Fiducian India Fund

Monthly Report - May 2023

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 5 to 7 years.

Fund facts

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge ARSN: 125 089 456 APIR code: FPS0013AU Benchmark: BSE 100 Index (in AUD) Current fund size: \$112 million (May 2023) Management cost: 1.54% Total management costs: 1.82% Application/Exit fee: Nil Inception Date: September 2007

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

Performance and Risk

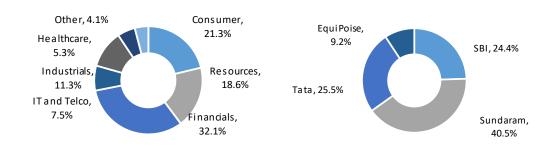
After fee returns as at 31 May 2023								
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	5.9%	13.8%	3.3%	16.9%	25.1%	8.4%	10.3%	14.8%
Index	3.6%	11.4%	1.4%	15.6%	21.7%	9.8%	10.5%	11.6%
Excess	2.3%	2.4%	1.9%	1.3%	3.4%	-1.4%	-0.2%	3.2%

Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev)	16.4%	15.6%	20.7%	19.3%
Benchmark (Std Dev)	15.6%	14.8%	19.0%	16.7%
Beta	0.94	0.97	0.99	0.97



Sector exposures and current manager weights





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Market Commentary and Outlook

The Indian stock market had another positive month in May. Large cap stocks gained 3.8%, with mid-caps returning 6.3% and small caps rising 5.6%. The top performing sectors for the month were Automotive (+7.9%), Real Estate (+7.7%) and IT (+6.7%). The Metals and Mining sector (-2.9%) and Oil and Gas (-1.6%) recorded declines.

Economic data released during the month continued to be positive, supporting forecast GDP growth of around 6%-7% for the coming year. GDP data released during the month was ahead of expectations, with the data for the most recent financial year showing annual growth of 7.2%. This result means that India is one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Weaker global conditions are dampening some economic growth measures, but the manufacturing sector in India continues to be robust, recording 23 consecutive months of growth. Growth rates in the services sector also posted another month of strong expansion. Export values have also recently hit an all time high. Capital spending by both the government and the private sector is also recording gains.

The corporate sector remains very healthy. Recent quarterly profit announcements have generally been in line or above expectations, with strength being observed in the chemicals, automotive and industrials sectors. Current market forecasts are for strong earnings growth in the current financial year.

During the month, the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, visited Australia for a series of meetings with political and business leaders. Progress was made on furthering ties between the two countries with respect to trade, immigration and defence issues. India is currently Australia's sixth largest trading partner.

The economic backdrop for the Indian market remains broadly positive. Company earnings are growing, government policy reform is ongoing, monetary and fiscal policy remains supportive and an increase in capital spending is being seen across many industries. The forecasts for real GDP growth for the coming year remain among the strongest in the world. However, the market could continue to be affected for a time by generally

Fund Commentary

The Fiducian India Fund gained 5.9% in May, which was above the 3.6% return for the index (in Australian dollar terms). Over the last 12 months the Fund has gained 16.9%, compared to the index return of 15.3%. Large cap managers Tata (+22.1%) and SBI (+21.6%) have been the top performers over the last year.

The top stock contributors for the month included Cholamandalam Investment, PVC pipe manufacturer Astral, and hospital operator Rainbow Children's Medicare. The main detractors were in the banking sector, including HDFC bank and City Union Bank.

The most significant sector tilts in the Fund remain overweight positons in the Industrials and Financials sectors, which are set to benefit from the strong anticipated growth in the domestic economy, and underweight positions in the IT and telecommunications sectors, where underlying fund managers are broadly expecting a less positive growth outlook relative to other parts of the market, along with the more volatile resources sector. 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					
Axis Bank Ltd	Diversified Banks	4.9%	Other	-0.1%			
ICICI Bank Ltd	Diversified Banks	4.6%	Healthcare		0.9%		
Titan Co Ltd	Apparel Accessories	4.1%	Industrials		5.8%		
Hdfc Bank Limited	Diversified Banks	4.0%					
Cholamandalam Investment	Consumer Finance	3.5%	IT and Telco-10.9%				
Infosys Ltd	IT Consulting & Other Ser	3.5%	Financials		6.0%		
Reliance Industries Ltd	Oil & Gas Refining	3.3%	Resources	-3.1%			
Navin Fluorine International	Specialty Chemicals	3.0%	Consumer		1.6%		
Au Small Finance Bank Ltd	Regional Banks	3.0%	consumer		1.0%		
Berger Paints India Ltd	Commodity Chemicals	2.9%	-15.0% -10.	.0% -5.0% 0.	0% 5.0% 10.0%		

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