## Fiducian Technology Fund

Monthly Report - July 2025



### 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: \$286 million (July 2025)

Management cost: 1.36%

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Total management costs: 1.39%

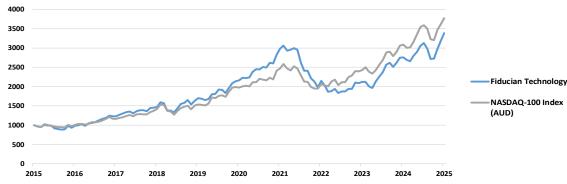
Application/Exit fee: Nil Inception Date: June 2000

		Style		Sector		
Manager	Value	Core	Growth	IT	Biotech	Blend
Invesco Nasdaq 100 ETF						
Loftus Peak			•			
Wellington Biotech						
Wellington Tech						

### Performance and Risk

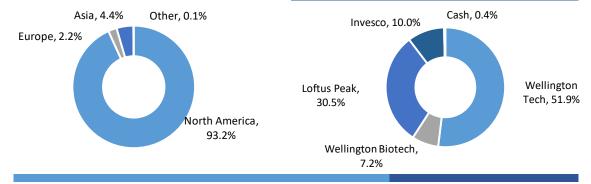
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	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs	
Fund	6.2%	23.9%	7.9%	22.4%	16.3%	9.3%	12.6%	12.9%	
Index	4.2%	17.9%	5.0%	22.3%	22.3%	13.9%	15.0%	14.2%	
Excess	2.0%	6.0%	2.9%	0.1%	-6.0%	-4.5%	-2.4%	-1.3%	

RISK Exposure				
	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	17.7%	16.4%	17.0%	16.1%
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	15.4%	13.6%	14.2%	13.7%
Beta	1.01	1.04	1.03	1.03
Tracking Error (% pa)	5.1%	7.6%	8.3%	7.7%



<sup>\*</sup>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



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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.

### **Fund Commentary**

The Fiducian Technology Fund gained 6.2% in July, which was above the index return of 4.2%. For the 12 months to the end of July, the Fund returned 22.4% which is above the index return of 22.3% for the same period.

Technology stocks rose in July, with the NASDAQ 100 index gaining 2.4%, outperforming the broader US S&P500 Index which increased by 2.2% (both in US Dollars).

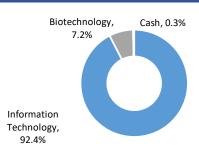
The technology sector has been volatile this year, falling in March and early April but then rebounding strongly, and hitting new highs in July. Due to high earnings growth, the sector continues to appear attractive.

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 a structural tailwind for technology companies. Moreover, the sector continues to benefit from favourable sentiment surrounding the outlook for 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 93.2% of the fund, followed by Asia at 4.4%.

### Top stock holdings and sector weights

Stock	Industry	Weight
Nvidia Corp	Semiconductors	11.7%
Microsoft Corp	Software	8.9%
Amazon.Com	Internet	7.1%
Taiwan Semiconductor	Semiconductors	7.0%
Meta Platforms	Internet	5.1%
Broadcom	Semiconductors	4.2%
Alphabet	Internet	3.8%
Apple Inc	Computers	3.4%
Qualcomm	Semiconductors	1.8%
Uber Technologies	Software	1.7%



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