

Fiducian Geared Australian Shares Fund



Monthly Report - November 2024

Fund description

The Fund invests in a diversified group of specialist Australian Share managers. The Fund utilises the Fiducian “Manage the Manager” process, carefully selecting best of breed managers with different styles with the aim of achieving superior returns with reduced risk.

In this Fund, the underlying managers can borrow against the investor’s assets in the fund to purchase additional shares and provide a leveraged exposure. This can amplify returns in rising markets, and magnify losses when markets decline.

Share investment can be volatile over the short term, especially when geared, and the recommended holding period is at least 9 years.

Fund facts

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge

ARSN: 105 996 192

APIR code: FPS0011AU

Benchmark: ASX 200 Accumulation Index

Current fund size: \$22 million (November 2024)

Management cost: 1.12%

Total management costs: 1.35%

Application/Exit fee: Nil

Inception Date: October 2003

Manager

First Sentier

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Value	Style			Size		
	Core	Growth	Large	Broad	Small	
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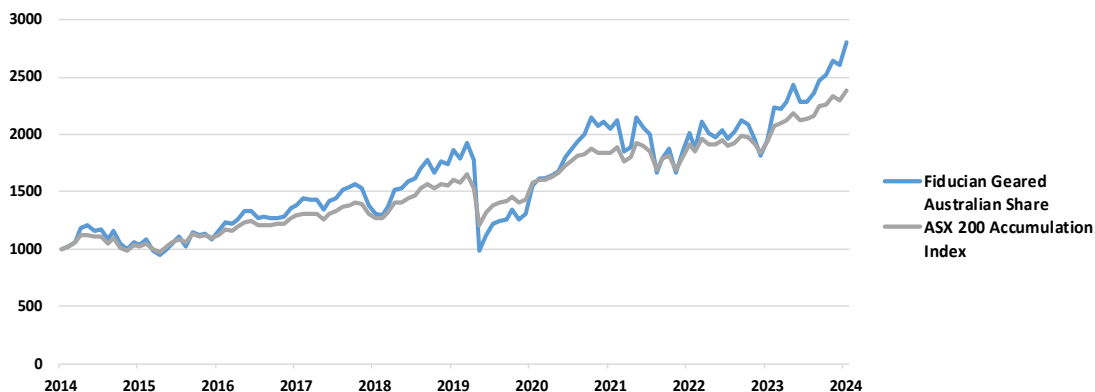
Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 30 November 2024

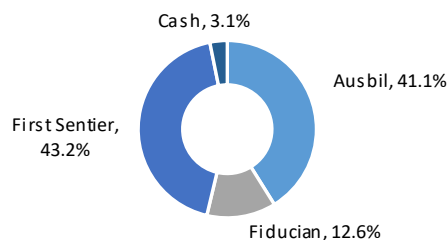
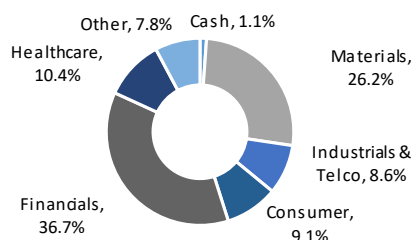
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	7.8%	10.4%	20.5%	42.3%	11.0%	8.5%	10.6%	11.0%
Index	3.8%	5.5%	11.5%	23.4%	9.6%	8.3%	9.2%	9.1%
Excess	4.0%	4.9%	9.0%	18.9%	1.5%	0.3%	1.4%	1.9%

Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	17.5%	25.3%	31.2%	25.3%
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	8.9%	13.7%	16.5%	13.8%
Beta	1.72	1.75	1.83	1.77
Tracking Error (% pa)	9.6%	12.3%	15.5%	12.2%



Sector exposures and current manager weights



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Market Commentary and Outlook

The global economy has continued to sustain solid growth despite the persistence of tight monetary policy being implemented by most of the world's major central banks in an effort to push inflation lower and back into target ranges. Tight monetary policy has largely been successful in reducing inflation, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) indicating in its latest report that 'the global battle against inflation has largely been won'. As a result, central banks across the globe are in the process of loosening monetary policy, with the European Central Bank cutting rates three times and the US central bank cutting rates twice so far this year.

As the US presidential election concluded with a sweep for the Republican party, the presidency and both the House of Congress, the broad US stock market (S&P 500 Accumulation Index) gained 5.9% for the month. The Australian market (ASX 200 Accumulation Index) increased by 3.8%. Australian and global bonds recorded positive returns during the month while commodity prices such as oil, gold, copper and coal fell. The Australian dollar decreased by 1.1% relative to the US dollar, which bolstered international equity returns for unhedged Australian investors.

For some time now, key global share markets have been 'pricing-in' a shift from central banks to loosen monetary which has seen them grind upwards. However, geopolitical risks remain heightened and continue to represent potential headwinds. Despite this, the IMF is forecasting global economic growth to be 3.2% in 2024 and 2025, which is close to its long-term trend rate. In broad terms, share markets continue to appear more attractive than most other investment opportunities.

Fund Commentary

The Fiducian Geared Australian Shares Fund returned 7.8% in November, which was above the index return of 3.8%. Over the last 12 months, the fund has returned 42.3% compared to the index return of 23.4%.

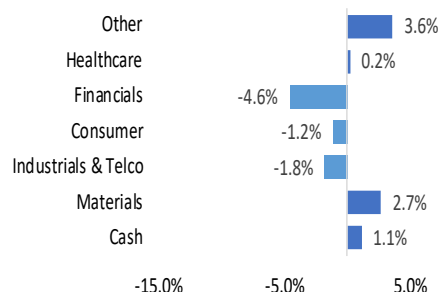
The broad Australian share market (ASX 200 Accumulation Index) gained 3.8% in November. Inflation has continued its downward trend with the Reserve Bank of Australia's ('RBA') preferred measure of inflation close to its target band for the first time since 2021. With inflation still above the RBA's target however, the RBA looks poised to retain its existing tight policy stance well into 2025.

Over the month, the best performing sectors were Information Technology (+10.5%), Utilities (+9.1%) and Financials (+7.0%). Materials (-2.9%) and Energy (-0.7%) fell during the month.

At an aggregate level, the largest sectoral tilts in the Fund is an underweight to Financials, primarily property trusts, with this funding an overweight position in the Materials sector. As at the end of November, the average gearing level in the Fund was 46%.

Top stock holdings and sector tilts

First Sentier Top Holdings	Weight	Ausbil Top Holdings	Weight
Commonwealth Bank	10.9%	BHP	22.8%
BHP Group	10.6%	Commonwealth Bank	17.7%
CSL Limited	8.3%	National Australia Bank	14.4%
National Australia Bank	7.2%	CSL	14.4%
Goodman Group	4.8%	Macquarie Group	10.9%
Aristocrat Leisure	4.5%	Goodman Group	9.6%
QBE Insurance	4.1%	ANZ Bank	8.2%
Brambles	3.9%	Xero	7.3%
Resmed	3.7%	Aristocrat Leisure	6.5%
Westpac Banking Corporation	3.6%	Rio Tinto	6.5%



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