# Fiducian Emerging Markets Strategy



Monthly Report - July 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: \$70 million (July 2025)

Management cost: 1.14% Total management costs: 1.27%

Application/Exit fee: Nil Inception Date: June 2024

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#### Performance

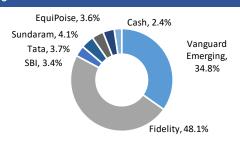
After fee returns as at 31 July 2	2025							
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	1.8%	7.3%	8.3%	11.3%	-	-	-	-
Index	3.8%	12.0%	11.8%	18.8%	-	-	-	-
Excess	-1.9%	-4.7%	-3.6%	-7.5%	-	-	-	-
Risk Exposure								
	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs				
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	8.3%	-	-	-				
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	9.1%	-	-	-				
Beta	0.73	-	-	-				
Tracking Error (% pa)	4.6%	-	-	-				
2000								
1750								
1500								
1250								
1000							Fiducian E Markets S	
750								rging Markets
500							(1.55)	
250								
0								

## Geographic exposures and current manager weights

Dec 2024



Sep 2024



Jun 2025

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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, which is above the IMF's previous forecast of 2.8% this year and 3.0% in 2026 (marginally below the long-term trend rate). 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 2.2% in July alone. The Australian market (ASX 200 Accumulation Index) rose 2.4% over the same period, benefiting from a view that domestic interest rates are likely to be lowered. The Australian dollar declined by 2.4% relative to the US dollar and most commodity prices rose, with Lithium (+17.5%) and Oil (+6.5%) the strongest gainers.

Key global share markets have been 'pricing-in' a shift by central banks towards less restrictive monetary policy. However, share markets are likely to remain volatile in the current environment, with a full resolution of trade friction not yet achieved.

## **Fund Commentary**

The Fund returned 1.8% in July, which was below the index return of 3.8%. For the 12 months up to the end of July, the Fund returned 11.3%.

The MSCI Emerging Markets index gained 3.8% in July, outperforming the developed markets index, which gained 3.1% (both in Australian dollars, unhedged).

Taiwan (+5.8%) and Korea (+5.7%) were the two 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 relative valuation.