

# Fiducian Growth Fund

Monthly Report - March 2023



## Fund description

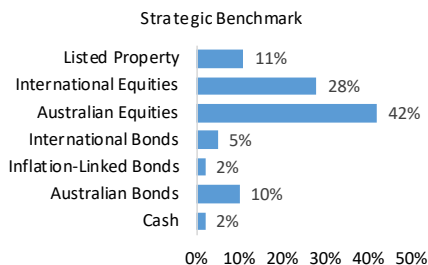
The Fiducian Growth Fund has a large allocation to growth style assets and is diversified between managers and countries, utilising the Fiducian “Manager the Manager” system that aims to achieve superior returns with reduced risk.

Over the long term, the Fund is expected to generate higher returns than funds with a lower allocation to growth assets, but will also be exposed to capital losses when markets turn down.

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking good long term capital growth with possible short term volatility. The recommended holding period is at least 5 to 7 years.

## Fund facts

**Portfolio manager:** Conrad Burge  
**ARSN:** 093 543 241  
**APIR code:** FPS0004AU  
**Benchmark:** Morningstar Multisector Growth Median  
**Current fund size:** \$298 million (March 2023)  
**Management cost:** 0.99%  
**Total management costs:** 1.08%  
**Application/Exit fee:** Nil  
**Inception Date:** March 1997



## Performance and Risk

### After fee returns as at 31 March 2023

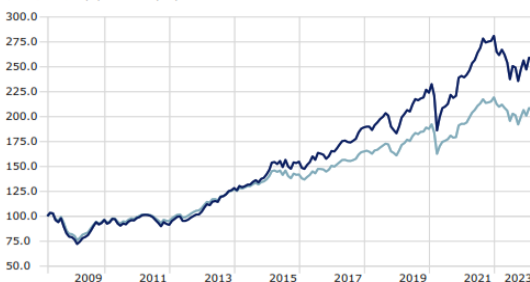
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	0.0%	4.2%	9.3%	-3.5%	11.4%	6.6%	7.8%	8.8%
Index	1.2%	4.0%	8.9%	-1.9%	8.9%	5.1%	6.0%	6.5%
Excess	-1.2%	0.2%	0.4%	-1.6%	2.5%	1.5%	1.8%	2.3%
Ranking				166/182	11/176	10/166	2/158	2/148

### Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	14.6%	15.3%	13.1%	10.7%
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	11.0%	11.1%	9.6%	7.9%
Beta	1.13	1.17	1.15	1.12
Tracking Error (% pa)	4.0%	4.6%	4.0%	3.2%

### Investment Growth

Time Period: 4/1/2008 to 3/31/2023

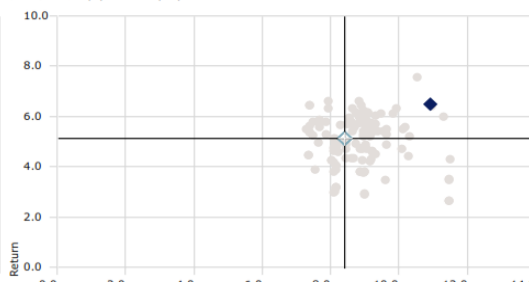


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### Risk-Reward

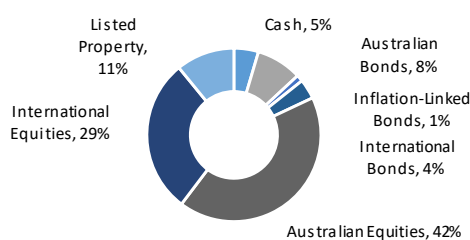
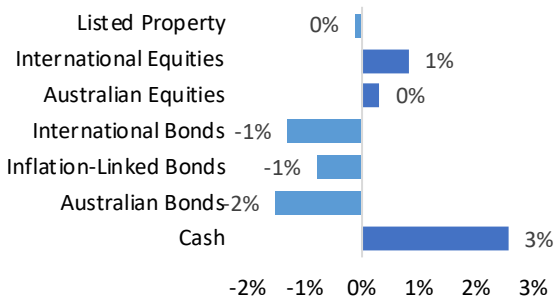
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## Tactical tilts and current asset weights



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## Market Commentary and Outlook

The trend of slowing global growth has continued in recent months due to a tightening of monetary policy by key central banks in response to an acceleration last year in the rate of inflation. In some regions, inflation now appears to be moderating. However, the persistent strength in employment conditions and to a lesser extent retail sales has created uncertainty regarding the amount of monetary tightening that will be necessary to bring inflation back towards target ranges.

