Fiducian India Fund

Monthly Report - March 2025

Fund description

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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

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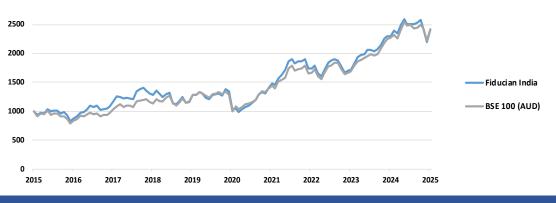
Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge ARSN: 125 089 456 APIR code: FPS0013AU Benchmark: BSE 100 Index (in AUD) Current fund size: \$155 million (March 2025) Management cost: 1.54% Total management costs: 1.72% Application/Exit fee: Nil Inception Date: August 2007

	Style			Size			
Manager	Value	Core	Growth	Large	Broad	Small	
SBI Funds Management			•	٠			
Tata Asset Management			•				
Sundaram Alternates		•					
EquiPoise					•		

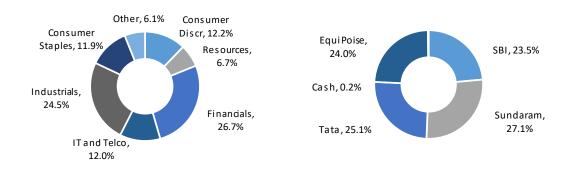
Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 31 March 2025								
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	9.6%	-6.4%	-3.6%	5.1%	11.6%	18.7%	9.5%	9.2%
Index	8.8%	-3.2%	-2.8%	6.8%	13.4%	19.3%	11.5%	9.2%
Excess	0.8%	-3.3%	-0.8%	-1.6%	-1.7%	-0.6%	-2.0%	0.0%

Risk Exposure				
	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev)	17.3%	14.9%	14.9%	18.1%
Benchmark (Std Dev)	16.1%	13.9%	14.3%	16.8%
Beta	0.94	1.00	0.95	1.01
Tracking Error (% pa)	5.1%	4.5%	5.4%	6.2%



Sector exposures and current manager weights



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Market Commentary and Outlook

The Indian stock market saw broad gains during March after several months of losses. The large cap Nifty 50 Index increased by 6.3%, the mid cap index gained 7.8% and the small cap index grew by 9.5%. The best performing sectors over the month were Materials (+10.6%), Financial Services (+8.9%) and Healthcare (+7.9%). Information Technology (-1.2%) was the only sector that fell over the same period.

While the recent weakness in the Indian stock market appears partly attributable to ongoing redemptions by foreign investors, strong domestic inflows continue to offset foreign outflows to a considerable degree. This illustrates the continued alignment of domestic investors' positive sentiment towards Indian equities and the overall economy.

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, while increased government spending provides support for growth. After nearly 3 years of strong growth, India's corporate earnings have slowed somewhat, but earnings growth remains in positive territory.

Headline inflation growth has continued to decline, with annual inflation of 3.6% in February. With core inflation remaining stable at 4.1%, the Reserve Bank of India cut its official interest rate for the first time in five years, from 6.5% to 6.25%, at its March meeting, with further cuts expected over coming months.

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 gained 9.6% in March, which was above the index return of 8.8% (in Australian dollar terms). Equipoise (13.6%) was the best performer over the month, followed by SBI Funds (8.8%). Over the last 12 months, Equipoise (+13.2%) was the top manager, followed by SBI Funds (+7.8%).

The most significant sector tilts in the Fund are overweight positons 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	5.3%	Other		0.3%		
ICICI Bank	Banks	5.0%	Consumer Staples			5.3%	
Larsen & Toubro Limited	Engineering & Construction	3.3%	Industrials				11.7%
Reliance Industries Ltd	Oil & Gas	3.1%	IT and Telco	-3.1%			
Cholamandalam Investment	Diversified Financial Services	3.0%		_			
Infosys Ltd	Computers	2.6%	Financials	-4.4%			
State Bank Of India	Banks	2.0%	Resources	-9.9%			
CIPLA Ltd	Pharmaceuticals	2.0%	Consumer Discr		0.0%		
Tata Consultancy Ltd	Computers	1.7%					2.001
Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd	Banks	1.7%	-12.0	% -6.0%	0.0% 6	.0% 1	.2.0%

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