

Fund description

The Fiducian Technology Fund allows investors to participate directly in a blend of some of the leading technology funds available worldwide. Utilising the Fiducian “Manage the Manager” process, fund managers have been chosen to balance exposure in terms of region and sector.

Managers are able to invest in technology companies anywhere in the world that can benefit from leading-edge technology and can demonstrate significant earnings growth prospects.

Investors must bear in mind that investing in a fund of this nature can involve periods of very high volatility, although superior long-run returns can likely be achieved if investors are prepared to hold investments for periods of at least 9 years.

Fund facts

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge

ARSN: 093 544 337

APIR code: FPS0010AU

Benchmark: NASDAQ-100 Index (AUD)

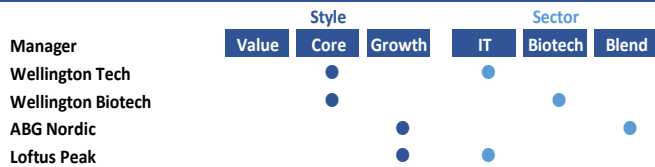
Current fund size: \$242 million (November 2024)

Management cost: 1.36%

Total management costs: 1.42%

Application/Exit fee: Nil

Inception Date: June 2000



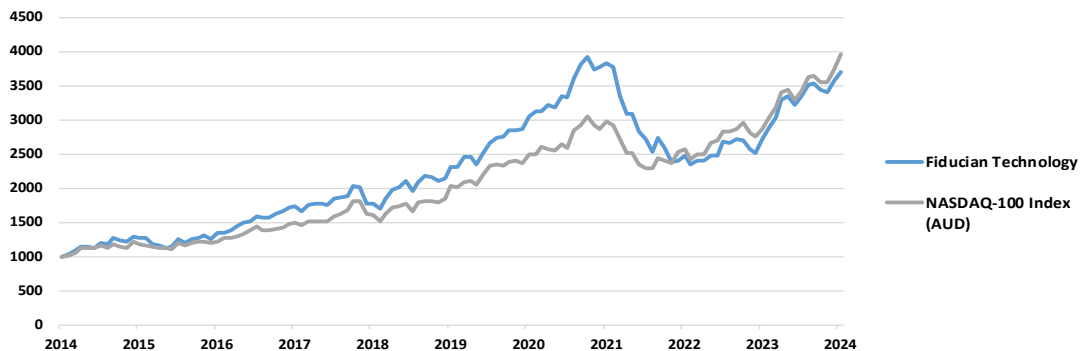
Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 30 November 2024

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	3.8%	7.9%	11.0%	36.3%	-1.1%	9.9%	11.4%	14.0%
Index	5.9%	11.5%	15.6%	38.2%	9.9%	14.3%	15.0%	14.8%
Excess	-2.1%	-3.6%	-4.6%	-1.9%	-11.0%	-4.3%	-3.5%	-0.8%

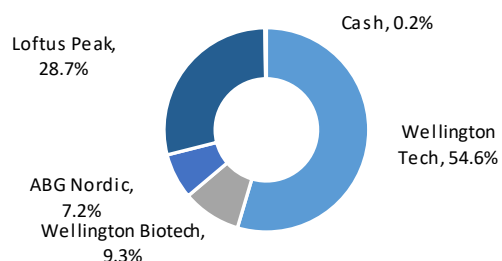
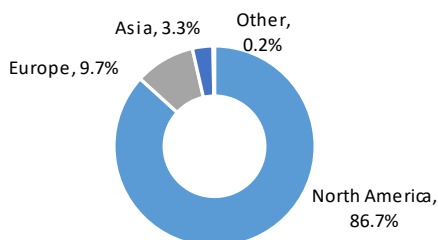
Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	12.4%	17.9%	16.1%	15.6%
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	12.0%	14.3%	13.4%	13.3%
Beta	0.92	1.07	1.01	1.02
Tracking Error (% pa)	3.0%	8.5%	8.3%	7.7%



*Prior to 31 Dec 23, the benchmark for the Fund was 50/50 MSCI World IT (AUD)/NASDAQ Biotechnology (AUD)

Geographic exposures and current manager weights



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 Technology Fund gained 3.8% in November, which was below the index return of 5.9%. For the 12 months to the end of November, the Fund returned 36.3%.

Technology stocks were higher in November, with the NASDAQ 100 index gaining 5.3%, which was below the broader US stock market return of 5.9% (both in US Dollars).

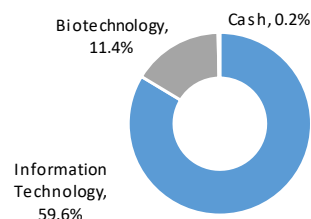
The US election was the primary driver of market performance in November, with markets expecting the Republican party to implement a pro-growth agenda that could be positive for the economy. The prospect of further tax cuts, expansionary fiscal policy and the implementation of a more nationalist trade policy boosted US equity markets, including technology stocks.

The longer-term outlook for the technology sector remains positive, as the need to invest in innovation to drive productivity gains across areas such as artificial intelligence, manufacturing, life sciences and sustainable energy should prove to be structural tailwinds for technology companies. Moreover, the sector may continue to benefit from favourable sentiment surrounding the outlook for Artificial Intelligence (AI), despite recent short-term corrections.

The Fund remains well diversified between geographies and sectors, and companies held are a blend of established sector leaders plus emerging technology businesses. An overweight position in the Information Technology sector relative to Biotechnology reflects the better growth opportunities currently available in that part of the market. The largest geographical exposure is to North America which makes up 86.7% of the fund, followed by Europe at 9.7%.

Top stock holdings and sector weights

Stock	Industry	Weight
Nvidia Corp	Semiconductors	8.3%
Microsoft Corp	Computers	7.9%
Alphabet Inc	Internet	5.8%
Amazon.Com Inc	Internet	5.6%
Taiwan Semiconductor	Semiconductors	4.7%
Apple Inc	Computers	3.7%
Broadcom Inc	Semiconductors	3.6%
Uber Technologies	Software	2.7%
Netflix Inc	Internet	2.7%
SAP SE	Software	2.4%



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