Global financial markets experienced a turbulent month in March. The failure of some regional US banks, as well as the Swiss Government mandated takeover of Credit Suisse by larger rival UBS initially sent markets lower. However, over the rest of the month, due to a lack of further bank failures, most markets enjoyed a broad recovery. The US market (S&P 500 index) gained 3.5% for the month, while the Australian market (ASX 200 index) was down by 0.2%. A shift towards assets that are perceived as being safer resulted in gains for bonds, gold, and large cap equities.

Looking ahead, elevated geopolitical risks, alongside higher interest rates and slower economic growth this year, represent potential headwinds for markets. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently made a small downgrade to its economic forecasts, with global growth now expected to be 2.8% in 2023. The IMF expects growth rates to remain slightly below long-term trend levels for some time. In broad terms, share markets continue to appear more attractive than most other investment opportunities.

## Fund Commentary

The Fund underperformed its benchmark in March, returning 0.0%, compared to the median manager return of 1.2%. Over the year to the end of March, the Fund generated a return of -3.5%.

There was mixed performance between asset classes over the month. International equities outperformed after a strong performance by the US market, and Australian equities finished the month marginally down. Fixed income recorded gains, and listed property finished the month lower.

The Fund has a neutral exposure to equities and property, as relatively attractive valuations are offset by rising interest rates and geopolitical tensions. Additionally, an overweight position is still held in cash relative to bonds, although this position has been reduced in recent months.

In the Morningstar Multisector Growth Category, the Fiducian Growth Fund returns were ranked 166th out of 182 funds over one year, 11th out of 166 funds over five years, and 2nd out of 148 funds over the ten year period to 31 March 2023.

## Managers and weights

Asset Class	Fund Manager	Weight
Australian Equities 41.7%	Solaris	7.3%
	Fidelity	6.7%
	Bennelong	6.4%
	L1 Capital	8.3%
	Ausbil Dexia	8.2%
	Pendal	4.9%
International Equities 28.8%	Franklin Templeton	7.1%
	Challenger	7.7%
	Wellington	2.9%
	Wellington Value	7.4%
	State Bank of India	0.3%
	Sundaram	0.4%
	Tata	0.3%
	EquiPoise	0.1%
	Vanguard	0.8%
	Wellington Technology	0.9%
	Wellington Biotechnology	0.3%
	Nordic Technology	0.5%
Listed Property 10.7%	BlackRock	1.0%
	Phoenix	5.2%
	Principal	4.5%
Australian Bonds 8.5%	Perpetual Fixed Interest	3.5%
	BlackRock	0.1%
	Challenger	4.9%
Inflation Linked Bonds 1.2%	Challenger	1.2%
International Bonds 3.7%	BlackRock	3.7%
	BlackRock	2.5%
Cash 5.4%	BlackRock	2.5%
	Cash	2.9%

## Top stock holdings

Top Australian Stocks	Industry	Weight
BHP Group	Diversified Metals & Mining	10.1%
CSL Limited	Biotechnology	8.3%
Commonwealth Bank	Diversified Banks	4.8%
National Australia Bank	Diversified Banks	3.6%
Telstra Group Limited	Telecommunication Services	3.4%
Rio Tinto Ltd	Diversified Metals & Mining	3.1%
Macquarie Group Ltd	Diversified Capital Markets	3.0%
Santos Limited	Oil & Gas	2.9%
Qantas Airways Ltd	Airlines	2.6%
QBE Insurance	Insurance	2.6%

Top International Stocks	Industry	Weight
Seagen Inc	Biotechnology	1.7%
Mercadolibre Inc	Internet Marketing	1.6%
Alphabet Inc	Interactive Media	1.5%
Intuitive Surgical Inc	Health Care Equipment	1.5%
Equinix Inc	Specialized REITs	1.4%
Rockwell Automation	Electrical Components	1.4%
Visa Incorporated	Data Processing Services	1.4%
Amadeus IT	Data Processing Services	1.4%
Dsv A/S	Air Freight & Logistics	1.4%
Zebra Technologies	Electronic Equipment	1.3%

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