# Fiducian India Fund

Monthly Report - September 2025



### 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: \$143 million (September 2025)

Management cost: 1.54% Total management costs: 1.68%

Application/Exit fee: Nil Inception Date: August 2007

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

### Performance and Risk

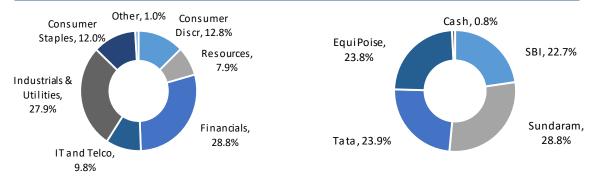
After fee returns as at 30 September 2025								
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	-0.3%	-12.1%	-6.5%	-9.8%	6.4%	14.5%	10.3%	8.4%
Index	-0.9%	-7.5%	-4.6%	-7.3%	8.9%	14.7%	10.6%	9.2%
Fxcess	0.6%	-4 6%	-1 8%	-2 5%	-2 4%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.8%

### Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev)	17.6%	14.2%	15.2%	18.1%
Benchmark (Std Dev)	13.9%	12.4%	13.9%	16.2%
Beta	1.08	1.04	1.02	1.04
Tracking Error (% pa)	6.7%	5.3%	5.0%	6.2%



### Sector exposures and current manager weights



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### Market Commentary and Outlook

The Indian stock market saw broad gains in September. The large cap Nifty 50 Index increased by 0.8%, the mid cap index was up by 1.4% and the small cap index gained 2.0%. The best performing sectors over the month were Public Sector Banks (+11.4%), Metals (+9.7%) and Automobiles (+6.3%). Information Technology (-4.3%) and Media (-4.3%) were the worst performing sectors over the period.

India's macroeconomic data for September remained resilient, despite facing headwinds from recently announced US tariffs on Indian goods. Annual inflation inched up to 2.1% in August, which is still within the Reserve Bank of India's inflation target range. With core annual inflation remaining stable around 4.1%, the RBI held the interest rate at 5.5% in October, which signals caution amid global trade headwinds.

India reported GDP growth of 7.8% over the year to 30 June 2025, marking the strongest growth in the past five quarters, and significantly ahead of consensus estimates of around 6.5%. The International Monetary Fund upgraded its forecast for India's GDP growth to be 6.4% in 2025 and in 2026, positing that India could remain the fastest growing major economy over the period. Corporates remain cautiously optimistic this year, as overall macroeconomic data points to potential continued market appreciation over the near term.

Overall, the economic backdrop for the Indian market remains broadly positive. While short-term corporate earnings may be dampened by reduced exports to the US, monetary and fiscal policy remains supportive for domestic industries and household consumption. An increase in capital spending is likely across many sectors, while forecasts for real GDP growth over the near-term remain among the strongest in the world.

### **Fund Commentary**

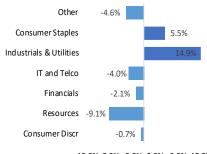
The Fiducian India Fund declined by 0.3% in September, which was above the index return of -0.9% (in Australian dollar terms). Sundaram (+2.4%) was the best performer over the month, followed by Equipoise (+0.9%). Over the last 12 months, Sundaram (+2.5%) was the top manager, followed by SBI (-5.7%).

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%
ICICI Bank	Banks	5.0%
Reliance Industries Limited	Oil & Gas	4.2%
Larsen & Toubro Limited	Engineering & Construction	3.6%
Infosys Ltd	Computers	2.6%
Cholamandalam Investment	<b>Diversified Financial Services</b>	2.4%
State Bank Of India	Banks	2.2%
Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd	Aerospace/Defense	2.2%
GE Vernova T&D India Ltd	Electric	2.1%
TD Power Systems Ltd	Electrical Components & Equi	2.0%



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