

# Fiducian Diversified Social Aspirations Fund



Monthly Report - July 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 8 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

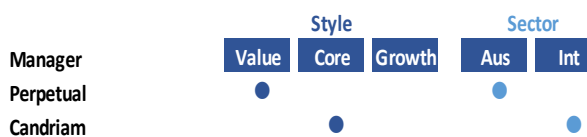
**Current fund size:** \$12 million (July 2023)

**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 July 2023

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Fund	2.7%	3.6%	9.4%	13.0%	4.7%	10.9%	7.1%
Index	2.6%	3.8%	7.2%	13.7%	4.9%	12.8%	9.0%
Excess	0.2%	-0.2%	2.1%	-0.7%	-0.2%	-1.9%	-1.9%

### Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	10.2%	10.5%	13.6%

### Investment Growth

Time Period: 8/1/2018 to 7/31/2023

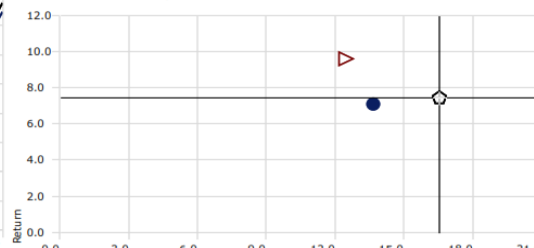


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### Risk-Reward

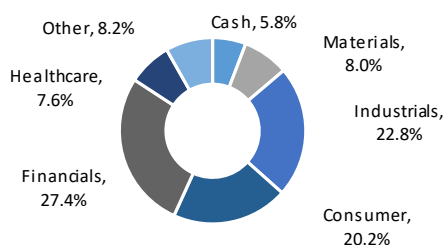
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Calculation Benchmark: S&P/ASX 300 TR



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## Sector exposures and current manager weights



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## Market Commentary and Outlook

Economic data was largely positive in July, as inflation measures in both the US and Australia showed larger than expected declines, although current inflation rates remain above central bank targets. Additionally, US economic growth over the June quarter was better than market expectations, raising hopes of a so-called 'soft landing' for the US economy.

However, the global economy continues to face challenges. Manufacturing activity is still contracting in most advanced economies, consumer confidence remains low and employment data has been too strong (adding upwards pressure on inflation).

Overall, this backdrop was positive for markets. The broad US market (S&P 500 index) gained 3.1% and the Australian market (ASX 200 index) rose 2.9% for the month. The listed property sector gained 3.8%, and bonds also recorded a small positive return. Most commodity prices increased during the month, with the oil price rising by 16%.

Looking ahead, geopolitical risks, alongside elevated interest rates and slower economic growth this year, represent potential headwinds for markets. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently made a minor upgrade to its economic forecasts, with global growth now expected to be 3.0% in both 2023 and 2024. The IMF expects growth rates to remain slightly below long-term trend levels for some time. However, in broad terms, share markets continue to appear more attractive than most other investment opportunities.

## Fund Commentary

The Fiducian Diversified Social Aspirations Fund gained 2.7% in July, which was slightly above the 2.6% return of the composite index. Over the last 12 months the Fund has returned 13.0% compared to the index return of 13.7%.

The broad Australian share market had another positive month, rising by 2.8%. Gains were led by the Energy sector (+8.8%), Financials (+4.9%) and Information Technology (+4.5%). Healthcare (-1.5%) and Consumer Staples (-1.0%) declined over the month.

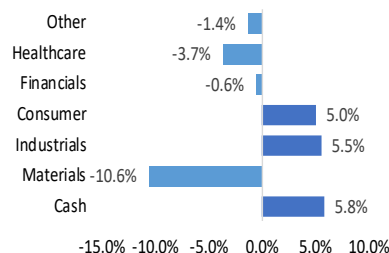
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Within the Candriam portfolio, the top contributors in July were Automatic Data Processing, Alphabet (Google) and cloud software management company New Relic. The main detractors were overweight positions in Vir Biotechnology and catering company Compass Group.

## Top stock holdings and sector tilts

Perpetual Top Holdings	Weight
IAG	6.6%
National Australia Bank	5.6%
Healius	4.9%
Bapcorp	4.6%
Medibank	4.3%
Ferguson Plc	4.0%
Reliance Worldwide	3.7%
Helia Group	3.7%
CSL	3.7%
Orora	3.6%

Candriam Top Holdings	Weight
Apple Inc	6.0%
Microsoft Corp	5.1%
Alphabet Inc	3.7%
Visa Incorporated	1.6%
Nvidia Corporation	1.6%
United Health Group	1.4%
Procter & Gamble	1.4%
New Linde Plc	1.4%
Mastercard Inc	1.3%
Novo Nordisk	1.3%



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