# **Fiducian Property Securities Fund**

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Monthly Report - April 2023

## Fund description

The Fund invests in a diversified group of specialist listed property managers. The Fund utilises the Fiducian "Manage the Manager" process, carefully selecting best of breed managers with different sector exposures with the aim of achieving superior returns with reduced risk.

Typically, property securities provide attractive levels of income plus a small amount of capital growth. Returns from property trusts are generally lower than shares, but typically exhibit lower variance in price during market declines.

The recommended holding period for this fund is at least 4 to 6 years.

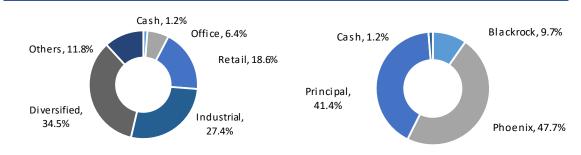
## Fund facts

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Style Size Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge Core Small Manager Value Growth Large Broad ARSN: 093 544 079 Principal APIR code: FPS0007AU Phoenix Benchmark: ASX 200 Property Blackrock Accumulation Index Current fund size: \$220 million (April 2023) Management cost: 0.96% Total management costs: 1.01% Application/Exit fee: Nil Inception Date: March 1997 Performance and Risk After fee returns as at 30 April 2023 3 Yrs 3 Mth 6 Mth 10 Yrs 1 Mth 1Yr 7yrs Fund 4.8% -2.5% 6.7% -10.5% 11.0% 5.0% 5.2% 7.7% 5.3% 7.4% -9.9% 10.7% 4.9% 4.5% 7.4% Index -2.1% Excess -0.5% -0.4% -0.6% -0.6% 0.3% 0.1% 0.7% 0.3% **Risk Exposure** 1Yr 3 Yrs 5 Yrs 10 Yrs Fund Volatility (Std Dev %) 26.5% 29.3% 23.4% 18.2% Benchmark (Std Dev %) 28.4% 30.6% 24.6% 19.5% Beta 0.95 0.97 0.96 0.95 Tracking Error (% pa) 2.5% 2.6% 2.3% 2.2% Investment Growth **Risk-Reward** Time Period: 5/1/2008 to 4/30/2023 Time Period: 5/1/2008 to 4/30/2023 240.0 10.0 220.0 200.0 8.0 180.0 160.0 6.0 140.0 120.0 ٠ 4.0 100.0 80.0 2.0 60.0 40.0 20.0 0.0 Ę 2009 2011 2013 2017 2019 2021 2023 2015



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### Market Commentary and Outlook

The global economy has continued to slow, with manufacturing output contracting in most major economies in recent months. However, measures of activity in April for service industries continue to expand. Headline inflation numbers were lower during the month due to a decline in energy prices, but core measures of inflation generally remain well above central bank target ranges.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) elected to hold interest rates steady in April following ten consecutive increases. However, this pause was short-lived, with the RBA, along with the US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank increasing rates in early May.

Global equity markets recorded gains for the month. In the absence of any material surprises in economic data, the focus was on quarterly profit results from large US companies, which were generally above expectations. The US market (S&P 500 index) gained 1.5% for the month, and the Australian market (ASX 200 index) was 1.8% higher. Listed property stocks rebounded (+5.3%), but some key commodity prices declined over the month.

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 Fiducian Property Securities Fund rose by 4.8% in April, which was below the listed property index return of 5.3%. Over the 12 months to the end of April, the Fund declined by 10.5%, compared to the index return of - 9.9%.

The listed property sector gained 5.3% in April which was above the broader market (ASX 200) return of 1.8%. During the month, stocks exposed to the residential sector once again outperformed as data indicated that declines in residential property prices had eased in recent times, and a pause in interest rate increases by the RBA also helped investor sentiment towards this sector.

Over the coming year, conditions in the Industrial property sector are expected to remain strong, and the outlook for Retail landlords also looks more positive. The outlook for residential developers has become more balanced, while the outlook for office occupancy remains uncertain. Higher interest rates remain a headwind for the sector, but property trust share prices appear to have already factored this in to a considerable degree, with prices well below net asset value in many cases.

Overall, the underlying sector exposures of the Fund are an overweight in the 'Other' category and an underweight to the Retail sector, with other sectors broadly in line with the index. The 'Other' category includes asset classes such as self storage facilities, data centers and residential development companies. This broad category has exhibited strong growth in recent years. The fund is underweight retail assets, reflecting the structural challenges as consumers continue to move their spending online.

Top Stock Holdin	gs and sector this						
Stock	Industry	Weight					
Goodman Group	Industrial REITs	24.4%	Others				
Stockland	Diversified REITs	9.6%	Diversified				
Gpt Group	Diversified REITs	9.3%					0.20/
Scentre Group	Retail REITs	9.0%	Industrial				0.2%
Mirvac Group	Diversified REITs	6.8%	Retail	-8.8%			
Charter Hall Limited	Diversified REITs	5.6%	Office		-1.5%		
Dexus	Office REITs	4.5%	Cash				1.29
Vicinity Centres	Retail REITs	4.5%	45		a <b>- a</b> a(		
Centuria Industrial	Industrial REITs	2.6%	-15.	.0% -10.0	% -5.0%	0.0	)% 5.
Abacus Group	Diversified REITs	2.0%					

## Top stock holdings and sector tilts

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