

Fund description

The Fiducian India Fund provides investors with the opportunity to invest in a well-diversified range of companies listed on Indian stock exchanges. The Fund utilises the Fiducian “Manage the Manager” process, carefully selecting dedicated Indian fund managers that are based in India.

This Fund gives investors the opportunity to invest in an emerging economy that has been among the fastest growing in the world in recent years.

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking good long term capital growth but it will also experience periods of high volatility. The recommended holding period is at least 9 years.

Fund facts

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge

ARSN: 125 089 456

APIR code: FPS0013AU

Benchmark: BSE 100 Index (in AUD)

Current fund size: \$142 million (February 2025)

Management cost: 1.54%

Total management costs: 1.72%

Application/Exit fee: Nil

Inception Date: August 2007

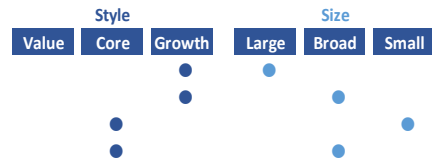
Manager

SBI Funds Management

Tata Asset Management

Sundaram Alternates

EquiPoise



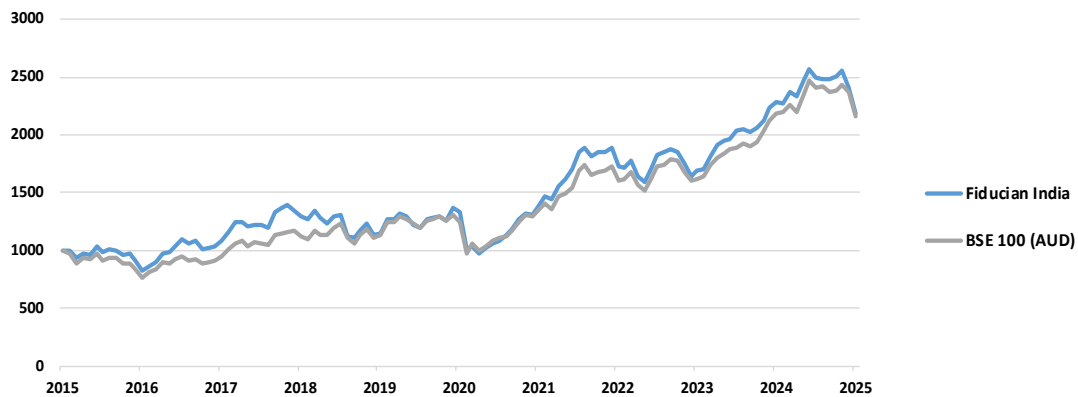
Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 28 February 2025

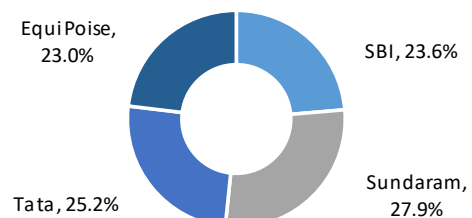
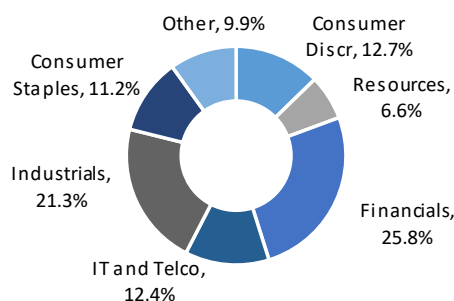
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	-9.2%	-13.0%	-12.3%	-4.3%	8.2%	10.4%	7.7%	8.0%
Index	-8.7%	-9.2%	-10.4%	-1.1%	10.4%	11.8%	9.8%	8.0%
Excess	-0.4%	-3.8%	-1.9%	-3.2%	-2.2%	-1.4%	-2.1%	0.0%

Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev)	14.5%	14.1%	18.3%	17.9%
Benchmark (Std Dev)	13.7%	13.1%	17.3%	16.6%
Beta	0.91	0.99	0.99	1.00
Tracking Error (% pa)	5.1%	4.4%	5.5%	6.2%



Sector exposures and current manager weights



Market Commentary and Outlook

The Indian stock market saw broad declines during February. The large cap Nifty 50 Index decreased by 5.9%, the mid cap index declined by 10.8% and the small cap index fell by 13.1%. No sectors experienced gains over the month. Property (-13.4%), Information Technology (-12.5%) and Media (-12.2%) saw the largest declines over the period.

The recent weakness in the Indian stock market appears partly attributable to ongoing redemptions by foreign investors. These outflows are possibly being diverted into developed markets, particularly the US, after the Republican Party's win in the presidential election is deemed to have increased the attraction of US markets for international investors.

India reported GDP growth of 6.2% (annualised) in the December 2024 quarter, an acceleration from the 5.4% rate in the September quarter. The International Monetary Fund ('IMF') and the World Bank have maintained forecasts for India's GDP growth of 6.5% for 2025 and 2026, continuing India's ranking as one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Other macroeconomic data such as the fiscal deficit and capital expenditure levels remain healthy. After nearly 3 years of strong growth, India's corporate earnings have slowed somewhat, but growth remains in positive territory.

Headline inflation has continued its decent, with annual inflation falling to 4.3% in January, only slightly above the RBI's upper limit. With core inflation remaining stable at 3.6%, the Reserve Bank of India felt emboldened to cut its official interest rate for the first time in five years, from 6.5% to 6.25%, at its February meeting.

The economic backdrop for the Indian market remains broadly positive. Company earnings continue to grow, government policy reform is ongoing, monetary and fiscal policy remains supportive and an increase in capital spending is being seen across many industries, while forecasts for real GDP growth over the near-term remain among the strongest in the world.

Fund Commentary

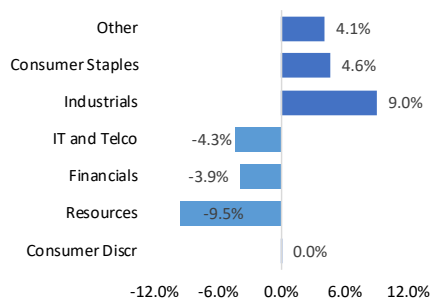
The Fiducian India Fund declined 9.2% in February, which was below the index return of -8.7% (in Australian dollar terms). Tata (-7.3%) was the best performer over the month, followed by SBI Funds (-7.9%).

The most significant sector tilts in the Fund are overweight positions in the Industrials and Consumer Staples sectors, which are set to benefit from the strong anticipated growth in the domestic economy, and an underweight position in the Resources sector, where the underlying fund managers are broadly expecting a more modest growth outlook relative to other parts of the market.

Companies with exposure to the capital spending cycle, as well as the manufacturing sector are also expected to perform strongly in the medium term.

Top stock holdings and sector tilts

Stock	Industry	Weight
HDFC Bank	Banks	5.4%
ICICI Bank	Banks	4.7%
Larsen & Toubro Limited	Engineering & Construction	3.2%
Reliance Industries Ltd	Oil & Gas	3.1%
Cholamandalam Investment	Diversified Financial Services	3.0%
Infosys Ltd	Computers	2.9%
CIPLA Ltd	Pharmaceuticals	2.1%
State Bank Of India	Banks	1.9%
Tata Consultancy Ltd	Computers	1.8%
Five-Star Business Finance	Diversified Financial Services	1.6%



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