Fiducian Growth Fund

Monthly Report - July 2025



Fund description

The Fiducian Growth Fund has a large allocation to growth style assets and is diversified between managers and countries, utilising the Fiducian "Manage 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 7 years.

Fund facts

2500

2015

2016

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge

ARSN: 093 543 241 APIR code: FPS0004AU

Benchmark: FE AMI Mixed Asset Growth Index

Current fund size: \$488 million (July 2025)

Management cost: 0.99%

Total management costs: 1.04%

Application/Exit fee: Nil

Inception Date: February 1997



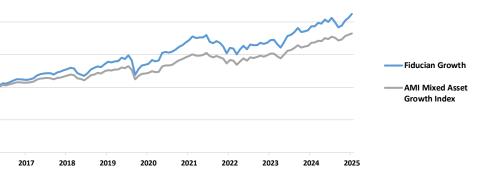
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Performance and Risk

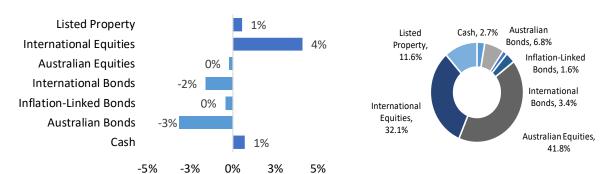
| After fee returns as at | 31 July 2025 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1 Mth | 3 Mth | 6 Mth | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 7yrs | 10 Yrs |
| Fund | 2.9% | 9.1% | 2.9% | 9.4% | 9.8% | 9.3% | 7.5% | 7.8% |
| Index | 0.9% | 5.4% | 2.8% | 8.6% | 8.8% | 8.3% | 6.4% | 6.2% |
| Excess | 2.0% | 3.7% | 0.2% | 0.9% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.1% | 1.6% |
| Ranking | | | | 66/161 | 44/156 | 21/149 | 17/139 | 2/130 |

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| | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 10 Yrs |
| Fund Volatility (Std Dev %) | 8.9% | 9.9% | 10.4% | 10.9% |
| Benchmark (Std Dev %) | 5.2% | 7.2% | 7.6% | 8.0% |
| Beta | 1.49 | 1.30 | 1.32 | 1.32 |
| Tracking Error (% pa) | 4.2% | 3.3% | 3.5% | 3.4% |

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Tactical tilts and current asset 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, 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.

Managers and weights

| Asset Class | Fund Manager | Weight |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| | Solaris | 8.7% |
| | Fidelity | 5.5% |
| Australian Equities 41.5% | Bennelong | 6.5% |
| Australian Equities 41.370 | L1 Capital | 4.3% |
| | Ausbil Dexia | 8.1% |
| | Pendal | 8.3% |
| | Franklin Templeton | 6.8% |
| | Challenger | 10.3% |
| | Wellington GRE | 5.6% |
| | Wellington Value | 4.2% |
| | State Bank of India | 0.3% |
| | Sundaram | 0.4% |
| International Equities 32.1% | Tata | 0.3% |
| | EquiPoise | 0.3% |
| | Vanguard | 1.1% |
| | Wellington Technology | 1.3% |
| | Wellington Biotechnology | 0.2% |
| | Loftus Peak Technology | 0.8% |
| | Invesco Nasdaq 100 | 0.3% |
| | BlackRock | 1.0% |
| Listed Property 11.5% | Phoenix | 5.4% |
| | Principal | 5.1% |
| | Perpetual Fixed Interest | 2.6% |
| Australian Bonds 6.8% | BlackRock | 0.0% |
| | Challenger | 4.2% |
| Inflation Linked Bonds 1.6% | Challenger | 1.6% |
| International Bonds 3.4% | BlackRock | 3.4% |
| Cash 3.1% | BlackRock | 1.9% |
| | Cash | 1.3% |

Fund Commentary

The Fund outperformed its benchmark in July, with a return of 2.9%, compared to the benchmark return of 0.9%.

All asset classes experienced gains during the month, with Australian Equities (+3.5%) and International Equities (+3.4%) being the best performers for the period. Fixed Interest (+0.0%) registered the smallest gains for an asset class over the month.

The Fund currently has small overweight positions in International Equities, Listed Property and cash. The exposures to Australian, International and Inflation-Linked Bonds, and Australian Equities are relatively underweight compared to the benchmark.

In the FE AMI Mixed Asset - Growth Category, the Fiducian Growth Fund returns were ranked 66 out of 161 funds over one year, 21 out of 149 funds over five years, and 2 out of 130 funds over the ten year period to 31 July 2025.

Top stock holdings

| Top Australian Stocks | Industry | Weight |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Commonwealth Bank | Diversified Financials | 7.9% |
| CSL | Biotechnology | 6.5% |
| BHP Group | Diversified Metals & Mining | 6.3% |
| Goodman Group | REITS - Warehouse/Industrial | 3.8% |
| National Australia Bank | Diversified Financials | 3.7% |
| Santos | Oil & Gas | 3.2% |
| Macquarie Group | Diversified Financials | 3.0% |
| Aristocrat Leisure | Casino Services | 2.7% |
| ANZ Group | Diversified Financials | 2.6% |
| Telstra Corporation | Cellular Telecommunication | 2.3% |

| Top International Stocks | Industry | Weight |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Nvidia Corp | Semiconductors | 4.3% |
| Microsoft Corp | Software | 3.7% |
| Amazon.Com Inc | Internet | 2.6% |
| Synopsys Inc | Software | 2.0% |
| Alphabet Inc | Internet | 2.0% |
| Mastercard Inc | Diversified Financials | 1.6% |
| ADV Microvices Inc | Electronics | 1.6% |
| Astrazeneca Plc | Pharmaceuticals | 1.5% |
| Amadeus | Travel Services | 1.5% |
| TE Connectivity Plc | Electronic Components | 1.5% |

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