

Fiducian Diversified Social Aspirations Fund



Monthly Report - August 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 (August 2023)

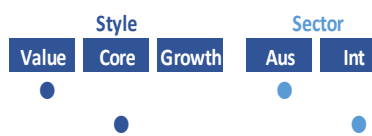
Management cost: 1.35%

Total management costs: 1.72%

Application/Exit fee: Nil

Inception Date: November 2015

Manager
Perpetual
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Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 31 August 2023

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Fund	0.9%	5.6%	9.0%	13.0%	3.6%	10.3%	6.8%
Index	0.2%	5.1%	8.1%	14.4%	3.6%	11.6%	8.5%
Excess	0.7%	0.5%	0.9%	-1.4%	0.0%	-1.4%	-1.7%

Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	9.1%	10.1%	13.4%
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	13.7%	13.6%	16.4%
Beta	0.52	0.64	0.75
Tracking Error (% pa)	4.7%	3.6%	3.0%

Investment Growth

Time Period: 9/1/2018 to 8/31/2023

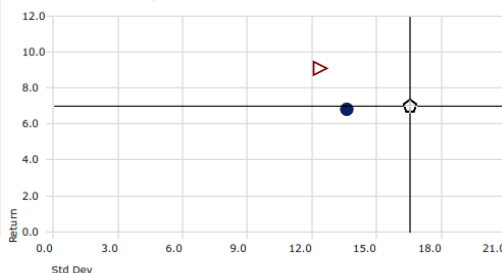


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Risk-Reward

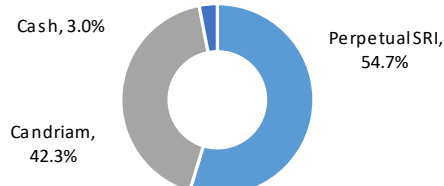
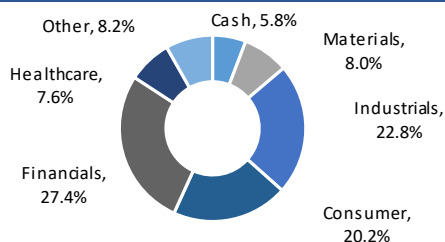
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Calculation Benchmark: S&P/ASX 300 TR



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Sector exposures and current manager weights



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Market Commentary and Outlook

Economic data across most developed countries continues to highlight sluggish growth at best in response to tight monetary policy being implemented in most jurisdictions. However, higher interest rates have been steadily pushing inflation lower, while unemployment rates have begun to rise modestly.

Overall, this combination of news was modestly negative for most asset class returns in August. The broad US market (S&P 500 index) declined by 1.7%, and the Australian stock market (ASX 200 index) declined by 0.7%. Australian listed property sector recorded gains during the month (+2.3%), and bulk commodity prices, including coal and iron ore, were also higher. The Australian dollar was weaker during the month, declining by 3.6% against the US dollar.

Looking ahead, geopolitical risks, alongside elevated interest rates and slower economic growth this year, represent potential headwinds for markets. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is forecasting global growth 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 0.9% in August, which was above the 0.2% return of the composite index. Over the last 12 months the Fund has returned 13.0% compared to the index return of 14.4%.

The broad Australian share market (ASX200 index) declined by 0.7% in August. During the month, the majority of companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange reported full-year financial results. 40% of companies announced an increase in profits compared to last year, and almost half of companies increased dividends. Despite positive results in the most recent year, a number of companies provided a cautious outlook due to rising interest rates and weakening consumer spending.

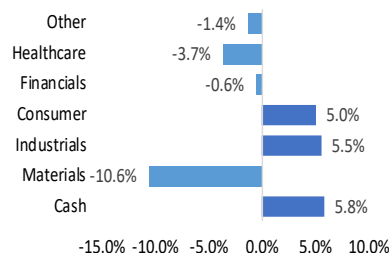
The top contributors for Perpetual were overweight positions in automotive parts retailer Bapcorp and retailer Premier Investments. Holdings in Ramsay Healthcare and A2 Milk detracted from performance.

Within the Candriam portfolio, the top contributors were pharmaceutical companies Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly. The main detractors were payments company Adyen and healthcare equipment manufacturer Insulet.

Top stock holdings and sector tilts

Perpetual Top Holdings	Weight
National Australia Bank	6.6%
IAG	6.5%
Healius	4.8%
Bapcorp	4.6%
Deterra Royalties	3.9%
Medibank	3.8%
Reliance Worldwide	3.6%
EVT	3.5%
GWA Group	3.5%
ANZ	3.4%

Candriam Top Holdings	Weight
Apple Inc	6.3%
Microsoft Corp	4.9%
Alphabet Inc	4.0%
Nvidia Corporation	2.0%
Visa Incorporated	1.6%
New Linde Plc	1.4%
Procter & Gamble	1.4%
United Health Group	1.4%
Mastercard Inc	1.4%
Novo Nordisk A/S	1.3%



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