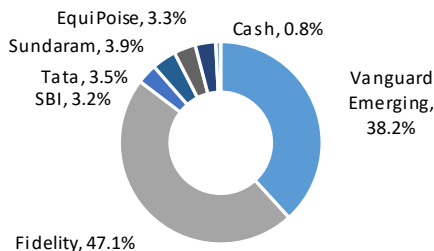
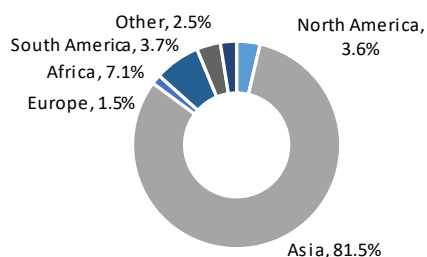
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	-0.5%	3.5%	8.6%	14.4%	-	-	-	-
Index	-0.4%	7.6%	10.6%	21.1%	-	-	-	-
Excess	-0.2%	-4.2%	-1.9%	-6.7%	-	-	-	-

### Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	7.6%	-	-	-
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	8.5%	-	-	-
Beta	0.69	-	-	-
Tracking Error (% pa)	4.6%	-	-	-



## Geographic exposures and current manager weights



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## Market Commentary and Outlook

The global economy is forecast to slow marginally this year, according to the latest estimates provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Global growth is forecast to be 3.0% this year and 3.1% in 2026 (both marginally below the long-term trend rate, but slightly above the IMF's previous forecast). In the IMF's words, 'the global economy has continued to hold steady', with recent 'macroeconomic data turning out better than expected'. While this year's lower growth has been due to what the IMF has termed 'the swift escalation of trade tensions and extremely high levels of policy uncertainty', it now notes that 'a new wave of credible trade agreements could usher in a broader reform momentum to lift medium-term growth'. Growth in developed economies is forecast to be 1.5% this year, with 'risks to the outlook remaining tilted to the downside'.

The broad US stock market (S&P 500 Accumulation Index) has been on an uptrend since early April, gaining 2.0% in August alone. The Australian market (ASX 200 Accumulation Index) rose 3.1% over the month, aided by a further interest rate cut by the Reserve Bank (RBA). The Australian dollar gained 1.7% relative to the US dollar, and most commodity prices rose, with Lithium (+10.6%) and Gold (+4.8%) the strongest gainers over the month.

Key global share markets have been 'pricing-in' a shift by central banks towards less restrictive monetary policy, despite some signs of inflation rising again in some economies. However, share markets are likely to remain volatile until a resolution of trade tensions is achieved.

## Fund Commentary

The Fund returned -0.5% in August, which was below the index return of -0.4%. For the 12 months up to the end of August, the Fund returned 14.4%.

The MSCI Emerging Markets index declined by 0.4% in August, underperforming the developed markets index, which gained 0.9% (both in Australian dollars, unhedged).

China (+11.9%) and Brazil (+6.3%) were two of the best performing emerging markets during the month.

Emerging markets have lagged developed markets for some time, partly due to the strong performance of the 'Magnificent Seven' US mega-cap technology stocks that comprise a significant part of the developed world index. However, the emerging markets sector appears attractive in terms of historical valuation.

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