Fiducian India Fund

Monthly Report - October 2023



Small

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: \$121 million (October 2023) Management cost: 1.54% Total management costs: 1.82% Application/Exit fee: Nil Inception Date: September 2007

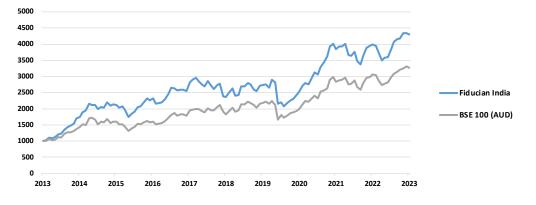
		Style			Size	
Manager	Value	Core	Growth	Large	Broad	5
SBI Funds Management			•			
Tata Asset Management			•			
Sundaram Alternates		٠				
EquiPoise		•			•	

Performance and Risk

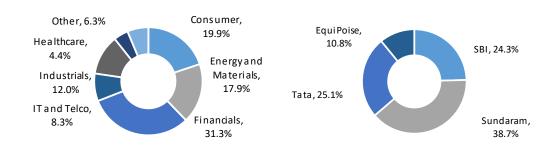
After fee returns as at 31 October 2023								
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	-0.9%	3.0%	11.9%	7.7%	19.4%	12.7%	9.3%	15.7%
Index	-1.5%	1.6%	9.2%	6.3%	17.8%	12.4%	10.8%	12.6%
Excess	0.5%	1.4%	2.7%	1.4%	1.7%	0.3%	-1.5%	3.2%

Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev)	12.9%	15.2%	19.2%	18.6%
Benchmark (Std Dev)	10.8%	14.4%	17.6%	17.0%
Beta	1.02	0.98	1.02	1.01
Tracking Error (% pa)	4.7%	4.6%	6.0%	6.8%



Sector exposures and current manager weights



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Market Commentary and Outlook

The broad Indian stock market fell in line with most global markets during October. Large cap stocks declined by 2.9%, mid cap stocks declined by 3.4% and small cap stocks declined by 1.7%. Most sectors of the market were lower during the month, with Real Estate (+3.7%) the only exception. The worst performing sectors for the month were Telecom (-5.7%), Power (-4.9%) and Healthcare (-4.3%).

Economic data released during the month generally remained 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. However, 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 healthy. Recent quarterly profit announcements have generally been in line or slightly above expectations. Revenue growth has slowed in many sectors, but lower input costs have resulted in improved 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 strongly, 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 declined by 0.9% in October, which was above the -1.5% return for the index (in Australian dollar terms). Over the last 12 months the Fund has gained 7.7%, compared to the index return of 6.3%. Large cap managers SBI (+11.5%) and Tata (+10.8%) have been the top performers over the last year.

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 an	nd sector tilts			
Stock	Industry	Weight		
HDFC Bank Limited	Banks	4.8%	Other	2.3%
Titan Co Ltd	Retail	4.3%	Healthcare 0.0%	
ICICI Bank Ltd	Banks	4.3%	Industrials	6.2%
Cholamandalam Investment	Diversified Financial Serv	3.6%		0.270
Infosys Ltd	Computers	3.5%	IT and Telco8.6%	
Larsen & Toubro Limited	Engineering & Constructi	3.1%	Financials	4.5%
Reliance Industries Ltd	Oil & Gas	2.9%	Energy and Materials -3.5%	
Au Small Finance Bank Limited	Banks	2.4%		
Zomato Limited	Internet	2.4%	Consumer -0.8%	
Pi Industries Ltd	Chemicals	2.2%	-10.0% -5.0% 0.0	% 5.0% 10.0%

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