

### 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)

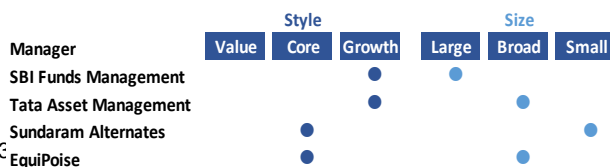
**Current fund size:** \$123 million (September 2023)

**Management cost:** 1.54%

**Total management costs:** 1.82%

**Application/Exit fee:** Nil

**Inception Date:** September 2007



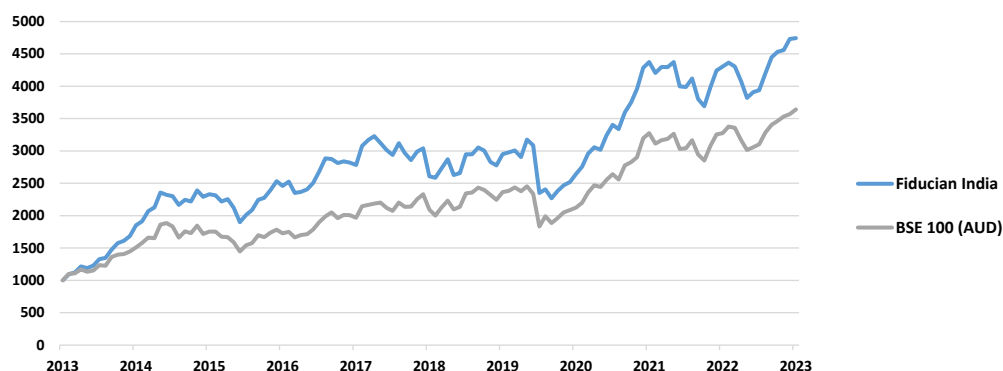
### Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 30 September 2023

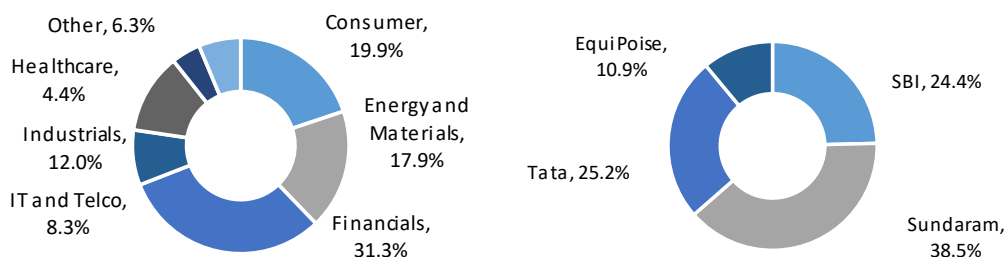
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	0.2%	4.7%	20.4%	10.2%	21.5%	12.7%	9.9%	16.9%
Index	2.0%	5.2%	17.3%	11.2%	19.7%	11.7%	11.2%	13.8%
Excess	-1.8%	-0.5%	3.1%	-1.0%	1.9%	1.0%	-1.4%	3.1%

Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev)	12.8%	15.2%	19.2%	18.7%
Benchmark (Std Dev)	10.9%	14.3%	17.7%	17.2%
Beta	1.00	0.98	1.01	1.00
Tracking Error (% pa)	5.0%	4.7%	6.2%	6.8%



### Sector exposures and current manager weights



### Market Commentary and Outlook

The broad Indian stock market defied the negative direction of most global markets during September. Large cap stocks rose by 2.0%, mid cap stocks rose by 3.6% and small cap stocks gained 4.1%. The top performing sectors for the month were Telecoms (+8.8%), Power (+7.1%) and Metals (+6.4%). None of the major sectors recorded declines during the month, but Consumer Discretionary (+1.2%) and Banks (+1.6%) trailed relative to the index.

Economic data released during the month continued to be positive, supporting forecast GDP growth of around 6%-7% for the coming year. Annual growth for the first quarter of the 2024 financial year was recorded at 7.8%. Business activity and investment continued to expand, and the latest measures of activity in both manufacturing and services industries remained close to peaks. There are some emerging signs that sectors that are exposed to export growth are moderating in line with a weakening global economy.

The corporate sector remains very healthy. Recent quarterly profit announcements have generally been in line or slightly above expectations, with strength being observed in the consumer staples, automotive and industrials sectors with manufacturing output expanding strongly. Revenue growth has moderated, particularly for export focused industries. However, falling input costs (from lower commodity prices) have assisted with profitability. Current market forecasts are for strong earnings growth this financial year.

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 be affected if developed economies remain sluggish.

### Fund Commentary

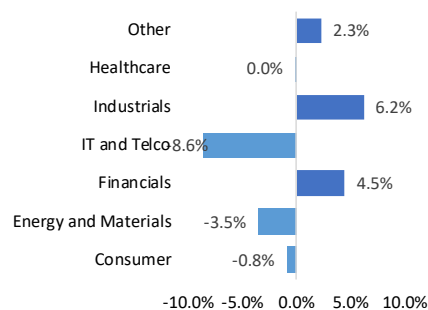
The Fiducian India Fund gained 0.2% in September, which was below the 2.0% return for the index (in Australian dollar terms). Over the last 12 months the Fund has gained 10.2%, compared to the index return of 11.2%. Large cap managers SBI (+16.7%) and Tata (+16.3%) have been the top performers over the last year.

The top stock contributors for the month included Larsen and Toubro, Cholamandalam Investment and FSN E-commerce. The main detractors were Navin Fluorine and Five-Star Business Finance.

The most significant sector tilts in the Fund remain overweight positions 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
HDFC Bank Limited	Diversified Banks	4.8%
ICICI Bank Ltd	Diversified Banks	4.4%
Titan Co Ltd	Apparel Accessories	4.2%
Cholamandalam Investment	Consumer Finance	3.8%
Infosys Ltd	IT Consulting	3.5%
Larsen & Toubro Ltd	Construction	3.1%
Reliance Industries Ltd	Oil & Gas Refining	2.9%
Au Small Finance Bank Ltd	Regional Banks	2.5%
Berger Paints India Ltd	Commodity Chemicals	2.3%
Navin Fluorine International	Specialty Chemicals	2.3%



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