

# Fiducian Diversified Social Aspirations Fund



Monthly Report - March 2023

## Fund description

The Fund invests in a diversified group of Australian and global socially responsible shares listed on the ASX and other major global stock exchanges. The Fund utilises the Fiducian “Manage the Manager” process, carefully selecting managers to provide diversification with the aim of achieving superior returns with reduced risk.

Managers in the Fund may exclude companies from investment that are seen to have a negative social impact. This could lead to periods where returns could deviate from the indices the Fund uses to compare its returns.

Share investment can be volatile over the short term, and the recommended holding period for the fund is at least 5 to 7 years.

## Fund facts

**Portfolio manager:** Conrad Burge

**ARSN:** 607 881 050

**APIR code:** AAA003AU

**Benchmark:** 60/40 ASX 300 Accumulation & MSCI World ex-Australia Index

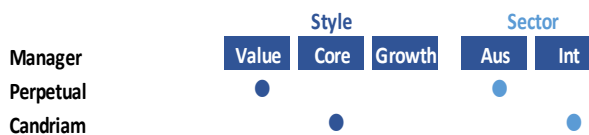
**Current fund size:** \$11 million (March 2023)

**Management cost:** 1.35%

**Total management costs:** 1.72%

**Application/Exit fee:** Nil

**Inception Date:** November 2015



## Performance and Risk

### After fee returns as at 31 March 2023

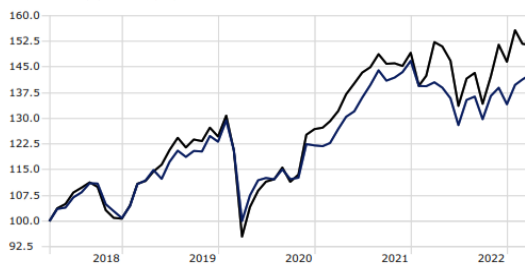
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Fund	1.1%	6.7%	10.3%	2.0%	6.2%	12.7%	7.4%
Index	1.4%	5.7%	13.1%	1.4%	7.4%	15.1%	9.6%
Excess	-0.3%	1.1%	-2.7%	0.6%	-1.1%	-2.4%	-2.2%

### Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	13.1%	15.3%	13.7%

### Investment Growth

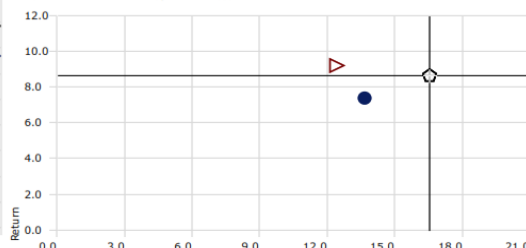
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### Risk-Reward

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Calculation Benchmark: S&P/ASX 300 TR

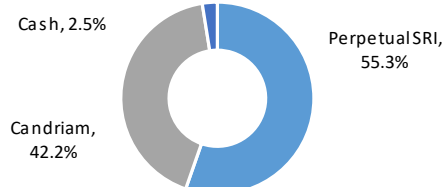
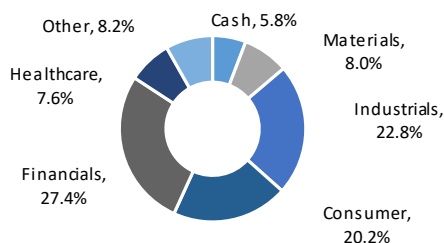


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## Sector exposures and current manager weights



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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 Fiducian Diversified Social Aspirations Fund rose by 1.1% in March, which was below the 1.4% rise of the composite index.

The Australian share market declined by 0.2% in March, but finished the first quarter of the year 3.5% higher. The materials sector (+5.9%) was the top performer for the month due to elevated commodity prices, notably iron ore and coal. Instability in the global banking sector resulted in Financials (-4.9%) finishing the month lower along with Real Estate (-6.8%).

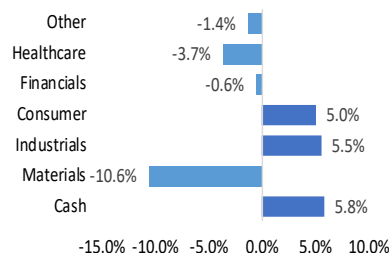
The top contributors for Perpetual were overweight positions in packaging manufacturer Orora, advertising company oOh! Media and mortgage insurer Helia. Overweight positions in household products distributor GWA and A2 Milk, and a zero holding in BHP detracted from relative performance.

Within the Candriam portfolio, the top contributors for the most recent period have been overweight positions in Tesla, networking company Arista Networks and Latin American marketplace business MercadoLibre. The main detractors were regional US bank Comerica, healthcare company Centene and UnitedHealth Group.

## Top stock holdings and sector tilts

Perpetual Top Holdings	Weight
IAG	7.6%
National Australia Bank	6.0%
Brambles	5.2%
Telstra	4.1%
Bapcorp	4.0%
Medibank Private	4.0%
ANZ Bank	3.8%
Deterra Royalties	3.6%
Healius	3.5%
Ferguson Plc	3.4%

Candriam Top Holdings	Weight
Apple Inc	5.0%
Microsoft Corp	4.2%
Alphabet Inc	3.3%
United Health Group	1.6%
Visa Incorporated	1.5%
Procter & Gamble	1.4%
Mastercard Inc	1.3%
Tesla Inc	1.3%
Novo Nordisk A/S	1.2%
Linde Plc	1.2%



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